

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
2:00 P.M.
MCHENRY COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
16111 NELSON ROAD
WOODSTOCK, IL 60098

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS (SIGN-IN SHEET)

President Rick Mack, Chair of the McHenry County Council of Mayors, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock, IL 60098. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Joshua Blakemore, City of Marengo
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock
Paul Kinsella, Village of Bull Valley
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Art Osten, Village of Fox River Grove
Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Jeff Young, McHenry County Division of Transportation

Others Present:

John Ambrose, Baxter & Woodman
Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Steve Cieslica, TAI
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Alex Househ, IDOT
Sue Palmer, IDOT
Andy Plummer, RTA
Brad Sanderson, EEI
Kevin Stallworth, IDOT
Dan Strahan, Gewalt Hamilton
Dave Van Camp, HR Green
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake

Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the May 19, 2011 meeting agenda. *Ms. Peterson moved for approval. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2011

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes. *Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blakemore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

II. ELECTION OF 2011-2013 CHAIRPERSON

Chair Mack noted that every two years the Council is asked to elect a Chairperson for the following two years. Chair Mack said he was still interested in the position. *Mr. Clifton made a motion to approve Rick Mack as the Chair for the McHenry County Council of Mayors for FY 2011-2013. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.* Ms. Peterson said she appreciates all the hard work Chair Mack has done.

III. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the status sheets which included updated letting information and projects in the FY 2012-1017 program. She said that IDOT will continue their intermittent resurfacing this spring and that PCC Patching and Concrete was chosen for Lake and McHenry Counties. Ms. Palmer said the Algonquin Bypass project is continuing to go well.

B. RTA Presentation

Mr. Plummer introduced Brad Thompson who presented information about the RTAMS (Regional Transit Asset Management System) website. The website has many options including Pace Ridership information; routes, stations and lines; planning; capital projects; vehicles and rolling stock; sales tax and financial reports; political jurisdiction; CTPP data and demographics.

Mr. Plummer also said the RTA is monitoring Senate Bill 2194 that will provide clarification of an existing law that drives how tax is collected. He noted this bill could have detrimental effects. Lastly he provided a brochure about the I-55 BRT demonstration.

C. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young informed the Council that the first section of Walkup Road is finishing up. The section of Walkup Road at IL 176 and the northern section of the project will be bid later this year. He added that the Rakow Road project is underway and encouraged everyone to view the project website for more information. Mr. Young said the County is working hard on their bridge program with three bridges under construction. One bridge project in Spring Grove is on the June letting. Three streets are being

resurfaced this season, Cary-Algonquin Road, Maple Street and Roberts Road.

D. Pace

Ms. Donner noted that Pace supports HB 585 that is being sponsored by Rep. Elaine Nekritz which will make the ADA program whole. Ms. Donner said that the ADA Program is a fine program, but expensive, so it is important that the program get 100% funding. Senator Althoff is a chief sponsor of the bill. Ms. Donner added she would forward information to Ms. Daigle about a presentation Pace did for Rep. Franks, Mayors and Township Supervisors about saving money and working together.

E. Metra

Chair Mack said Metra continues to be effected by the high cost of gas. Metra has a \$19 million deficit as a result of increased fuel costs. Metra is looking at ways to cut costs. Chair Mack did note that sales tax receipts are up and that he hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

F. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson said that 2011 is a major year for the I-90 Corridor. Repairing and resurfacing along a two lane segment from US 20 to Genoa and from the Elgin Toll to Barrington Road is underway. The construction should be completed by the end of the year. She also informed the Council about municipal cost-sharing on projects. The City of Rosemont was interested in an interchange at I-294 and Balmoral Avenue so they issued bonds to help pay for the \$26 million project. The project will be paid for 50/50 with the Tollway through toll collections at the off ramp. Ms. Anderson also distributed new Tollway maps.

G. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Stallworth provided the updated IDOT STP Local Program.

IV. CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP) / COUNCIL OF MAYORS

A. Executive Committee Report

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee will meet Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the following items for the CMAP report:

- STP funding is still available in the region and the Councils need to continue to spend down money as a whole.
- The CMAQ Call for Projects for FFY 2012-2015 netted 357 applications for over \$1.8 billion. There is only \$450 million to be programmed so CMAP Focus Groups are reviewing the applications and should have a recommended program by mid-October.
- CMAP continues to monitor the budget cuts in the IL General Assembly. Funding for the MPO is in the Governor's budget.

- CMAP continues to work on Go To 2040 implementation.
- The Transport Chicago Conference is scheduled for June 5. The cost is \$55 if you register by May 23. Additional information is online.

C. MetroPulse Presentation

CMAP presented an online video of the MetroPulse program. A questionnaire was distributed and the Council was asked for feedback.

V. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. CMAP Planning Grant for Planning Liaison Position

Ms. Daigle explained that each May the Council is asked to approve a resolution for the Planning Liaison position through the McHenry County Division of Transportation. Ms. Daigle noted that the total grant increased by 11% from last year. This includes an increase of 7% due to additional tasks and 4% to include an additional staff person in Lake County for a 50/50 position. There was no increase last year. She noted the County Transportation Committee approved the agreement at their meeting on May 20 and the County Board will consider the agreement at their meeting on June 6.

Mr. Osten moved for approval of the resolution approving the grant agreement resolution for the Planning Liaison position. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Village of Lakewood FAU Classification Request for Ballard Road

Ms. Peterson said that the Village of Lakewood is requesting FAU classification for Ballard Road due to significant annexation in Lakewood, Grafton Township and Crystal Lake.

Ms. Daigle said that the Planning Liaisons met several times over the last year to redefine the FAU guidelines. Draft guidelines were presented to IDOT in the fall for consideration and the Planning Liaisons had yet to hear back from IDOT. Since it is unknown when IDOT will respond, Ms. Daigle recommended the Council consider valid FAU requests that would fit into the draft guidelines while they are pending with IDOT.

Mr. Nelson moved for approval of the Village of Lakewood's Ballard Road FAU Classification Request. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Project Readiness Update

Ms. Daigle explained that at the last meeting the Council asked her to look into when to determine if project is ready to go to letting; thus ready to receive advance funding. Ms. Daigle said she spoke with IDOT and that IDOT sends a spreadsheet several months before the letting date outlining which projects are scheduled for the letting and which projects may be let, but have items missing. Ms. Daigle said she will use IDOT status sheets as an indicator of which projects will be ready for the letting.

Mr. Osten asked if Ms. Daigle had addressed Mr. Sagona's question at the last meeting about the amount of funding increases allowed and Ms. Daigle said she had and that the updated STP Methodology outlined project increase guidelines.

D. Approval of FFY 11-15 Surface Transportation Program
The program did not need approval.

VI. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

There was no Planning Liaison Report.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday July 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Lake City Hall located at 100 W. Woodstock Street in Crystal Lake.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Osten, seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.