

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022
9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
7. Village of Lake in the Hills – Tom Migatz
8. Village of Lakewood – Phil Stephan
9. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
10. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
11. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
12. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
13. 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 – January 13, 2022

Approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2022 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Hennings and seconded by Mr. Lee 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. AGENCY REPORTS

a. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Ms. Herdus reported on the Multi-Year Program and it is expected to be completed at the end of March. The Council sheets are updated to reflect any changes, with the most noticeable change being the expected target letting date. There are three projects on the January letting and one on the March for McHenry County. Illinois 176 at Deerpass to Dean; the contractor is working on tree removal and will start work closer to May. 176 at Mish is waiting on utility delays. U.S 20 at Marengo; the contractor is starting work and should have the curbs poured by the end of the month and asphalt in place by the end of May. Utility work will begin on 147 at 176 once the contract is let. Ms. Herdus encouraged anyone with questions to email her, with her email provided in the IDOT sheets located in the meeting packet.

b. CMAP Report – Mary Weber

CMAP has moved to Legistar software. All CMAP meeting material is available there. CMAQ and STP selection committees will next meet on April 14, 2022. Legistar will provide a reminder and meeting materials after attendees sign up for them. March 18, 2022 is the deadline for the STP-L Shared Fund obligation extension for construction phases will expire. March 31, 2022 the STP-L Shared Fund obligation deadline extensions for non-construction phases expire. If those obligations need to be met, reach out to the Planning Liaison or Ms. Weber.

c. Pace Report – Jessica Rybarczyk

Ms. Rybarczyk joins the council of Mayors meeting as representative. Pace has provided material with updated information on Pace's mask policy and Pace Suburban Bus employment opportunities. This information may be found in the meeting packet.

d. Metra Report – Katie Renteria

Metra has announced that they will be extending the expiration date on one-way and 10-day rides for tickets purchased in March 2020. Those will now remain valid until June 21, 2022. In February 2022, Metra provided 1.2 million trips, twice as many trips compared to February 2021. There is an increase in the ridership numbers as COVID restrictions are lifting. Service enhancements will continue and are expected throughout the region in the coming weeks.

di. RTA Report

RTA was not present.

dii. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Mr. Hennings noted the service enhancements of Metra and good service. Mr. Hennings shared that the bid for the county paving contract was upped this year. He shared there was a letting on March 9, 2022. This years program will encompass

major resurfacing projects; Algonquin Road from IL 47 to IL 31 which is a four lane project. It will also include Randall Road from County Line to Harnish. Flashing yellow arrows will be installed on Algonquin Road. Eight intersections will receive flashing yellow arrows this year and installation will begin in May 2022. As an update for the Johnsburg Road Bridge, four deficient beams will be replaced in two stages. There will be disruptions on the turn-lane. May 11, 2022 is the tentative bid date with a summer start. This will ensure the bridge will remain operational until full reconstruction begins in several years. Mr. Hennings also shared that McHenry County received a congressionally directed spending for the Randall Road North project. Senator Duckworth was able to carry the earmark through the process. Construction is aimed to begin in 2024 and the McHenry County Division of Transportation Planning team is preparing an application for a RAISE grant for federal dollars.

Mr. Mitchard asked for a link to the paving projects as Algonquin is impacted; he would like to add these resources to the Village of Algonquins website and social mediate sites. Mr. (Tom LITH) also requested the website links. Mr. Hennings confirmed he would share those resources.

g. Illinois Tollway Report – Kelsey Passi

Ms. Passi shared the tollways 2021 accomplishments. Ms. Passi shared the Illinois Tollway’s 2021 accomplishments. They aided more than 24,000 customers in emergency roadside services, served more than 2 million customers with payby-plate service and expanded the I-Pass assist program. Illinois Tollway completed their 10th year of Move Illinois and developed the balance 2022 budget with 1.49 billion in revenue.

h. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
IDOT STP Local was not present.

5. APPROVAL - MCHENRY COUNTY CONNECTION

Mr. Peterson noted former Planning Liaison’s, Emily Daucher, work on the McHenry County Connection. After her departure, the work on the plan has continued to create the final report that is seeking approval from the Council of Mayors.

Jennifer Pangborn, a consultant who has also worked on creating the final report, is on the meeting call to answer additional questions about the plan. The Project Goals were created from public engagement efforts. Public Engagement efforts were diverse in their outreach in public and private entities. Focus groups engaged with townships, IDOT, and the conservation district. Surveys were released in addition to 2 virtual public meetings. Based on this information, a recommended facilities map was developed. Presentation slides were provided in the meeting packet.

A motion to approve the McHenry County Connection Plan was made by Mr. Morimoto and seconded by Mr. Lee. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

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

Ms. Vega shared an updated recommended program found on page 47 of the meeting packet. One project was reprogrammed from FY 2022- FY 2023 to FY 2023-FY 2024.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Mitchard and seconded by Mr. Hennings. The motion carried unanimously. A list of the votes can be found on the last page.

7. DISCUSSION - INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

Ms. Vega gave a brief overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act presentation that Chairman Mack attended in February 2022. The presentation slides may be found in the meeting packet.

8. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Vega reported that a Frequently Asked Questions page has been added to the Council of Mayors webpage. She also encouraged those applying for STP-L funds to submit their applications before the March 18, 2022 deadline.

9. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUCEMENTS

Mr. Morimoto shared that the next McHenry County Municipal Partnering meeting is next Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 2:30 PM at the Cary Municipal Center. Following that meeting is the first networking opportunity for membership where World Water Day will be celebrated.

Mr. Hennings reported that the five-year transportation program will begin to be updated shortly. He asked that those with county roads who would like to submit a project for consideration should reach out to him or Mr. Diipla. Mr.Lee inquired about the Village of Spring Groves participation in ongoing conversations, which Mr. Hennings confirmed.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Chairman Mack announced that the next MCCOM meeting will be held in-person with no remote option. He explained this will provide an opportunity for more fruitful conversation and networking. He shared that the meeting location will be determined closer to the meeting date.

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NAME	COMMUNITY	VOTE
Village of Algonquin	Bob Mitchard	APPROVE
Village of Bull Valley	Emily Berendt	APPROVE
Village of Cary	Erik Morimoto	APPROVE
Crystal Lake	Abby Wilgreen	NOT PRESENT
Village of Huntley	Tim Farrell	NOT PRESENT

Village of Johnsburg	Claudett Sofiakis	NOT PRESENT
Village of Lake in the Hills	Tom Migatz	APPROVE
Village of Lakewood	Phil Stephan	APPROVE
City of McHenry	Troy Strange	APPROVE
Village of Ringwood	Rick Mack	APPROVE
Village of Spring Grove	Mike Lee	APPROVE
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APPROVAL OF MCHENRY COUNTY CONNECTION

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APPROVAL OF STAFF RECOMMENDED STP-L PROGRAM

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Village of Algonquin	Bob Mitchard	APPROVE
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Village of Cary	Erik Morimoto	APPROVE
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