

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 15, 2021

9:00 AM

McHenry County Division of Transportation/Zoom
16111 Nelson Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 (virtual)
2. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt (virtual)
3. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell (virtual)
4. Village of Johnsburg - Claudett Sofiakis (in-person)
5. Village of Lake in the Hills – Tom Migatz (virtual)
6. City of McHenry – Troy Strange (in-person)
7. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair (in-person)
8. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee (virtual)
9. McHenry County – Scott Hennings (in-person)

Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Emily Daucher, Planning Liaison (virtual)
2. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Jon Paul Diipla, Executive Director (in-person)

Others Present:

1. McHenry County DOT – Ryan Peterson (virtual)
2. McHenry County DOT – Darrell Kuntz (virtual)
3. City of Crystal Lake – Jeff Mawdsley (virtual)
4. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage (virtual)
5. City of McHenry – Greg Gruen (virtual)
6. IDOT – Katie Herdus (virtual)
7. Tollway – Kelsey Passi (virtual)
8. TranSystems – Todd Bright (virtual)
9. Thomas Engineering – Tim Vedder (virtual)
10. Pace – Mary Donner (in-person)
11. CMAP – Russell Pietrowiak (virtual)

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes for the May 13, 2021 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Hennings 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. 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 been released. A link was provided in the IDOT sheets. The sheets reflect the new MYP.

For construction, the resurfacing project at US 12 north of IL 173 is complete. The US 20 roundabout had a new culvert being put in and grading being completed. For the IL 47 at Kishwaukee River, construction is underway with reduced lanes.

B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner announced that the Driving Innovations plan was available and requested that people review it. Pace is working with Senator Duckworth to secure funding to purchase 1 electric bus. Pace currently has hybrid buses. Pace is slowly returning back to in person.

C. Metra Update – Rick Mack

Chair Mack reported that Metra was seeing about 75% of pre-pandemic level passengers, up from about 3-4% at the beginning of the pandemic and up from 10% during the pandemic. Ridership continues to climb. Metra has reintroduced express service, although limited. Woodstock Station will hopefully have construction started in 2022.

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 90% complete. All the paving is done and permanent signal installation in progress, with signals being activated in the next few weeks. Striping is also in progress. August 31 is the expected completion date. For the County Paving, a Thin Lift Overlay is being done on Oak Grove Rd which will be completed by July 16th. The main county paving projects begin on July 19, including Vermont Road, Ackman Road, and Kishwaukee Valley Rd, which also has a culvert repair project in progress. The bridge was closed on June 29 and expected to be done by late November. A detour is in progress. Mr. Hennings also introduced new Assistant County Engineer, Darrell Kuntz.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi

Ms. Passi announced that the Tollway has expanded the I-Pass assistance program, which allows customers who couldn't use I-Pass previously because of cost to start

an account with a \$4 deposit and no \$10 transponder cost. The Tollway violation relief program was extended through August 2021. Fines were reduced from \$20 or \$50 to \$3 per toll. The Tollway saw 23% of \$50 fines paid and 85% reduction in \$20 fines. Cashless tolling is still in effect, with options being to be by I-Pass, plate, or EZ Pass. There is still a 14-day grace period.

At the toll plazas, additional signage and striping is being implemented to reduce maintenance costs. There are long-term plans for each site. In construction, I-294/I-55 interchange work has started, as well as work on I-490, which allows for direct access in and out of O'Hare.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro

Not present, no report.

H. CMAP Report and Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report – Russell Pietrowiak

Mr. Pietrowiak announced that ITEP funding is available, as well as COVID relief dollars being distributed through the STP formula. He also discussed that the region is behind on ADA Transition Plans. He emphasized the importance of getting up to speed on our ADA plans.

5. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Daucher explained to the Council that confirmation of two representatives, the Chair and Vice Chair, to the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was needed. Mr. Hennings made a motion to approve Chair Mack and Vice Chair Berendt to the committee. Mr. Mitchard seconded. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

6. SFY 2022 PLANNING LIAISON CONTRACT

Ms. Daucher presented the SFY 2022 Planning Liaison contract to the Council. She explained that the major differences were that the contract was now between the County and CMAP, rather than the Council and CMAP, the dollar amount of the contract changed, and that there was an additional item in the list of PL duties that accounted for various administrative tasks not covered in other requirements. Chair Mack asked if the contract was still an 80%/20% split between federal and local dollars. Ms. Daucher affirmed this. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Sofiakis. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

7. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM LOCAL METHODOLOGY AND GUIDEBOOK

Ms. Daucher informed the Council of the public comment received regarding the guidebook. One comment was received regarding the scoring of pavement condition for resurfacing projects. Ms. Daucher explained the changes to the scoring. A motion was made to approve the guidebook with the new scoring system by Mr. Strange. It was seconded by Mr. Hennings. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

8. STP AND COVID RELIEF FUNDS

Ms. Daucher gave a preview of the funding available from Surface Transportation Funds and the COVID relief funds. She reviewed the process for active reprogramming and requested that those who would like to be considered for moving up in the program let her know. Chair Mack commented that the Council had requested that these funds be distributed using the formula, which did occur. He then stated that the question is: how much funding will be available? He then asked Ms. Daucher if it would be an active project on the list that would receive funding. Ms. Daucher responded that any project on the active or contingency program would be eligible. New projects or projects not already on these lists would not be eligible. Mr. Mitchard asked if Ms. Daucher would reach out to sponsors or if they should reach out to her and by when. Ms. Daucher responded that they should email her as soon as possible.

9. MCHENRY COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION – PARKING DAY

Mr. Peterson gave a presentation about Parking Day, an event where parking lots and spaces are used for other activities, such as café seating, recreation, or other opportunities. He explained how communities can get involved and where to look for more information. Anyone with questions about Parking Day can contact Mr. Peterson.

10. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher said that she hopes to have a finalized bike plan by the September meeting. She explained that there will be an additional Advisory Committee meeting as well.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is September 16, 2021. The location is TBD.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Strange made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Farrell seconded.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Name	Community	Vote
Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Approve
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Not present – arrived late
Tim Farrell	Huntley	Approve
Claudett Sofiakis	Johnsburg	Approve
Tom Migatz	Lake in the Hills	Approve
Troy Strange	McHenry	Approve
Rick Mack, Chair	Ringwood	Approve
Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
Scott Hennings	McHenry County	Approve

CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PLANNING LIAISON CONTRACT

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Tom Migatz	Lake in the Hills	Approve
Troy Strange	McHenry	Approve
Rick Mack, Chair	Ringwood	Approve
Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
Scott Hennings	McHenry County	Approve
Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Approve
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Approve

STP GUIDEBOOK AND METHODOLOGY APPROVAL

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Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Approve
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Approve
Tim Farrell	Huntley	Approve
Claudett Sofiakis	Johnsburg	Approve
Tom Migatz	Lake in the Hills	Approve
Troy Strange	McHenry	Approve
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