

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL 1

Facilitate the infrastructure necessary to improve access to high-speed internet throughout McHenry County

OBJECTIVE A 	
Explore public-private partnerships to maximize the fiber optic network	
Tasks	Accomplishments
1) Continue improving access to robust high-speed fiber/internet infrastructure throughout County; market fiber-optic network; explore revenue-generating models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The McHenry County Network Consortium selected a firm to market the fiber to the 40 to 50 largest businesses in the Woodstock area. ✓ The McHenry County Network Consortium hosted an open house in November of 2018 for Woodstock area businesses to learn about the availability of the fiber network for the private sector. ✓ iFiber developed an interactive map allowing a user to enter an address and locate the nearest broadband fiber network, including McHenry County's. The interactive map is located at http://ifiber.org/interactive-map/. ✓ McHenry County is collaborating with its lobbyist to seek Federal grant money for Broadband Expansion: Phase III. ✓ The County has developed a white paper to seek EDA funding to expand the fiber network.
2) Leverage the value of high-speed internet infrastructure and other County resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ McHenry Fiber Consortium has two memoranda of understanding in place, one with Northern Illinois University and one with iFiber, to broker agreements with the private sector.

GOAL 2

Improve McHenry County's access to Interstate highway system

OBJECTIVE A 	
Proactively work with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to improve State highways with access to the interstate highway system (IL 47, IL 31, IL 23, US 20)	
Tasks	Accomplishments
1) Monitor and work with other counties on regional transportation projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ McHenry County, along with the R1 Planning Council, Boone County, and Winnebago County collaborated to pursue planning grant dollars for the Illinois Route 23 and Interstate 90 project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ McHenry County participated in three Tri-County Access Project – Stakeholder Participation Group meetings in 2018 and will meet again in the spring of 2019.
2) Complete Phase II engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction of the Randall road widening project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Active construction on Randall Road has commenced. Earth excavation has begun on the east side of Randall Road in preparation for temporary pavement installation. ✓ The County Board approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Algonquin for the Randall Road Project from Harnish Drive to Polaris Drive/Acorn Lane and the appropriation of funds. ✓ The utility relocation and permit processing is ongoing.
3) Facilitate the successful completion/installation of the long-awaited full interchange at IL 23 and I-90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Construction has begun on the Illinois Route 23 and Interstate 90 Interchange Project with completion anticipated by the end of 2019. ✓ In November of 2018, the County Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, the Illinois Department of Transportation, McHenry County, and the City of Marengo for the Construction of the Illinois Route 23 and Interstate 90 Interchange Project and appropriated funds.

GOAL 3

Promote mobility for all County residents by providing choices in the transportation network including walking, biking and public transit

OBJECTIVE A		
Continue to operate the MCRide dial-a-ride transit program		
Tasks	Accomplishments	
1) Improve efficiencies and target users for the MCRide dial-a-ride transit program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ During its April 2019 meeting, the County Board approved an amended IGA with PACE investing an additional \$510,000 in the MCRide program, the result of which is an additional 27,000 trips. ✓ The County Board approved the McHenry County Transit Plan at its March 19, 2019 meeting. This plan recommends the rerouting of Pace Route 550 through Crystal Lake, better marketing of the MCRide dial-a-ride program, implementing technological improvements for online ride 	

	<p>scheduling, adding new fixed routes with longer hours of operation, opening MCRIDE to all residents of the County, and implementing a microtransit or transportation network company program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The County Board approved two IGAs related to the MCRide dial-a-ride transit program, one that includes Fox River Grove as a participating municipality, and another that sets the County's contribution to the MCRide Program with PACE for 2019. ✓ The MCRide service area now includes Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, and the PADS Day Center in Woodstock. ✓ MCRide now serves users on Sundays expanding its service to seven days a week. ✓ The County Board updated its MCRide Title VI Program at its May 2018 meeting. ✓ The Village of Union was added to the MCRide program in April, 2018. ✓ 103,677 trips were provided on MCRide in 2017, up from 101,384 in 2016. With the addition of taxis to the MCRide program, the total trip count has climbed to 111,912 in 2018. ✓ The average total bus cost per trip has decreased overall from \$18.55 in 2016 \$18.45 in 2018.
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OBJECTIVE B

Explore emerging opportunities to provide low-cost transportation solution to McHenry County residents 

Tasks	Accomplishments
1) Promote volunteer driver transportation programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Senior Care Volunteer Network (SCVN) provided 8,196 trips in 2017 at an average cost per trip of \$7.42. For Fiscal Year 2018, the SCVN provided 7,067 trips at an average cost per trip of \$9.40.
2) Expand public/private partnerships with technology companies and transportation providers (i.e., Uber, Lyft, taxis etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The County Board accepted an Intergovernmental Agreement with Visit McHenry County for a bike-share program at its April 2019 meeting. ✓ Visit McHenry County is spearheading the exploration of a bike-share program with its Department of Transportation, Planning & Development and municipal partners. ✓ The McHenry County Board approved the 2018 Transit Plan on March 19, 2019. The Plan examined public/private partnerships with transportation network companies.

