

McHenry County Transit Plan Implementation Task Force

Agenda

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DATE: May 25, 2011

TIME: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: McHenry County Administration Building, Conference Room A
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. Call to Order – Jason Osborn (MCDOT)

2. Public Participation/Open Comment Period

3. Transit Planning Activities

- Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line upgrades – Rick Mack (Metra)
- Kane County 2040 Transit Plan and Randall Road BRT study – Heidi Files (Kane County)
- McHenry call center phone system update – Brad Logan (Pace)
- McHenry County Long Range Transportation Plan status – Jason Osborn
- McHenry County Transit Plan consultant selection update – Jason Osborn

4. Transit Grant Program

- County service update – Jason Osborn
- Algonquin Township Road District – Anna May Miller
- City of Marengo – Josh Blakemore
- Faith in Action – Rhonda Anderson
- Veterans Assistance Commission – Mike Iwanicki

5. Funding Program Updates

- McHenry County JARC/NF project status – Jason Osborn

6. Other Business

7. Next ITF Bimonthly Meetings

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

Following meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

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Minutes

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LOCATION: McHenry County Division of Transportation
16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Attendees

City of Crystal Lake: Brad Mitchell

City of Marengo: Josh Blakemore

City of Woodstock: Roscoe Stelford

Dorr Township: Bob Pierce

Faith in Action of McHenry County: Rhonda Anderson

Illinois Bureau of Blind Services: Susan Dalton

Kane County Division of Transportation: Jan Ward, Heidi Files, Mike Sullivan, Steven Coffinbargar

McHenry County Staff: Jason Osborn, Wally Dittrich

McHenry County Board: Ersel Schuster

Metra: Rick Mack

Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging: Kevin Konsell

Pace: Brad Logan, Mary Donner, Tom Groeninger, Sally Ann Williams

Pioneer Center: Tom Riley

Resident: Andrew Celentano

Veterans Assistance Commission: Michael Iwanicki

Jason Osborn from the McHenry County Division of Transportation called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The attendees all introduced themselves.

Rick Mack from Metra provided an update on the Union Pacific Northwest Line upgrades. The Union Pacific Northwest Line is Metra's longest line, largest in terms of population and employment, and second highest ridership. The Project is following the Federal New Start process and is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis stage. The project's purpose is to address growing suburb to suburb and loop demand, improve travel time, improve access to McHenry County and northwest lake County, and improve operations efficiencies. New stations are proposed for Johnsburg, Prairie Grove, and east of Woodstock. New layover yard facilities are proposed for Woodstock and Johnsburg. Level of service would be increased in terms of number of inbound and outbound trains and travel times.

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Heidi Files, Jan Ward and Mike Sullivan from Kane County presented the Kane County 2040 Long Range Transit Plan and Randall Road Bus Rapid Transit Study. Kane County is served by three Metra lines, 23 bus routes, two transit transportation centers (Elgin and Aurora), Pace ADA paratransit services, and Ride in Kane demand response service. Citing economic hardships, the plan calls for implementation of non-traditional services sponsored by municipalities and employers, changing development patterns, integrating transit with land use planning, and improving transit marketing and information. It identifies strategies based on tradeoffs between values including service productivity and basic service, regional and local service, and commuter trips and non-commuter trips. The Bus Rapid Transit Study along Randall Road had identified strategic bus stop locations and needed bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Brad Logan from Pace provided an update regarding the call center system upgrades. In April, Pace upgraded the phone lines at the call center in McHenry to ease phone call congestion.

Jason Osborn from McHenry County provided an update on the County's planning process including consultant selection process. Sam Schwartz Engineering and team will begin the public involvement process for the 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan this summer. TranSystems has been hired to undertake analytical work related to transit service planning.

Project updates were provided from Michael Iwanicki from Veterans Assistance Commission, Rhonda Anderson from Faith in Action, and Josh Blakemore from Marengo.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 with a reminder of the next meeting scheduled for July 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the usual meeting site of the McHenry County Administration Building in Woodstock.