

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022
9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
2. Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
3. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
4. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
5. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
6. Village of Lake in the Hills – Tom Migatz
7. Village of Lakewood – Jean Heckman
8. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
9. Village of Richmond – Jon Schmitt
10. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
11. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
12. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Staff Present:

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

B. Agenda Changes/ Announcements

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2022

Approval of the minutes for the May 19, 2022 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Heckman and seconded by Ms. Wilgreen 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

Gary Swick, President of Friends of the Fox River, invited Council of Mayor’s members to participate in It’s Our Fox River Day (IOFRD). Mr. Swick explained that organizations could adopt a proclamation that acknowledges the third Saturday of September as IOFRD and to have and support events, public and private, that celebrate the well-being of the Fox River.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus
Ms. Herdus was not present; Ms. Vega directed attendees to the meeting packet in which the IDOT Highway Report was provided.
- B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher
Mr. Gallagher joins the Council of Mayors meeting as representative. Pace provided updates on upcoming fare change public hearings, all virtual, in the month of May. Mr. Gallagher reported on the 6-month pilot project of reduced the reduced CTA/Pace Pass that Pace is proposing to permanently adopt at reduced rates. Pace has provided material with additional employment opportunities. This information may be found in the meeting packet.
- C. Metra Update – Katie Renteria
Ms. Renteria reported current Metra ridership, including 1.9 million trips conducted in April 2022.
- D. RTA Update – RTA Staff
Not present, no report.
- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Scott Hennings
Mr. Hennings introduced Design Manager, Joyce DeLong. Mr. Hennings reported on Algonquin’s Road Resurfacing project and Algonquin’s Flashing Yellow Arrow project. He also reported on Charles Road IL 47 to IL 120 where DOT did a roadside safety assessment. Lastly, Mr. Diipla provided an update on McHenry County Long Range Transportation Plan. He shared upcoming public engagement events in the upcoming weeks as well as survey information that will be distributed soon.
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi
Not present, no report.
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
- H. Not present, report provided in meeting packet.
- I. CMAP Report – Kama Dobbs
Ms. Dobbs reported on the FLIP High School program is now accepting applications for those interested in planning. She also provided a reminder that the Highway Safety Improvement Program is accepting applications.

5. DISCUSSION - MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – DRAFT FY 2023 – 2027 PROGRAM

Ms. Vega presented the draft recommended program for STP-L project applicants, which considered every eligible project application. Mr. Strange asked about the process of Phase 1 & 2 engineering and the speed in which IDOT is processing agreements. Mr. Hennings responded that IDOT is aware of the concerns and noted that if projects are funded in the STP-L program, obligation deadline should be met. Mr. Mack reported that the Northwest Council drafted a letter to IDOT voicing concerns about length of time for processing agreements. Mr. Hennings offered that the DOT could assist in drafting a similar letter and requested council members to submit any specific concern or project-relate instance to be included in a letter to Ms. Vega. Mr. Lee asked clarification in a cost increase request. Ms. Dobbs provided additional information on the process and noted a cost increase request could be considered after submitting the request to the Planning Liaison.

6. APPROVAL – FUNCTIONAL RECLASSIFICATION RESOLUTION

The agenda item was initially tabled for the July 21, 2022 meeting as the Village’s consultant was not present, but it was revisited later in the meeting as the consultant arrived.

The Village of Algonquin sought approval from the Council for the functional classification revision request for the Stonegate Road project for one segment of roadway: Stonegate Road – Countyline Rd. to Grandview Dr. The resolution was provided as a handout.

A motion was made by Mr. Schmitt and seconded by Ms. Wilgreen to approve the reclassification. The motion did not carry in the roll call approval. A list of the votes can be found on the last page. The notion failed with 4 votes in favor and 8 votes against.

7. PRESENTATION – BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING AND FUNDING

Metropolitan Planning Council, Active Transportation Alliance, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus presented on upcoming events, and bicycle and pedestrian planning and funding this year. Presenters asked attendees whether their communities are asking for more bike and pedestrian infrastructure and what major barriers are they experiencing to do so. Many attendees agreed with the competitive nature of funding and the challenges smaller communities experience when applying for federal funding. Mr.Mack answered that there are missing pieces of funding, some municipalities are too small to fund themselves. Mr. Lee answered that many small communities do not have the resources to apply for grants; the high per capita incomes make many small communities ineligible for many funding opportunities. Ms. Berendt agreed with the funding challenges noted by Mr. Mack and Mr. Lee. She also noted that seniors would be interesting in biking more. Ms. Wennick noted that IDOT will fund 100% of the cost of sidewalks in IDOT corridors. Ms. Wennick also noted that municipalities could look to CMAP to help interpret roles and provide technical assistance with funding.

The following questions asked participants about their recent accomplishments in bike and ped planning. Mr. Lee added that Spring Grove recent accomplishments. Mr. Hennings noted Randall Roads underpass; county is looking for more opportunities.

8. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

No report

9. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUCEMENTS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting is July 21, 2022 and will likely be held in-person.

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNITY	NAME	VOTE
Village of Bull Valley	Emily Berendt	APPROVE
Crystal Lake	Abby Wilgreen	APPROVE
City of Harvard	Dave Nelson	APPROVE
Village of Huntley	Tim Farrell	APPROVE

Village of Johnsburg	Claudett Sofiakis	APPROVE
Village of Lake in the Hills	Tom Migatz	APPROVE
Village of Lakewood	Jean Heckman	APPROVE
City of McHenry	Troy Strange	APPROVE
Village of Richmond	Jon Schmitt	APPROVE
Village of Ringwood	Rick Mack	APPROVE
Village of Spring Grove	Mike Lee	APPROVE
McHenry County	Scott Hennings	APPROVE

APPROVAL OF FUNCTIONAL RECLASSIFICATION RESOLUTION

COMMUNITY	NAME	VOTE
Village of Bull Valley	Emily Berendt	NO
Crystal Lake	Abby Wilgreen	YES
City of Harvard	Dave Nelson	NO
Village of Huntley	Tim Farrell	YES
Village of Johnsburg	Claudett Sofiakis	
Village of Lake in the Hills	Tom Migatz	NO
Village of Lakewood	Jean Heckman	NO
City of McHenry	Troy Strange	NO
Village of Richmond	Jon Schmitt	YES
Village of Ringwood	Rick Mack	NO
Village of Spring Grove	Mike Lee	NO
McHenry County	Scott Hennings	NO