



MCHENRY COUNTY
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MINUTES • JULY 13, 2016

Public Meeting

Conference Room A

1:30 PM

667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.

PRESENT: Hennings, Donner, Sandquist, Martin, Mullard, Jensen, Mitchell, Pierce, Klasen, Mack, Ponitz, Riley, Dalton, Hill, Ecklund, Van Landuyt, Farley

ABSENT: Veit, Adams

B. Introductions

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Rick Mack motioned for approval, seconded by Tom Riley. The minutes for November 18, 2015 and May 11, 2016 were approved by voice vote.

A. Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) - Public Meeting - Nov 18, 2015 2:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED BY VOICE

B. Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) - Public Meeting - May 11, 2016 2:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED BY VOICE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Thomas commented that he waited for an MCRide bus and it was late. Ryan was directed to speak with Pace staff, who were present, in the audience to address his concerns.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCRide Status Report

Sidney Kenyon provided PTAC members with a status update regarding the MCRide program. The Chair emphasized the importance of the reported cost per trip being the lowest in the Chicagoland region. Discussion among the Committee members ensued. Ronald Ecklund expressed his appreciation for the illustrated impact of the MCRide program, and expressed enthusiasm for being able to leverage the statistics to convey to non-profit organizations that their clients could take advantage of MCRide services.

B. TNC Pilot Program Update

Sidney Kenyon provided an update on the progress of the TNC Pilot Program. It was mentioned that the TNC Pilot Program updates would be a standing agenda item into the foreseeable future. A question arose regarding the hours of the TNC Program, as well as the cost per trip of transportation network companies versus publicly provided paratransit services. Discussion ensued. A question arose regarding the ability of the TNC Pilot Program to support jobs in the County. Discussion ensued. A question arose regarding the details of how drivers would be enticed to provide trips in McHenry County. Discussion ensued.

C. MCDOT Five Year Program

Scott Hennings provided the update for the 2016-2020 Five Year Transportation Program. A question arose regarding how the decision making process works with respect to transportation projects that may be approved or removed from the Program. Discussion ensued.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Care Volunteer Network - Star Award

Sarah Ponitz provided an explanation of how the Senior Care Volunteer Network was awarded the Star Award for excellence in volunteer transportation, presented by the National Volunteer Transportation Center. Sarah thanked the Committee for its support of the SCVN and its services.

B. Hebron Township MCRide Partnership

Supervisor Paul Musgrave of Hebron Township formally requested to join the MCRide Program with some financial assistance to fund the service. Discussion ensued. The Committee came to a consensus that Hebron Township would need to provide more information regarding: their fiscal situation, the possibility of contributions from the Village of Hebron, and the types of populations in need that reside in the Township before the Committee could move forward with a recommendation to the County Board Transportation Committee. Supervisor Musgrave agreed to seek out more information and attempt to answer the Committee's questions in time for the September PTAC meeting.

C. Creation of MCRide Committee - Discussion

Sidney Kenyon presented a proposal to create an MCRide Coordinating Committee. Questions arose regarding the stakeholders involved and the role of PTAC on the proposed Committee, the procedural aspects of to whom the proposed Committee reports, and the its authority. Discussion ensued. PTAC members came to a consensus that the proposed Committee would be a positive step for the MCRide Program, and the idea would require refinement prior to being proposed to the County Board Transportation Committee.

D. 2017 MCRide IGA

Scott Hennings provided an update on what the process of the upcoming 2017 MCRide Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), and what that process would entail with the townships and municipalities that participate in the program. On behalf of MCDOT staff, Scott expressed interest in garnering input from the Committee members regarding the next IGA.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. **Motion:** September 14, 2016

The next meeting was agreed to take place on September 14, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Hennings, Donner, Sandquist, Martin, Mullard, Jensen, Mitchell, Pierce, Klasen, Mack, Ponitz, Riley, Dalton, Hill, Ecklund, Van Landuyt
ABSENT:	Veit, Adams

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.