



MCHENRY COUNTY
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PTAC)
MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Public Meeting

Conference Room C

1:30 PM

667 Ware Rd., Woodstock, IL 60098

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Hennings, Martin, Mullard, Mitchell, Pierce, Klasen, Ponitz, Riley, Dalton, Adams, Ecklund, Kenyon, Donner, Serraitella, Armour, Van Landuyt, Blakemore, Farley
ABSENT: Sandquist, Jensen, Mack, Veit, Hill

B. Introductions

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) - Public Meeting - Jul 13, 2016 1:30 PM

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Riley. The minutes of July 13, 2016 were approved by voice vote.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED BY VOICE
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III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. MCRide Program Update

Mr. Kenyon gave an overview of the MCRide program including the number of trips, cost per trip and fare box recovery ratio. During 2016, roughly 40% of trips were work-related and transfer points added in Lake County. Mr. Kenyon Discussed the financial breakdown of the MCRide program, showing that 20 different funding partners help support the program. There was a long discussion about the proposed fare increase in 2017 to \$2.50 or \$1.25 for the base fare.

B. TNC Project Update

Mr. Hennings gave an overview of the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Pilot Program for new members of the committee. He explained that McHenry County is waiting on a response from the Federal Transit Administration on an application that was submitted, and that a request for proposals should be released later this year or early in 2017. There was a discussion on the cost per trip for this service and how it compares to the cost per trip on MCRide. There was a question about whether taxi companies would be added to the fleet of vehicles for MCRide and it was explained that Pace was working towards adding them later this year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Motion:** PTAC Bylaws

Mr. Kenyon gave a presentation on the history of, and proposed changes to, the PTAC bylaws. He explained that the Transportation Committee did not want to create an "MCRide committee" made up of the funding partners, so instead the remaining MCRide partners have been added to the PTAC committee as non-voting members. These partners would all be part of an "MCRide subcommittee"

that would make program recommendations. He further explained that all the current PTAC members have been reappointed by the Transportation Committee for another two year term.

Ms. Donner requested that she and Mr. Mack from Metra be removed as voting members and instead become ex officio members. There was also questions regarding whether the new MCRide partners should be voting members instead of non-voting members. There was another question about whether a transit rider should be part of the PTAC committee or MCRide subcommittee as well. Mr. Ecklund made a motion, Ms. Dalton seconded, to change all members of PTAC to voting members except the members representing Pace and Metra, who will become ex-officio (non-voting) members of PTAC. After further discussion about whether making all members voting members would then result in the MCRide subcommittee running afoul of the Open Meetings Act, the motion was tabled until a future meeting. Adoption of the PTAC bylaws was also tabled until a future meeting.

Ms. Donner went on to request several minor changes to the bylaws, which were seconded by Mr. Riley and unanimously approved by PTAC. These changes would be provided to the Transportation Committee at their next meeting for review and approval.

RESULT:	PASSED BY VOICE
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B. 2017 MCRide IGAs

Mr. Kenyon described the only major change to the 2017 MCRide intergovernmental agreements, which is an increase in the base fare from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for seniors and people with disabilities and from \$2.00 to \$2.50 for the general public, which will be implemented on April 1, 2017.

Supervisor Klasen asked if there was a way to provide general public transit service to the residents of Greenwood Township that are living in a non-participating community or in an unincorporated area of the Township. Mr. Hennings responded that the County Board has asked every unit of government to contribute fairly towards the MCRide program if they are provided service. It was then mentioned that perhaps the TNC Pilot program could be used to assist these non-participating communities at a low cost.

The discussion then turned towards reassessing the financial contributions made by cities and townships. It was mentioned that smaller, less populated, townships should not be paying as much as very large townships. A member suggested that perhaps waiting to discuss the financial contributions made by cities and townships until after the new County Board is seated would be better. It was decided that the conversation will be ongoing and discussed at a future PTAC meeting.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next PTAC meeting will be held on November 9th at 1:30 pm at the County Administration building.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ecklund, seconded by Tom Riley.