

McHenry County Transit Plan Implementation Task Force

Agenda

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DATE: May 26, 2010

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: McHenry County Administration Building
Conference Room A

1. Call to Order

2. Public Participation/Open Comment Period

- Update from Faith in Action on the Senior Guide to Transportation

3. Transit Grant Program Progress Report

- Algonquin Township
- City of Marengo
- Faith in Action of McHenry County
- Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association
- Veterans Assistance Commission
- McHenry County / Pilot program

4. Other Business

- Report from May 17 McHenry Township Meeting.
- Report from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: Dial-A-Ride Summit on April 19.
- RTA Funding Programs: Report on potential applications. Grant applications due June 10.

5. Next ITF Bimonthly Meetings

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

Following meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 2:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment

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Minutes

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LOCATION: McHenry County Administration Building
Conference Room A

Attendees

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: Russell Pietrowiak

City of Crystal Lake: Brad Mitchell

City of Marengo: Josh Blakemore

Dorr Township: Bob Pierce

Faith in Action: Rhonda Anderson

Hartland Township: Evert Evertsen

McHenry County Staff: Jason Osborn

Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging: Donna Copeland Hill

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association: Jim Wiseman

Pace: Mary Donner, Brad Logan, Sally Ann Williams

Pioneer Center: Tom Riley

Thresholds: Richard Schlottman

Veterans Assistance Commission: Michael Iwanicki

Jason Osborn called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Ms. Anderson distributed Faith in Action's Senior Guide to Transportation booklets and asked everyone to help distribute, add a link to their web sites, and help identify needed edits. She said funding for the publication of this booklet is uncertain in the future.

Progress reports were given for the City of Marengo, Faith in Action, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association, and the Pilot Program.

Mr. Osborn explained that the contract for the City of Marengo grant has been bogged down in review. In the end, the decision was made to add the service expansion onto the existing contract between Pace and the County to facilitate data collection and to accommodate language requested by the County for indemnification.

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Ms. Anderson explained that it has been a challenge for Faith in Action to collect the data. She noted that it is quite common for volunteers to coordinate with riders independently. This makes accurate data collection difficult after the fact.

Mr. Wiseman explained that NISRA shared the same challenges as Faith in Action. He added that the data collection has already confirmed many of the agencies past assumptions and conceptions regarding the need for transportation services. He also noted that February had high ridership due to special Valentine's Day activities and expects summer ridership numbers to climb because many events at park districts throughout the region will be held.

Mr. Osborn directed the group to review the Transit Grant Program Summary prepared by Sarah Lutz. He highlighted the summary of top locations and origin and destination tables.

Mr. Osborn said the Pilot Program had registered about 1,000 individuals and is still receiving 2 to 4 registration requests per day. He reminded the group that the County took over registration after Pace had done so as part of the transition into service. He noted that service complaints had been reduced substantially and are now mostly related to service limitations such as times and destinations.

Mr. Osborn said a meeting was held at the McHenry Township Senior Center to provide seniors the opportunity to speak about the service. It was a great opportunity to get feedback from the users. Mr. Osborn asked if others would like to do the same in their communities. The group agreed to look into conducting more meetings with riders over the next few months.

Mr. Osborn said the County was invited to a Dial-a-Ride summit at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The County presented the Pilot Program to a group of around 70 individuals. Despite the size and operational differences between the various services in the region, the services share many of the same issues and can learn much from each other.

Russell Pietrowiak summarized the summit's activities and mentioned that it was the start of a larger effort to approach the issues of demand response transit across the region. He thought an important take-away from the meeting was the need to set a standard metric of mobility throughout the region. This would help identify a basic level of transit service which residents could expect throughout the region.

Mr. Osborn distributed a memorandum regarding federal grant possibilities for the Pilot Program. He explained that the County is interested in submitting possibly three grant applications on June 10. One application would be for a Subregional Planning grant to study service coordination possibilities in the SE portion of the County and to evaluate the market conditions of the County's three fixed bus routes. Two applications will be for Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiative grants to provide greater coordination of services in the Pilot Program.

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Ms. Williams asked Mr. Pietrowiak how the grant monies were to be separated between the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiative programs. Mr. Pietrowiak said that he expected the split to be consistent with past calls for projects. Mr. Pietrowiak added that an application for mobility management would enable an 80/20 split of costs whereas a grant for operations would have a 50/50 split. He said it would be worthwhile for any group trying to undertake greater coordination to investigate whether their application could be qualified for mobility management funds.

Mr. Riley asked if the Pioneer Center contract could also be part of the combined contract. Mr. Osborn said this is worth investigating.

