

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

**Crystal Lake City Hall**

**100 W. Woodstock St, Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

**9:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
3. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
4. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
5. Village of Fox River Grove – Derek Soderholm
6. City of Harvard – Lou Leone
7. Village of Lakewood – Jean Heckman
8. Village of Lake in the Hills – Kevin Rivera
9. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
10. Village of Richmond – Ramsin Wardanian
11. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack
12. Village of Spring Grove – Mark Eisenberg
13. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
14. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Others Present:

1. Katie Herdus – IDOT
2. Audrey Wennink – Metropolitan Planning Council
3. Hugo Coronado – Metropolitan Planning Council
4. Katelyn Dote – Metra
5. Lou Haussmann – Baxter & Woodman
6. Steve Frerichs – Chastain & Associates
7. Chalen Daigle – McHenry County Council of Governments
8. Kama Dobbs – CMAP

9. Mike Magnuson – City of Crystal Lake
10. Alex Househ – IDOT
11. Dan Schug – Baxter & Woodman
12. Rob Lamz – City of Harvard
13. Matt Farmer – City of Crystal Lake
14. Ed Gallagher – PACE
15. Frank Cuda – Schefflow Engineering
16. Kelsey Passi – Illinois Tollway
17. Kendra Johnson – RTA
18. Ryan Livingston - HLR

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2023**

Approval of the minutes for the March 10, 2023 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morimoto (Cary) and seconded by Mr. Leone (Harvard) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Spring Grove abstaining.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus  
Ms. Herdus provided an update.
- B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher  
Mr. Gallagher provided an update to the council.
- C. Metra Update – Katie Dote  
Ms. Dote updated the Council on Metra ridership and upcoming projects.
- D. RTA Update – Kendra Johnson  
Ms. Johnson gave a report on the RTA.
- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation – Scott Hennings  
Mr. Hennings provided an update on County projects.
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi  
Ms. Passi gave an update to the Council.
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Alex Househ  
Mr. Househ gave an IDOT update to the Council.
- H. CMAP Report – Kama Dobbs  
Ms. Dobbs gave the report to the Council. She notified the Council about an upcoming webinar hosted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding grant

opportunities through the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative.

## **5. APPROVAL ITEMS**

### **A. Action Requested: Approval – STP Program**

Mr. Hennings gave an update on the STP-L program. A motion was made by Mr. Eisenberg (Spring Grove) and seconded by Mr. Leone (Harvard) to approve the program. The Council approved the program unanimously.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Transit Investments as Climate Action – Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)**

Ms. Wennink and Mr. Coronado (Metropolitan Planning Council) gave a presentation on an informational tool they were developing to visualize information related to climate, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian plans across Chicago and the municipalities in the collar counties.

### **B. IDOT Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment Tool**

Mr. Hennings gave an overview of IDOT's new Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment Tool, which was available online and through the hyperlinked text on the meeting agenda.

### **C. IDOT Bicycle Facility Inventory System**

Mr. Hennings gave an overview of IDOT's Bicycle Facility Inventory System, which was available online and through the hyperlinked text on the meeting agenda.

### **D. MCRide Update**

Mr. Hennings gave an update on MCRide ridership information.

## **7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

Mr. Duffin made the Council aware that the STP-L program's 2024 Call for Projects was upcoming. The July meeting agenda would include a discussion item, so that the Council could begin considering revisions to the project scoring methodology.

## **8. FUTURE TOPICS**

Mr. Hennings explained that this agenda item was an opportunity for council members to bring up any topics they would like to see included as a future agenda item. He invited council members to reach out to staff if they had any topics they would like to see discussed.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no other business, and there were no announcements.

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Chair Mack explained that another date was proposed for the July Council of Mayors meeting. He asked if any members of the council had any issues with the change in date. There were

none. The next meeting will be held on:

Friday, July 21, 2023 at 9:00 am  
McHenry County Division of Transportation  
16111 Nelson Road,  
Woodstock, IL 60098

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:24 AM, Mr. Tiedt (Woodstock) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Berendt (Bull Valley).