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Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

May 6, 2010, 9:30 a.m., Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance:

Bob Hausler	Mayor	<i>City of Plano</i>
Dale Berman	Village President	<i>Village of North Aurora</i>
Dan Dinges	Dept. of Public Works	<i>City of Geneva</i>
Daryl Devick	Assistant Director of Public Works	<i>City of Aurora</i>
Jeff Schielke	Mayor	<i>City of Batavia</i>
Larry Keller	Village President	<i>Village of West Dundee</i>
Tony Speciale	Director of Public Works	<i>Village of Sugar Grove</i>

Others in attendance:

Amy McSwane	Associate	<i>HLR Engineering</i>
Brian Fairwood	Senior Associate	<i>TranSystems</i>
Bunny Anderson	Liaison for Engineering Projects	<i>Illinois Toll Highway Authority</i>
Don Kopec	Deputy Director	<i>Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning</i>
Greg Chismark	Vice President	<i>WBK Associates</i>
Heidi Files	Senior Transportation Planner	<i>Kane County Division of Transportation</i>
Jan Ward	Deputy Director	<i>Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors</i>
Mike Glock	Supt. of Public Works	<i>Village of North Aurora</i>
Mike Sullivan	Planning Liaison	<i>Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors</i>
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	<i>City of Batavia</i>
Peter Stresino	Project Manager	<i>Pavia-Marting Co.</i>
Ron Naylor	Senior Project Manager	<i>Engineering Enterprises Inc.</i>
Steve Coffinbargar	Council Director	<i>Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors</i>
Sue Palmer	Area Programmer	<i>IDOT</i>

I. Opening of Meeting

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

II. Approval of October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President Berman made a motion to approve the October 6, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hausler and passed unanimously.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of FFY10-FFY14 STP Program

Transportation Policy Committee Chairman Tony Speciale made a motion to approve the FFY10-FFY14 STP Program. The motion was seconded by President Keller and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Resolution for FY09 Regional Planning Liaison Services

Jan Ward, Deputy Director of the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, reported on the Council's federal transportation planning funds for FFY 2011. Ms. Ward recommended the Council authorize Chairman Schielke to execute a resolution allocating the funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation to provide staff assistance to the Council. Mr. Speciale made a motion to authorize the execution of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Daryl Devick and passed unanimously.

IV. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update

Jan Ward provided the following update:

KKCOM ARRA Funding

A number of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects received bids below project estimates. In October 2009, the Transportation Policy Committee approved a policy to allow a municipality to expend their remaining ARRA fund distribution on a B-list project or equivalent as approved by the Council. After the March 5, 2010 letting, municipalities began de-obligating and re-programming ARRA fund balances. The projects will be awarded by the September 17, 2010 letting deadline.

KKCOM Bicycle Planning: Seminar

The KKCOM and the League of Illinois Bicyclists hosted a Bicycle Planning seminar in February. The seminar focused on car/bike interactions, relevant national standards, best practices and implementation strategies, planning tools, political and policy issues, and funding sources for infrastructure. The seminar was attended by nearly 50 participants.

Kane County Fit for Kids

Kane County was awarded a \$360,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve opportunities for physical activity and access to affordable healthy foods for children and families. The County is one of forty-one sites selected for the *Healthy Kids Healthy Communities* initiative. This funding will support the *Fit for Kids Program* that is focused on promoting healthy living and preventing childhood obesity. A *Fit Kids 2020 Plan* will be created and the vision will be incorporated in the County's 2040 Long Range Comprehensive Plan. A *Fit Kids 2020 Conference* was held in February and brought together about 150 community representatives from various sectors to begin the visioning process.

RTA Grant Programs

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has released a Call for Projects for the Community Planning, Sub-regional Planning, Job Access Reverse Commute/New Freedom, and Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement funding programs. General background information and application forms can be accessed at the RTA website, <http://www.rtachicago.com>. Applications are due to the RTA by 3:00 pm on June 10th. An application for the Ride in Kane Program, Phases V and VI, will be submitted. Pace is expected to submit an application for continued operation of the Centralized Call Center.

TIGER II Grant

An interim Notice of Funding Availability was released by the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments under the FY2010 Appropriations Act for TIGER II Discretionary Grants. Any supplemental notices will be published prior to May 28, 2010. These grant funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Pre-applications must be submitted by July 16, 2010 at 5 p.m. EST. The pre-application system will open by June 15, 2010. Final applications must be submitted through <http://www.grants.gov> by August 23, 2010 at 5 p.m. EST. Project selection will be announced after September 15, 2010.

Kane County Planning Updates

Kane County 2040 Transit Plan: The development of the *Kane County 2040 Transit Plan* is continuing. This Plan is an integral component in the County's long range comprehensive planning process. The Plan will identify existing transit conditions, document market potential, recommend transit improvements, and outline funding strategies. Kane County held an Open House on April 15, 2010 to present information on the County's existing and planned transit services, the county-wide Transit Market Analysis, and the results from the Current and Future Needs Assessment. More information is available at: <http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/planning/2040TransitPlan.aspx>.