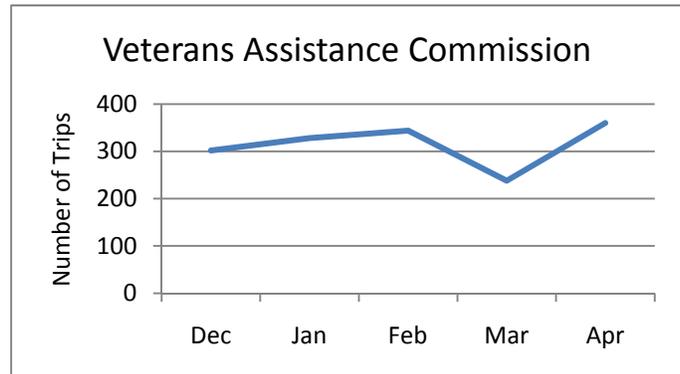
The next meeting of the Implementation Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building – Conference Room A. The following meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 also at 2:00 p.m. also in Conference Room A of the County Administration Building. Mr. Osborn adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Transit Grant Program Summary – May 2010

Veterans Assistance Commission

Trip data received for Dec 09-Apr 10

- Average of 314 trips per month
- Approximately 84% of trips are for seniors age 55 and over

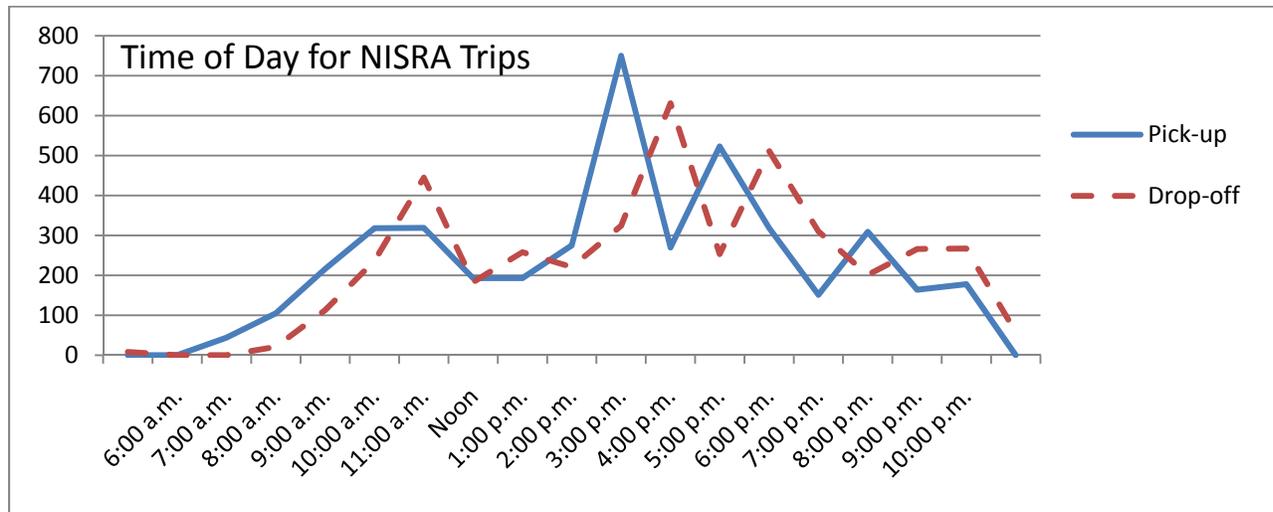


Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association

Full trip data received for Dec 09-Mar 10

Over this time period:

- 120 unique pick-up locations and 123 unique drop-off locations recorded
- Average of 1100 trips each month
- 481 registered riders



Top locations over this time period:

