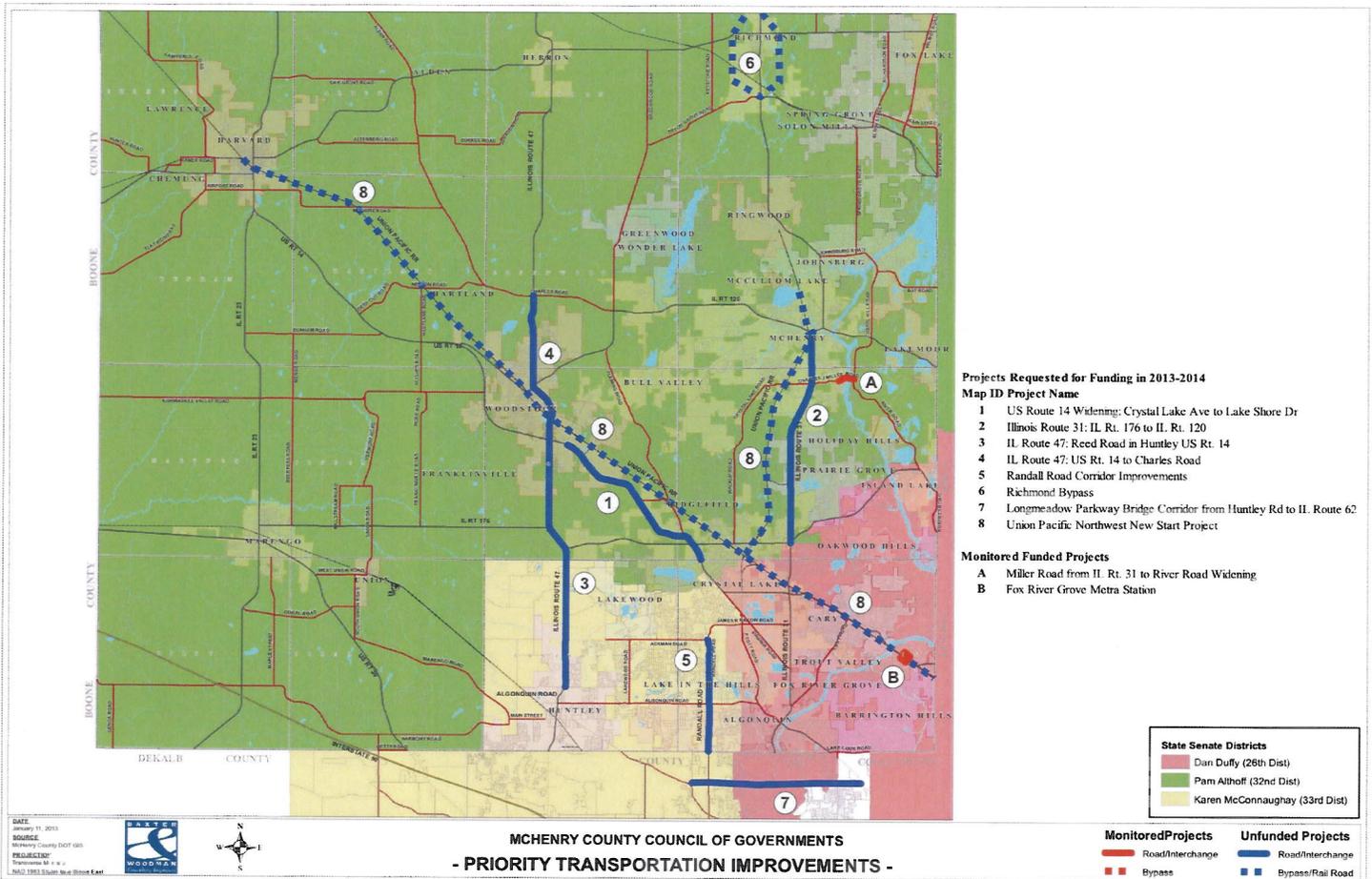


2013 Priority Transportation Projects



Map with State Senate Districts

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The McHenry County Council of Governments is pleased to present the 2013 Transportation Priority Projects Agenda. The MCCG prepares this agenda annually and it represents the priority transportation projects that the MCCG membership identifies for priority funding by the county, state and federal governments. Our members select these projects based on their regional impact on the transportation system. Timely completion of these projects will improve the quality of life for residents and increase the economic vitality of the county by easing traffic congestion, reducing air pollution caused by congestion, expanding public transportation services and increasing access to locations in the county.

