

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, November 21, 2025**

**Lake in the Hills Village Hall**

**600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156**

**9:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mack called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Cliff Ganek – Village of Algonquin
2. Emily Berendt – Village of Bull Valley
3. Abby Wilgreen– City of Crystal Lake
4. Michael Kelly– City of Harvard
5. Tim Farrell – Village of Huntley
6. Ryan McDillon – Village of Lake in the Hills
7. Jon Schmitt – Village of Richmond
8. Rick Mack – Village of Ringwood
9. Bob McMahan – Village of Spring Grove
10. Drew Duffin– McHenry County

B. Agenda Changes

The original agenda showed Other Business as having “Harvard request to adjust Engineering Target Ratio.” Mr. Kelly (Harvard) made a motion to move to approval items, and Mr. McMahan (Spring Grove) seconded. The motion was approved 8-2, with Ms. Berendt (Bull Valley) and Mr. McDillon (Lake in the Hills) voting against.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2025**

Approval of the minutes for the May 16, 2025, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. McMahan (Spring Grove), which was seconded by Mr. McDillon (Lake in the Hills). The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Transit Bill SB2111 Summary – David Kovarik  
Mr. Kovarik provided a brief update of the state transit bill that passed on October 31, 2025.
- B. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus  
Ms. Herdus provided an update to the council.
- C. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher  
Mr. Gallagher provided an update for the agenda packet. He was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- D. Metra Update – Katie Dote  
Ms. Dote provided an update for the agenda packet. She was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- E. RTA Update – Zachary Braun  
Mr. Braun provided an update for the agenda packet. He was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- F. McHenry County Division of Transportation – Drew Duffin  
Mr. Duffin provided an update to the council.
- G. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi  
Ms. Passi provided an update for the agenda packet. She was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- H. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Alex Househ  
Mr. Househ provided an update for the agenda packet. He was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.
- I. CMAP Report – Sarah Stolpe  
Ms. Stolpe provided an update for the agenda packet. She was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.

#### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. CMAP Socioeconomic Forecast – Alex Bahls and Carlos Lopez presented on the socioeconomic forecast work that CMAP has been compiling.

#### **6. APPROVAL ITEMS**

- A. Cary First Street funds increase request – The village of Cary requested a fund increase of \$257,500 for their First Street Corridor project (TIP 11-22-0029). A motion was made by Ms. Berendt (Bull Valley) and seconded by Mr. Schmitt (Richmond). The motion was

approved so long as there were no negative impacts to the funding for other FY25 projects.

B. Including Phase 1 Reconstruction in Engineering Targets

Mr. Kovarik explained that current language in the STP application excluded Phase 1 Reconstruction applications from being allowed to apply for the funds targeted for Engineering. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly (Harvard) and seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin) to approve the changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Methodology Changes –STP Scoring Adjustment

Mr. Kovarik explained that CMAP requires 25% of the scoring for STP projects to be based on regional priorities, which are Green Infrastructure, Reinvestment, Economically Disconnected Areas, and Complete Streets. The previous point restructuring reduced the Resurfacing point application to below this requirement. To bring the scoring back in compliance, Safety has been decreased from 10 to 8 points, and Complete Streets has been increased from 12 to 14. The only change is the weight of the points, there are no changes to the application. A motion was made by Mr. Farrell (Huntley) and seconded by Ms. Wilgreen (Crystal Lake) to use the newly proposed safety scoring methodology. The motion was approved 7-3.

D. STP-L 2025-2029 Active Program

Mr. Kovarik explained the changes to the STP-L program since the November meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Farrell (Huntley) to approve the program, which was seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin). The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Meeting Schedule 2026

Mr. Kovarik presented the proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Schmitt said he would like to see more agencies providing reports at the meeting and wondered if having the meetings on Friday was a hinderance. There was general agreement among the Council. The suggestion was made to move Council meetings to the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month. The next Council meeting will be on January 15, 2026, and the revised meeting schedule would be presented at that time. Mr. McDillon (Lake in the Hills) made a motion to approve the changes and Mr. Schmitt (Richmond) seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Adjusting Engineering Target Ratio

Mr. Kelly (Harvard) presented to the Council that while the creation of the Engineering Target funding was well intentioned, it was not very helpful to Harvard, as the City would not be able to meet the match requirements. Mr. Kelly then proposed that the ratio, currently in the STP methodology as 50/50, be changed to the federal maximum level of 80/20. Mr. Mack (Ringwood) and Ms. Berendt (Bull Valley) cited concerns that this changed was not reviewed by the methodology committee, and the impacts to the program would be unknown. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the change to the

ratio, and Mr. McMahon (Spring Grove) seconded. The motion passed 7 to 3.

**7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

A. 2026 STP Mark

- i. Mr. Kovarik reported that McHenry County's STP mark for FY2026 will be \$5,285,018. Marks for FY30 and FY31 are not yet confirmed.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no other business

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next meeting will be held on:

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

McHenry County DOT

16111 Nelson Road

Woodstock, IL 60098

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Duffin (McHenry County) to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Kelly (Harvard). The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.