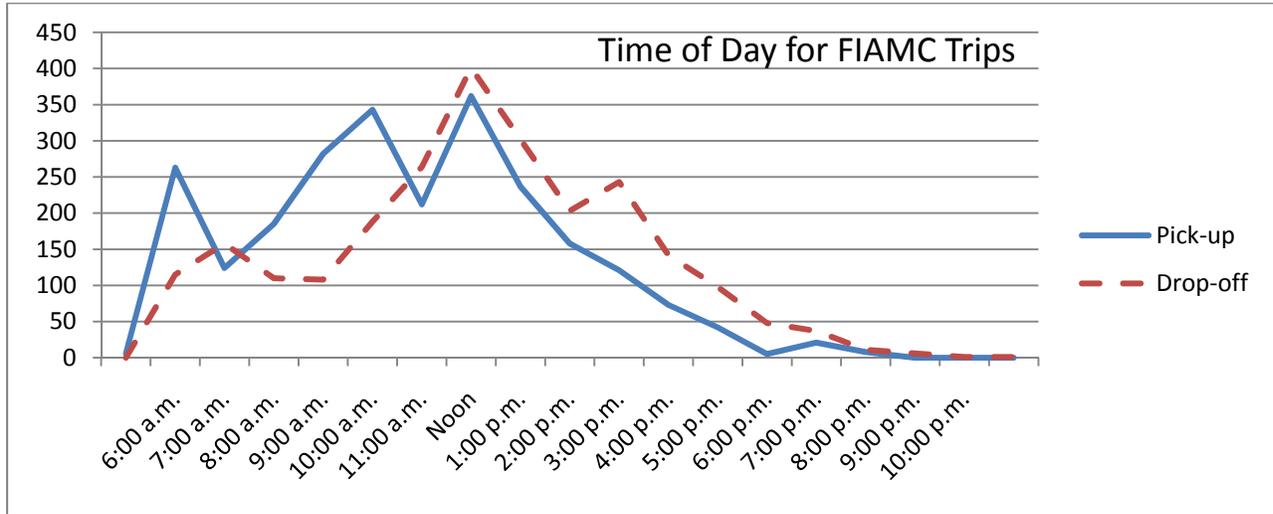
NISRA	1444	McHenry Govt Center	205
Pioneer Center	908	Nunda Township	169
Hannah Beardsley MS/Crystal Lake	578	Woodview Lanes / Elgin	150
The Centre Elgin	456	Edgetown Bowl/Woodstock	133
Sheltered Village/Woodstock	330	Woodstock Classic Cinemas	120
Crystal Bowl/Crystal Lake	309	Woodstock	108
Dundee Rec Center	304	Rotary Building Crystal Lake	104
Woodstock Rec Center	266	Village Hall/LITH	103
AID Center Elgin	221		

Faith in Action of McHenry County

Full trip data received for Dec 09-Mar 10

Over this time period:

- Average of 611 trips a month
- Almost 80% of trips were medical trips; 11% were shopping/personal trips; 5% of trips were employment-related.



Destination City

Origin City	Crystal Lake	Huntley	Marengo	McHenry	Woodstock	% of all Origins
Crystal Lake	23%			1%	2%	40%
Huntley	1%	3%	5%			13%
Marengo		5%				7%
McHenry	1%			8%		9%
Woodstock	2%			1%	9%	12%
Lake in the Hills	3%					5%
% of All Destinations	36%	10%	5%	11%	13%	

Pilot Program

Outreach Events

- April 23: County and Pace presented the pilot program with a booth at Family Service's Second Annual Senior Fair
- May 17: Meeting with seniors from McHenry Township to hear concerns and provide clarification and education about the pilot program and Township services

Data Reports

- Data received for February 2010 (beginning February 12) and **preliminary** data received for March and April 2010

March (Preliminary)

Service Summary	Days in Service	Avg Weekday Passengers	Avg Weekend Passengers	Avg Direct Distance
Crystal Lake DAR	23/4	163	59	2.7
McHenry DAR	23/4	119	38	2.3
Woodstock DAR	23/4	79	25	1.8
McHenry Township	23	32	n/a	3.5
Pilot Program	23/4	26	10	10.2

April (Preliminary)

Service Summary	Days in Service	Avg Weekday Passengers	Avg Weekend Passengers	Avg Direct Distance
Crystal Lake DAR	22/4	148	60	2.7
McHenry DAR	22/4	121	44	2.2
Woodstock DAR	22/4	80	23	1.9
McHenry Township	21	33	n/a	3.6
Pilot Program	22/4	28	11	9.4

March (Preliminary)

