

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:00 AM

Webex Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)

The meeting had a quorum (minimum of 7 members).

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin – Bob Mitchard
2. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
4. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. Village of Johnsburg - Claudett Sofiakis
7. City of Marengo – Josh Blakemore
8. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
9. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
10. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
11. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
12. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Emily Daucher, Planning Liaison
2. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Jon Paul Diipla, Executive Director

Others Present:

1. McHenry County DOT – Ryan Peterson
2. City of Crystal Lake – Mike Magnuson
3. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
4. Village of Spring Grove – Mark Eisenberg
5. IDOT – Katie Herdus
6. Tollway – Kelsey Passi
7. Baxter & Woodman – Dan Schug
8. HLR – Amy McSwane
9. EEI – Joseph Cwynar
10. BLA – Jacob Thede
11. Pace – Mary Donner

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes for the March 11, 2021 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Berendt to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS ELECTION

- A. Chair Mack of Ringwood was nominated for Chair. The motion was made by Ms. Sofiakis and seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ms. Berendt of Bull Valley was nominated for Vice Chair. The motion was made by Ms. Sofiakis and seconded by Ms. Wilgreen. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PROCLAMATION OF SERVICE – PRESIDENT ROBERT J. NUNAMAKER

- A. A Proclamation of Service was read by Chair Mack in honor of Village President Robert J. Nunamaker of Fox River Grove.

6. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus
Ms. Herdus gave an update on IDOT Projects in McHenry County. The Multi-Year Program has not yet been released and not much has changed. IL 47 at IL 176 has pre-finals in and waiting for approval. At IL 47 from US 14 to IL 120, preliminary engineering plans are being submitted. For IL 31, the agreements were being completed. Resurfacing on US 12 from IL 173 to the State Line has begun and slated to end in June. US 20 roundabout has the utilities completed. Work has started on IL 47 at the Kishwaukee River and US 14 at the Fox River is progressing. Crack/joint sealing will be starting soon on IL 120. There will also be a number of ADA improvements to specific locations. Ms. Herdus is in the office 1 day a week on Tuesdays.
- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner
Ms. Donner reported that Pace saw a growth in ridership at 55% of pre-pandemic levels. Because of the increase in ridership, there is more of an issue with social distancing on Pace buses. The number of passengers per bus is limited to 15, and single passengers on paratransit. Pace will need to make accommodations if ridership keeps increasing. There is a virtual job fair on May 27 from 10 to 1.
- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack
Chair Mack also reported that Metra was seeing growth in ridership. People are excited to return to the office. Chair Mack gave an update on the Woodstock yard, located west of the station. Crystal Lake trains will be relocated to this yard, allowing Woodstock to get Crystal Lake level service. Crystal Lake will not lose service due to this change. This will also allow for more maintenance to be done and will be a full yard site. Rep. Underwood identified this as a top priority and included

it in her member-designated projects. It costs \$4 million for engineering and is a \$100 million project. Chair Mack is hopeful the infrastructure bill will provide funding and he thanked Rep. Underwood for her assistance with this project.

- D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer
Not present, no report.
- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Scott Hennings
Mr. Hennings started with the Randall Road project, which is 85% complete. Last Thursday they shifted traffic and have installed permanent signals and completed the lighting. The side street is nearly complete and the side path is in progress. Electrical, landscaping, and concrete work is next up. IDOT is conducting outreach for a project on US 14 at Hartland/Hughes from May 17 to June 13 at us14hartlandhughes.com.
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi
Ms. Passi announced the Work Zone Awareness week from 4/26-4/30 and reminded everyone to drive safe, work safe, and save lives. She also reminded everyone of the 14 day grace period for unpaid tolls, one of the longest in the nation. There will be changes to toll plazas including signage and striping. Tollway 2020 reduced fines to \$3, which has been extended through June 30, 2021. On the construction side, it is the tenth year of Move Illinois capital program, investing \$1.53 billion in regional infrastructure.
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
Not present, no report.
- H. CMAP Report and Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report – Kama Dobbs
Ms. Dobbs reported that the application period opened for FLIP, which runs from July 9 to July 30. Applications close June 11. The fiscal year 2021 Cohorts were released and she encouraged everyone to take a look at the IDOT Circular Letter regarding safety information exchange.

7. STP GUIDEBOOK AND METHODOLOGY

Ms. Daucher presented the draft STP-L Guidebook and Methodology to the Committee to release for public comment. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson and Ms. Sofiakis. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADA TRANSITION PLANS

Ms. Daucher, Mr. Peterson, and Ms. Dobbs reminded the Council of the need to complete ADA Transition plans as required by law. Ms. Dobbs explained that the FHWA may be making a big deal regarding the plans or lack thereof when it comes to federal funding opportunities. Chair Mack requested example ADA Transition plans and Mr. Peterson offered support for any communities interested in starting one. He also recommended looking up PROWAG.

9. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher updated the Council on the status of the McHenry County Connection.

10. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Berendt thanked the Council for electing her to Vice Chair. Chair Mack also thanked the Council and asked Ms. Dobbs about including funding for bike path projects in the Shared Fund. Ms. Dobbs thanked him for the suggestion.

Chair Mack also mentioned the status of the July meeting, and Ms. Donner asked if it could be a hybrid meeting with most people attending in person and masked. Chair Mack agreed it would be hybrid.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is July 15, 2021 and will be held on Webex/at MCDOT.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tiedt made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Hennings seconded.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Name	Community	Vote
Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Not present – arrived late
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Approve
Abby Wilgreen	Crystal Lake	Approve
Dave Nelson	Harvard	Approve
Tim Farrell	Huntley	Approve
Claudett Sofiakis	Johnsburg	Approve
Josh Blakemore	Marengo	Approve
Rick Mack, Chair	Ringwood	Approve
Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
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ELECTION OF CHAIR MACK AS CHAIR OF MCCOM

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Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
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Scott Hennings	McHenry County	Approve

ELECTION OF EMILY BERENDT AS VICE CHAIR OF MCCOM

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Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Not present – arrived late
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Approve
Abby Wilgreen	Crystal Lake	Approve
Dave Nelson	Harvard	Approve
Tim Farrell	Huntley	Approve
Claudett Sofiakis	Johnsburg	Approve
Josh Blakemore	Marengo	Approve
Rick Mack, Chair	Ringwood	Approve
Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
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RELEASE STP GUIDEBOOK AND METHODOLOGY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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