

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 13, 2022

9:00 AM

Teams Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. Roll Call/Introductions

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin – Bob Mitchard
2. Village of Barrington Hills – Brian Cecola
3. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
4. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
5. City of Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
6. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
7. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
8. Village of Lake in the Hills – Fred Mullard
9. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
10. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
11. City of Woodstock – Christina Betz
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

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the minutes for the November 18, 2022, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. Ms. Berendt noted item #5 in the November 18, 2021, agenda regarding the reallocated of the funds. A motion on the 2nd was made but a vote was not included at the end of the section. Mr. Hennings clarified that it was an informational item. A motion was made by Ms. Berendt and seconded by to approve the minutes with the amendment.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Donner recognized her attendance as a public guest. She identified Mr. Andrews as a PACE representative for the meeting.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus
Not present, no report
- B. Pace Report – Steven Andrews

Mr. Andrews, Pace Community Relations Representative, provided a Pace report. While Pace is seeking a new representative, coordination needs will go to Mr. Andrews in the until a permanent assignment is determined. Pace's goal for this year includes beginning the electrification of Pace's North fleet, with goal of converting entire division by 2026. Pace is gradually working to implement new service and exploring pilot programs with transportation networks. Pace will be continuing capital program. Pace will continue to focus on recruitment with hiring plan for bus operators and maintenance. Pace is seeking opportunities to participate and partner with agencies in local job fairs. Pace's COVID response page is updated regularly with operational changes.

Mr. Andrews announced the changes in Pace's fare policy. CTA changed pricing in joint Pace / CTA passes. Pace 30-day pass is now reduced to \$75, and CTA 7-day pass is reduced to \$25. Pace is accepting lower prices and this effective immediately.

Mr. Hennings thanked Pace for the productive 2022 Pace budget intergovernmental agreement process. He noted the large infusion of funding in MC Dial-a-Ride program and formally thanked the work of Pace and other municipalities that participated in this process. He asked the committee if anyone had any other ideas to improve public transit and to reach out to him or Jon Paul Dipla.

C. Metra Update – Katie Renteria

Ms. Renteria reported that 2021 Metra ridership is at 9% of 2019 ridership numbers. Throughout the year, ridership grew to 25% in September, 26% in October, and 27% in November. December ridership has not yet been reported but expected to end at approximately 27% ridership. Ms. Renteria reported the slight dip in numbers, but that this is typical in this time of the year. November brought 8 of the highest ridership days since the start of the pandemic.

Ms. Renteria announced that beginning February 1st, \$6 all day passes will be available for purchase which are valid for unlimited rides for 3 zones in one day. The current \$10 pass will only be available via Ventra app starting February 1st.

D. RTA Update – RTA Staff
Not present, no report

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Ben Redding

Mr. Redding reported on Algonquin's Flashing Yellow Arrow project. This project is the first flashing yellow arrow project brought to McHenry County. It is the first of three projects beginning in the next few years.

Mr. Redding informed attendees about roundabout training where an outside consultant will host a series of scheduled trainings, expected to begin in the next several months. He announced that Traffic Engineer, Brad Cousin, is back in the office to help with requests. Mr. Reddings last day in with MCDOT will be January 21, 2022.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi

Ms. Passi shared the Illinois Tollway's 2021 accomplishments. They aided more than 25,000 customers in emergency roadside services, served more than 2million customers with pay-by-plate service and expanded the Ipass assist program. Illinois Tollway completed their 10th year of Move Illinois and developed the balance 2022 budget with 1.49 billion in revenue.

G. CMAP Report – Mary Weber

Ms. Weber announced CMAP has established a hybrid work schedule while the CMAP office is open daily. Meeting material can now be found on CMAP's Legistar page as well as the CMAP home page. The Regional Speed Data project will begin this spring. While new census data has not been released since November, 2021, local governments can request that their boundaries and housing counts by block be reviewed.

5. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – LOCAL: FY2023-FY2027 CALL FOR PROJECTS OPENING

Mr. Diipla presented on the Surface Transportation Program- Local Call for Projects. He noted that MCCOM is now accepting applications until March 18th. He provided a brief overview of presentation highlighting the application as well as the process. The information will be posted the McHenry County Council of Mayors website for reference for organizations who chose to apply for the funds.

The following topics were presented on by Mr. Diipla:

- Background information
- McHenry County's allotment for FY 2023- FY 2027
- Instructions for applying
 - Eligible Requirements
 - Eligible Project Types
 - Eligible Route
 - Eligible Phases
- Application process
 - Requirements
- Timeline
- Project scoring and ranking
- Active Program Management (APM)
 - Requirements

Mr. Mitchard asked when the last time the council considered increasing the \$1.5 STP-L funding limit per project. He also asked if there was consideration of increasing the limit due to higher construction and material costs. Mr. Diipla explained that \$1.5 million cap was in place in the previous call for projects and the current methodology adopted by the council at the July 15, 2021 meeting affirmed this amount. He would need to verify when the funding cap was enacted. Mr. Mitchard sought clarification on whether the funding cap was consistent in other counties. Ms. Weber answered that different councils set different constraints in terms of max amount of funding. Mr. Mack added if allocation were to get too high, it may cut down on the number of projects that may be funded in the program. Mr. Mitchard then asked if there was

any anticipation when more federal money may flow into the program. Ms. Weber said there is expected to be more money but can not say when or how much per council will receive at the moment. She expects 2026 and 2027 should increase but CMAP does not have good estimates of how much. She noted the importance of contingency programs so when additional funding is made available, those projects may move up in the program.

6. MCHENRY COUNTY CONNECTION BIKE PLAN-FINAL DRAFT PRESENTATION

Mr. Diipla reported that the final draft plan has been provided by WSP. After the meeting, the materials will be posted to the MCCOM website. WSP will be present during the final overview of the plan at the March 17 meeting. The material posted to the website will be considered draft until the plan is considered for adoption at the March 17 meeting. He thanked the committee for their contributions to the plan.

7. DISCUSSION - MCHENRY COUNTY MOVES 2050 PLAN

Mr. Diipla reported that the current survey will close January 14th at which time the phase I engagement report coordination will begin. McHenry County Division of Transportation is coordinating with consultant team HDR to develop that. The report is anticipated to be completed early February, where it will be presented at the McHenry County Transportation Committee meeting. It will be posted to the project website. Later this Spring, strategies and coordination will begin to address engagement report and elements of the plan. Overall transportation plan scheduled to be completed by June 2023. Mr. Diipla will continue to provide updates to Council of Mayors.

8. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Vega introduced herself as the new Planning Liaison for the McHenry County Council of Mayors. She reported that there is a remaining STP-L balance for FY 2022. She requested project sponsors for existing projects in 2022 to contact her or Mr. Diipla with any questions about the process.

9. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

11. The next meeting is March 17, 2022 and will be held likely be held virtually.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mitchard motioned to adjourn; Mr. Cecola seconded. There was no roll call vote. Chairman Mack adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Name	Community	Vote
Bob Mitchard	Village of Algonquin	APPROVE
Brian Cecola	Village of Barrington Hills	NOT PRESENT
Emily Berendt	Village of Bull Valley	APPROVE
Claudett Sofiakis	Village of Johnsburg	APPROVE
Erik Morimoto	Village of Cary	APPROVE
Abby Wilgreen	City of Crystal Lake	APPROVE
Tim Farrell	Village of Huntley	APPROVE
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Fred Mullard	Village of Lake in the Hills	NOT PRESENT
Rick Mack	Village of Ringwood	APPROVE
Mike Lee	Village of Spring Grove	APPROVE
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