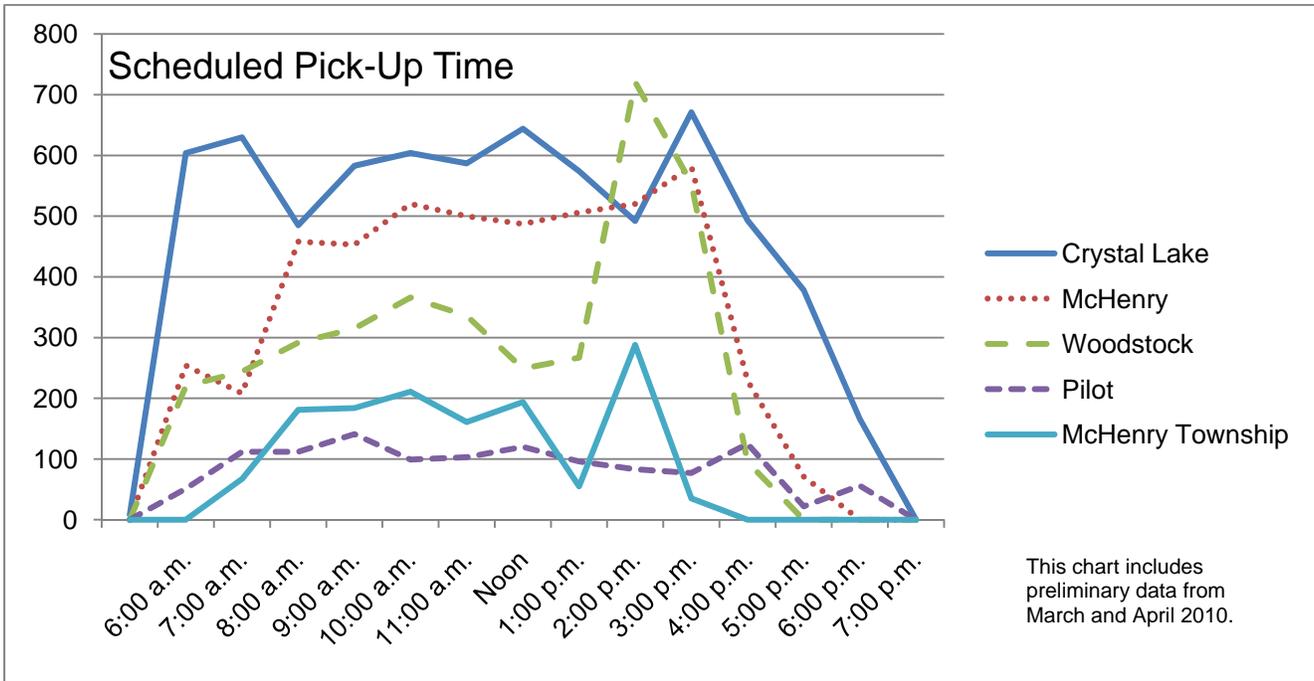
Rider Summary	Total	Disabled	Senior	Student
Crystal Lake DAR	3986	894	570	275
McHenry DAR	2885	1264	721	10
Woodstock DAR	1916	608	429	460
McHenry Township	735			
Pilot Program	626			

*Based on reported fare type.

April (Preliminary)

Rider Summary	Total	Disabled	Senior	Student
Crystal Lake DAR	3496	1177	513	212
McHenry DAR	2846	1227	792	6
Woodstock DAR	1855	623	435	377
McHenry Township	693			
Pilot Program	665			

*Based on reported fare type.



Origin/Destination Information

- For 19,703 passenger trips in March and April, there were 1,299 unique origins and 1,348 unique destinations.
- Only 30 distinct origins and 23 distinct destinations served more than 100 passenger trips each over these two months.

Popular Public Origins and Destinations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alden Terrace - McHenry • Crystal Point Mall - Crystal Lake • Dean Street Elementary - Woodstock • Dominick's - Crystal Lake • Family Service - McHenry • Jewel - Crystal Lake • Jewel - McHenry • Jewel - Woodstock • Joseph's Shopping Center - Crystal Lake • Kiddie Campus - McHenry • Main St McHenry • Mary Endres Elementary - Woodstock • McHenry County College • McHenry Montessori School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meijer - McHenry • Metra - Main St. Crystal Lake • Metra - Woodstock Station • Pioneer Center • Pioneer Ponca Group Home • Prairiewood Elementary - Woodstock • Senior Center - McHenry Township • Target - Crystal Lake • Walden Oaks - Woodstock • WalMart - Crystal Lake • WalMart - McHenry • WalMart - Woodstock • Westwood Elementary - Woodstock • YMCA - Crystal Lake |
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Average Time on Vehicle	March (Preliminary)	April (Preliminary)
Crystal Lake DAR	0:16	0:16
McHenry DAR	0:15	0:15
Woodstock DAR	0:11	0:11
McHenry Township	0:27	0:24
Pilot Program	0:30	0:29

Pilot Program - Number of Passengers

Origin City	Destination City							Total
	Crystal Lake	Johnsburg	Lakemoor	McHenry	Wonder Lake	Woodstock	Fox Lake	
Crystal Lake	7	4	1	104	11	199		326
Johnsburg	6			9		1		16
Lakemoor	1			2		3		6
McHenry	133	7	2	78	24	145	4	393
Wonder Lake	12			19		27		58
Woodstock	239	1	3	198	21	24	4	490
McCullom Lake				2				2
Total	398	12	6	412	56	399	8	1291

McHenry Township – Number of Passengers

Origin City	Destination City						Total
	Johnsburg	Lakemoor	McCullom Lake	McHenry	Ringwood	Wonder Lake	
Johnsburg	2	4		282	9	67	364
Lakemoor	4			6			10
McCullom Lake				8			8
McHenry	273	6	8	549		36	872
Ringwood	10			1			11
Wonder Lake	68			95			163
Total	357	10	8	941	9	103	1428