

# MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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## 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
2. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
3. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
4. City of Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
7. City of McHenry – Greg Gruen
8. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
9. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
10. McHenry County – Scott Hennings
11. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
12. City of Marengo – Josh Blakemore
13. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
14. Village of Fox River Grove – Derek Soderholm
15. Village of Richmond – Jon Schmitt

#### Staff Present:

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

#### Others Present:

1. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
2. EEI – Joseph Cwynar
3. IDOT – Katie Herdus
4. Tollway – Lauren Platt
5. Pace – Mary Donner
6. CMAP – Kama Dobbs
7. MCDOT – Scott Hennings
8. IDOT D1 – Gerardo Fierro
9. BLA – Jacob Thede
10. Chastain & Associates – Steve Frerichs
11. TransSystems – Daniel Knickelbein
12. HR Green – Jeff Strzalka

13. Katie Renteria
14. Baxter & Woodman – Lou Hausmann
15. Traffic Control Corp. – Brian Plum
16. Thomas Engineering Group – Tim Vedder
17. TransSystems – Jesse Vuorenmaa

**2. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Approval of the minutes for the September 16, 2021 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morimoto and seconded by Mr. Farrell 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 mentioned that updates from IDOT are available within the meeting packet for attendees to review.
- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner  
Ms. Donner announced that Pace will be releasing their annual budget, with an option for residents to provide comments during a budget public hearing.
- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack  
Chair Mack reported ridership is slowly increasing since its rapid decline due to COVID-19. Metra will be hosting a public hearing to gather public input on their budget.
- D. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jon Paul Diipla  
Mr. Diipla informed attendees on the progress of the ongoing McHenry County Connection and the soon-to-be starting update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. MCDOT will also be releasing their FY22-FY26 Transportation Program. Several federally-eligible bridge projects, including Charles J. Miller and the Kishwaukee River Road bridges will be undergoing renovations in the coming fiscal year. Additionally, MCDOT is currently hiring a Public Information Officer and Planning Liaison.
- E. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi
- F. CMAP Report and Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report – Kama Dobbs  
Ms. Dobbs announced that CMAP staff is now opening their offices to 50% capacity with committee meetings being held virtually. CMAP is currently hiring several staff members. CMAP staff has recently developed and distributed guidance for the CRRSAA and STP-L program for local Councils. Finally, in addition to the federal funding opportunities, CMAP mentioned other local/statewide funding opportunities for Councils and local municipalities.

**5. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – LOCAL: STAFF RECOMMENDED PROGRAM**

Mr. Diipla and Mr. Peterson presented the proposed MCOM STP-L program. This program was created to allocate funding from the recently released CRRSAA funding, a federal COVID relief funding source, and the STP-L funding remaining after the Village of McCollum Lake’s McCollum Lake Road dropped out of the current program. Combined, this funding created approximately an additional \$1.4 million in total funding.

CRRSAA funding must not only adhere to the Council’s current STP-L funding criteria but also must be allocated to projects with an emphasis on equity, safety, and innovation.

With this criterion in mind, the following changes were made to the program and are displayed in the above draft program:

- Utilize the entirety of the CRRSAA funding (\$1,080,938) on the Village of Algonquin’s Souwanas Trail project. The total federal funding remains the same, but the project now has \$1,080,938 in CRRSAA funding and \$419,062 in STP-L funding;
- Accelerate the Village of Spring Grove’s Winn Road to FY2024 and allocate an additional \$849,293 in STP-L funding. In total, the project is proposed to have \$1,330,000 in STP-L funding, which is their new estimate in total projects costs due to receiving ITEP funding;
- Introduce the previously un-funded Construction phase of the Village of Lakemoor’s Four Seasons Boulevard into FY2024. The proposed amount for funding is \$448,568;
- Introduce the previously un-funded City of Harvard’s Marengo Road into the proposed program in FY2025. Total funding for this project would be \$480,707;
- Introduce the City of Crystal Lake’s previously un-funded Crystal Lake/Walkup Road project at \$183,715 for their Construction phase.

A motion to approve the plan as proposed was made by Mr. Lee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson.

**6. MCHENRY COUNTY CONNECTION BIKE PLAN**

Mr. Peterson provided multiple final maps that will be included within the final draft of the Plan. A final draft is expected to be put forward at the next meeting for approval.

**7. MCHENRY COUNTY MOVES 2050 PLAN**

Mr. Diipla provided an update on the ongoing update to MCDOT’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He asked that attendees view, complete, and distribute the current survey being offered as part of the Plan update. The survey will help lead inform MCDOT staff and consultants on the initial direction to focus on.

**8. FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT**

Mr. Diipla provided an overview of the federal infrastructure bill currently being considered by Congress. The bill would have wide-reaching impacts on several municipalities throughout McHenry County, as well as state and County roadways.

**9. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

**10. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11. PROPOSED 2022 MEETING DATES**

The following meeting dates were proposed by staff for the 2022 meeting dates:

- January 13, 2022
- March 17, 2022
- May 19, 2022
- July 21, 2022
- September 15, 2022
- November 17, 2022

A motion to approve the meeting dates was made by Ms. Berendt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morimoto.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Berendt made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Tiedt seconded.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Bob Mitchard	Algonquin	Approve
Emily Berendt	Bull Valley	Approve
Erik Morimoto	Cary	Approve
Abby Wilgreen	Crystal Lake	Approve
Tim Farrell	Huntley	Approve
Claudett Sofiakis	Johnsburg	Approve
Greg Gruen	McHenry	Not Present
Rick Mack, Chair	Ringwood	Approve
Mike Lee	Spring Grove	Approve
Scott Hennings	McHenry County	Approve
Dave Nelson	Harvard	Approve
Josh Blakemore	Marengo	Approve
Derek Soderholm	Fox River Grove	Not Present
Chris Tiedt	Woodstock	Not Present
Jon Schmitt	Richmond	Approve