The MCCG appreciates the support of our partners and legislators in securing transportation funding for priority projects in the past. These include major regional transportation projects such as the Western Algonquin Bypass and Route 47- I-90 Interchange. This success is a result of McHenry County and our members' active participation in promoting the MCCG agenda in Springfield and Washington and our highly responsive and dedicated state elected officials: Senator Pamela Althoff, Senator Dan Duffy, Representative Michael Tryon and Representative Jack Franks. Due to changes in the State's legislative districts, we now look forward to working with our new state legislators, Senator Karen McConnaughey, Representative Barb Wheeler, Representative Timothy Schmitz and Representative David McSweeney. We also sincerely appreciate our congressional representatives, Representative Randy Hultgren and Representative Peter Roskam, for their support of federal transportation funding.

Two lists are included in this year's priority agenda. They include eight unfunded priority projects and two monitored projects. We appreciate your consideration of these projects.

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Unfunded Priority Projects

1. **US Route 14 widening from Crystal Lake Ave. in Crystal Lake to Lake Shore Drive in Woodstock**
The US Route 14 widening project had been slated for funding by the Illinois Department of Transportation in 2009 but the project has since been reprogrammed in IDOT's plan for 2015, which is currently unfunded. The design includes widening Rt. 14 from a two-lane cross-section to four lanes and construction of a bike path on the north side of the roadway. Eighty percent of land acquisition and preliminary engineering studies have been completed for this project.
2. **Illinois Route 31 from IL Rt. 176 to IL Rt. 120**
This project primarily includes road-widening improvements to five-lanes for Route 31. Additional right-of-way is needed to move forward. The project is currently in Phase I engineering. The City of McHenry is still considering several scenarios for the design of the improvements.
3. **Illinois Route 47: Reed Road in Huntley to IL Route 14 - and -**
4. **Illinois Route 47: from US Route 14 to Charles Road**
The Illinois Department of Transportation has initiated Phase I studies for two segments of US Route 47 in McHenry County – from Reed Road in Huntley to IL Route 14 in Woodstock, and from IL Route 14 to Charles Road in Woodstock. One significant component of the necessary Route 47 improvements will be the reconstruction and widening of the UP Railroad bridge over US Route 47 in Woodstock to allow the widening of Route 47 at that location. The improvement of US Route 47 in McHenry County to increase capacity, reduce congestion and promote economic development along the corridor is a priority for the region including the reconstruction and widening of the UP Railroad bridge over US Route 47 in Woodstock.
5. **Randall Road Corridor Improvements from County Line Road to Ackman Road**
Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Study for Randall Road between County Line Road and Ackman Road will be completed in the near future. The project was initiated by McHenry County in the spring of 2007. The purpose of the project is to identify transportation system improvements that will enhance mobility and local access while addressing safety issues, community values and environmental impacts within the study area. The project is needed to improve regional mobility, improve local access/bicycle mobility, enhance local access/local system deficiencies, accommodate community values/land use planning goals and address safety concerns.

6. The Richmond Bypass

US 12 is a part of a regional transportation route that connects suburban northeastern Illinois with travel destinations in southern Wisconsin. Over three decades ago, IDOT, recognizing roadway capacity deficiencies of US 12 and regional transportation needs, purchased significant portions of the right-of-way from the Wisconsin state line south and east to Lake County. It is now designated as FAP 420. The strong preference throughout Richmond was for a Richmond Bypass that would address existing system capacity demands, local transportation needs, regional travel patterns and system linkages.

7. Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor

The Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor is a proposed four-lane Fox River Bridge crossing and four-lane arterial roadway with a landscaped median, approximately 5.6 miles in length, to address traffic congestion and transportation needs in northern Kane County and southeast McHenry County. The proposed road passes through the Villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville and Barrington Hills. The western terminus is on Huntley Road west of Randall Road. From Huntley Road to the Fox River, the corridor primarily traverses mostly undeveloped properties or new subdivisions; these subdivisions were planned and developed with a dedicated right-of-way to accommodate the new bridge corridor. Developments to the east end of the corridor, on the north side of Bolz Road were also planned to accommodate the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor. After crossing the river, the corridor parallels existing Bolz Road, the eastern project terminus at Illinois Route 62. \$5 million in federal funding was provided in 2005 and Kane County is in the process of property acquisition and Phase I engineering on the project.

8. Union Pacific Northwest New Start Project

Environmental assessment for the UP-NW line New Start Project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in 2013.

The UP-NW Line New Start project includes the following improvements:

Two new Yard sites – Johnsburg & Woodstock

New Stations - Johnsburg, Prairie Grove & Woodstock

Signal System -Improved/Upgraded

Parking - A total of 3,390 new commuter parking spaces are proposed at existing & proposed new stations in McHenry County

Rolling Stock - Three new Locomotives and 34 new Rail Cars

Projects that Have Received Funding and are Monitored for Completion

- A. Widening of Miller Road from Illinois Route 31 to River Road
- B. Fox River Grove Metra Station