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2023 MCCG Legislative and Transportation Priorities Approved by the full membership on 1/25/23

Preserve Local Government Dollars – The MCCG strongly supports Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars being returned to local governments in the fullest amount possible. Additionally, the MCCG advocates for the elimination of the sales tax administrative fee. Monies due to local government are critical, especially with the uncertainty of future revenues. Any monies due to local governments via LGDF, sales tax dollars or internet sales tax should be allocated in the full amount.

Uphold Principles of Self Determination – The MCCG strongly encourages the legislature to respect self-determination in regards to property tax, zoning, home-rule status, unfunded mandates and other areas that pertain to local oversight. Furthermore, the MCCG will monitor lead service line requirements and support grants or funding opportunities that lessen the financial burden to local governments and residents.

Invest in Transportation – Investing in critical transportation projects in and around McHenry County is vital to the economic vitality of the region. The MCCG requests the State and Federal government invest in roads, bridges, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects through a State Capital Bill and Federal Infrastructure Program.

Encourage Efforts and Opportunities for Electric Vehicles – The MCCG encourages educational and collaborative efforts for the planning of electric vehicles and their infrastructure. Supporting grants, procurements and other funding opportunities could reduce costs to local governments while contributing to clean air and other environmental efforts.

2023 MCCG Transportation Priorities

• **Randall Road from Acorn Ln./Polaris Dr. to Ackman Road** – The Randall Road corridor is part of the National Highway System (NHS) and the busiest commercial corridor in McHenry County. This project will ease congestion (rush hour and weekend), provide safe travel opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians, and improve economic development in the Village of Lake in the Hills and City of Crystal Lake – the most populated section of McHenry County.

• **Intersection Improvements Projects** – The MCCG will continue to advocate for intersection improvement projects in McHenry County, including, but not limited to the following:

- IL 47 at Ware Road
- IL 47 at Charles Road
- IL 120 at Chapel Hill Road

- IL 47 at IL 176
 - US 12 at IL 173
 - IL 31 at Three Oaks Road
 - Spring Grove Road at Ringwood Road
 - Alden Road at O'Brien Road
 - Maple Road at Coral Road
 - Spring Grove Road at Miller Road
 - Kishwaukee Valley Road at Vermont Road
 - Tryon Grove Road at Keystone Road
 - Millstream at IL 176
 - Union Rd at IL 176
 - Greenwood Road at IL 173
 - Franklinville Road at IL 176
 - Bay Road at Cuhlman Road
- **Proposed Metra Woodstock Yard Site** - This regionally supported project will ultimately increase service and ridership on the second busiest commuter rail line in the Chicago region. This project has received support at the local, county and federal level.
 - **McHenry County Township Bridge Replacements** - Since 1979, the State Township Bridge Program (TBP) funding allocation has remained at \$15.0 million (605 ILCS 5/6-901) across all of Illinois despite massive increases in construction prices over the 43-year period. McHenry County has 81 township structures, half of which are currently eligible for repair or replacement, but only receives \$163,355 in TBP funding annually from the State of Illinois. The Illinois Association of County Engineers determined in 2000 that the annual shortfall for the TBP funding was \$38.3 million. Additional State TBP funding is requested to keep township bridges in a state of good repair.
 - **East McHenry Bypass and Fox River Crossing** – This project will ease congestion at IL 120 and Chapel Hill Road/River Road and the bottleneck at IL 120 and IL 31 while providing commuters easier access to the City of McHenry, Village of Johnsburg, Village of Ringwood and points north.
 - **Commuter Rail Service to Huntley and Rockford** – As there is very little regional rail service through McHenry County, this long-awaited project would help connect the City of Chicago with the City of Rockford with stops in the Village of Huntley and City of Marengo.

Projects to Monitor:

- **IL 31 from IL 120 in McHenry to IL 176 in Crystal Lake** – This corridor will help move commuters and commerce between McHenry and Crystal Lake with connections to points south such as I-90 and points north to Wisconsin.
- **IL 47 from Reed Road in Huntley to US 14 in Woodstock** – This project includes the IL 176 and IL 47 intersection improvement project and is vital to the flow of commerce between I-90, the Village of Huntley, the City of Woodstock and points north.

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