OBJECTIVE C

Ensure that all County roadways are planned and constructed with the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists in mind

Tasks	Accomplishments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No specific tasks identified in the Strategic Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) is conducting a feasibility study on two proposed projects, one on Lakewood Road and one on Ackman Road that will consider the needs of pedestrians and bicyclists. MCDOT will be hosting a public open house in May to present these projects and gather critical input from the public. ✓ The 2019-2023 Transportation Program was approved by the County Board at its November meeting. The Program accounts for the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Program over the next four years. ✓ In January, 2019, the County Board agreed to enter into an IGA to reimburse McHenry County 80% of the cost to develop the ADA transition plan. ✓ The County Board voted to enter into an engineering services agreement and to appropriate funds to implement an ADA transition plan, which will improve the accessibility of its roadways at its November 2018 meeting. ✓ The McHenry County Board approved a proclamation declaring June 21 to June 29, 2018 as McHenry County Bicycle Week to promote bicycling as a form of transportation and recreation. ✓ The County Board approved an “Active Transportation Policy” for McHenry County on March 19, 2018. The Policy mandates that the Division of Transportation design and build County highways with the needs of non-motorized users in mind. ✓ Phase I engineering started on a shared use path along Bull Valley Road in the City of McHenry, connecting the Prairie Trail with IL 31.

OBJECTIVE D

Continue to collaborate with regional transportation providers (i.e., PACE, METRA, Uber)

Tasks	Accomplishments
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1) Explore opportunities for enhancing the transportation system in the County	✓ McHenry County advocated for the Union Pacific Northwest line Upgrades Project to be included in CMAP's ON TO 2050 Plan.
2) Assess requirements and possible approaches to address the 'last mile' connection from station to home for many commuters in the County	

GOAL 4

Address short-term and long-term capital and facility needs

OBJECTIVE A	
Evaluate facility and capital needs and future uses, maintenance and utilization 	
Tasks	Accomplishments
1) Address facility space needs across the County campus and explore ways to use current space and assets most efficiently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phase II of the Parking Lot Improvement Project has commenced as of April 8, 2019. This project is part of the County's building consolidation plans. ✓ The expansion of the Sheriff's Narcotics Department's area began with demolition on March 11, 2019. ✓ Phase I of the Department of Health "Annex A" and Administration renovation project has been completed on time with staff moving into the newly-created spaces in March of 2019. This project leverages existing space to accommodate the services currently provided out of Annex B, which is slated for demolition in FY 2020. ✓ Phase I of the Government Center parking lot renovation was completed on schedule and added 137 more spaces for public use. ✓ The County Board authorized a lease for space at 400 Russel Court for the Court Administration Office of Special Projects, which administers the specialty court programs. Their current offices are repurposed attorney/client conference rooms on the first floor of the Government Center that are not well-suited for this purpose. ✓ The Sheriff Dispatch space has been expanded to accommodate additional service demand due to the consolidation of dispatch centers. ✓ The County Administration suite is being reconfigured to utilize space more efficiently and accommodate the expanded financial reporting role. ✓ Underutilized space in the McHenry County Government Center is being

	repurposed and renovated to accommodate the McHenry County Narcotics Task Force.
2) Develop a comprehensive capital improvement plan, including projected needs, timing and long-term funding sources and financing strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The 2019-2023 Transportation Program approved by the County Board at its November meeting has planned for the funding of various transportation projects across the County over the next five years. ✓ The FY 2019 Budget as proposed meets the funding needs for the capital projects underway or programmed in that fiscal year. ✓ In June 2018, the County Board adopted a resolution to dedicate funds to the five year Capital Plan. ✓ The 2018-2022 Summary of Capital Projects was adopted by the County Board. An update of the Capital Plan is underway.
OBJECTIVE B	
Evaluate future roadway, maintenance and utilization strategies 	
1) Develop a process for prioritization, pace and funding for improvements of non-dedicated roadways incorporated into the County jurisdiction, followed by transfer to township control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Transportation and Finance & Audit Committees have recommended an Intergovernmental Agreement with McHenry Township to transfer 7.7 miles of NSRs to the Township. ✓ Negotiations have been initiated with townships and municipalities where the question of jurisdiction exists. ✓ All non-dedicated subdivision roads in Algonquin Township have been transferred to the Township's jurisdiction.
2) Explore MCDOT website utilization to communicate infrastructure planning and progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ During the month of March, 2019, the MCDOT website had 5724 total page views, 4,387 of which were unique. MCDOT's Facebook page was viewed 501 times, liked 35 times, and reached 23,497 people.