

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, March 10, 2023
Cary Village Hall
755 Georgetown Dr, Cary, IL 60013
9:00AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin – Cliff Ganek
2. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
4. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
5. Village of Lake in the Hills – Ryan McDillon
6. City of Marengo – Rob Lamz
7. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
8. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
9. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
10. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
11. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Others Present:

1. Ed Gallagher – Pace
2. Dan Schug – Baxter & Woodman
3. Steve Cieslica – Trotter & Associates
4. Gerardo Fierro – IDOT
5. Jeff Strzalka – HR Green
6. Yemi Oyewole – WBK Engineering
7. Chalen Daigle – McHenry County Council of Governments
8. Anthony Cefali – Regional Transportation Authority

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2023

Approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2023 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morimoto (Cary) and seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus
Ms. Herdus was not present. A report has been provided in the packet.

- B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher
Mr. Gallagher provided an update to the Council. Pace reports a 26.6% higher ridership than 2022; 1.1 million rides in January alone. Route 550 was rerouted through Crystal Lake, utilizing Virginia Rd between US14 and Main Street.

- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack
Mr. Mack provided an update. Metra is at 44% of pre-pandemic ridership levels currently. By 2026 Metra hopes to be at 75% of pre-pandemic ridership.

- D. RTA Update – Anthony Cefali
The RTA report was provided in the packet. Mr. Cefali waited to give his presentation during the later agenda item.

- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Scott Hennings
Mr. Hennings provided an update on County projects.

- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi
Ms. Passi was not in attendance, however a report was provided in the packet.

- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
Mr. Fierro provided an update to the Council. The IDOT local program report was provided in the packet.

- H. CMAP Report – Mary Weber
Ms. Weber was not present, however a report has been provided in the packet.

5. APPROVAL – STP-L PROJECT CHANGES

Mr. Hennings provided an update on the Council’s STP-L Program. On a motion by Mr. Lee (Spring Grove) seconded by Mr. Hennings (County), the Council approved the STP-L program unanimously by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL – CMAP SHARED FUND: SUBREGIONAL PRIORITY POINTS

Mr. Hennings (County) provided an overview of the three projects submitted by the County for consideration in the CMAP STP-Shared Fund grant program – Randall Road North, Metra UP-NW Rail Yard, and Bull Valley Road Bicycle Path project. All three projects are high priorities for McHenry County however, each are in different stages of project readiness. Randall Road will be let for construction in early 2024, Bull Valley Road Bike Path is beginning Design Engineering in 2023, and the Metra Rail Yard project is just kicking off preliminary engineering/NEPA review. On a motion Mr. Hennings (County), seconded by Mr. Tiedt (Woodstock), the Council awarded 5 bonus points to the Metra Rail Yard Project, 4 points to the Randall Road North Project, and 3 points to the Bull Valley Road Bike Path Project. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

7. INFORMATIONAL – RTA PRESENTATION

Mr. Cefali (RTA) gave a very thorough presentation on the RTA’s Strategic Plan – Transit is the Answer. The annual \$730 million fiscal cliff that will take effect in 2026 is only to maintain the status quo and any future improvements to the system will need more revenue. The Council appreciated the information and expressed a desire to have the RTA attend their City Council meetings in the future to give a similar presentation.

8. INFORMATIONAL – MCCG 2023 TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

Ms. Daigle (MCCG) gave an overview of the Council of Governments 2023 Transportation Priority List. This list is what is used to advocate for State and Federal support and is updated annually.

9. INFORMATIONAL – MCHENRY COUNTY MOVES 2050 PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Hennings (County) gave a brief overview of the McHenry County Moves 2050 Plan and invited attendees to visit the website:

<https://www.mchenrycountymoves2050.com/>

10. INFORMATIONAL – FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

No update provided

11. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Friday, May 12, 2023 - 9:00 am;
City of Crystal Lake
100 W Woodstock St,
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 AM Mr. Morimoto (Cary) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lee (Spring Grove)