Kane County 2040 Transportation Plan: Travel demand modeling was completed, identifying proposed AADT and congestion for the year 2040. The County is reviewing the 2040 system performance data and will develop improvement solutions to address the system deficiencies.

IL 47 Corridor Planning Study: The study is nearing completion. The goal of this study was to develop a vision for IL Route 47 from the Wisconsin State Line to the Kendall County Line. The vision will focus on a healthy population and economy through the provision of sustainable land uses; a safe, complete/multimodal street design; and the implementation of smart growth principles. The *IL 47 Corridor Planning Study* will be available in the spring/summer 2010. More information is available at the *IL 47 Corridor Planning Study* website - <http://www.hlplanning.com/dnn/il47>.

Randall Road Route 529: Improving Access to Bus Service Study: A Plan that focuses on improving pedestrian access to and ridership on a major segment of Pace Route 529 is being prepared. The study area focuses on Randall Road and the project termini which are the Kane County Judicial Center (IL Rt. 38) on the north and Sullivan Road on the south. The Plan will recommend transit supportive infrastructure such as sidewalk locations, signage, platforms, shelters, and links to commercial and employment locations along Randall Road. Kane County staff will present study findings and recommendations at the next KKCOM Full Council meeting in the fall.

Upcoming Events

May 7	Unified Work Program public comment period ends
May 10	STAR Line Municipal Task Force Meeting Hoffman Estates Village Hall—10:00 a.m.
May 28	Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) applications due to CMAP
June 4 & July 30	CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting—9:30 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
June 6	25th Annual Transport Chicago Conference
June 9 & July 14	CMAP Board Meeting—9:30 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
June 10	Applications due to the RTA for JARC/NF, Community Planning, Sub-regional Planning and ICE projects
June 10	MPO Policy Committee Meeting—10:00 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
June 12-18	Bike-to-Work Week
June 29	Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting—9:30 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
July 2	STP Milestone updates due from sponsoring agencies
July 15	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transportation Policy Committee—1:00 p.m. Kane County Government Center, Auditorium
July 28	Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council Meeting—10:00 a.m. Kane County Government Center Auditorium

B. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report

Chairman Schielke reported on the February 9th and April 6th Council of Mayors Executive Committee meetings. The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on February 9 where they approved advanced funding requests for McHenry, Central and DuPage Council of Mayors. To date the Committee has approved \$21.8 million in advanced funding requests in state fiscal year 2010. The Committee also approved the submittal of the Planning Liaison program's Unified Work Program proposal and Scope of Services. The Planning Liaison proposal reflects no increase over fiscal year 2010 levels.

There was a lively discussion on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transportation projects, noting strategies to ensure that all the funds are spent. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a second round of stimulus funds and the need to have projects ready to take advantage of the additional funds. IDOT staff informed the Committee that a list has been compiled of proposed projects for the

second round of funding if the “Jobs to Main Street” bill is approved by the Senate. IDOT has asked for the input of the metropolitan planning organization on the projects IDOT has proposed for funding with ARRA 2. Subsequent to the meeting, lists of the proposed projects by Council were distributed to the Executive Committee members, county engineers and planning liaisons.

Staff informed the Committee that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the Preferred Regional Scenario which describes key policy directions that the GO TO 2040 plan will address. The staff recommendation for major transportation capital projects will be released at the March 5 Transportation Committee meeting. In March and April, CMAP will be meeting with Councils to present the recommended major capital projects and will be soliciting feedback from members. Approval of the capital projects will be sought at the June CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meetings. The projects are to be beneficial, support the preferred scenario, and be fiscally constrained (project costs will balance with expected revenues). The comprehensive regional plan will be submitted to the CMAP Board for approval in October 2010, immediately after which the implementation phase will begin.

Staff gave an overview of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan that was adopted by the Water Supply Planning group. Staff will be attending Council meetings to brief our partners on the implementation of the water planning strategies.

At the April 6th Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting, advanced funding requests for DuPage, McHenry and North Central Council of Mayors in the amount of \$5,339,000 were approved. To date, the committee has approved \$27.3 million in advanced funding requests in state fiscal year 2010. The committee received a report on the success of active program management having spent 84% of SFY10 State appropriation through the March letting. Concern was expressed about whether funds will be available for the Councils lending the funds if changes are made to the federal authorizing legislation.

An update on the status of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transportation projects was given. It has been determined that due to low bids there is currently \$15 million that the Planning Liaisons are reprogramming for the next 4 lettings. These funds must be obligated by the end of September. The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (HIRE) extended the surface transportation program authorization until the end of the year. There was a discussion about the possibility of another round of stimulus funding and the need to have projects ready to take advantage of any additional funds.

Staff informed the committee of the timeline for the GO TO 2040 Regional Plan. On June 11th, after the meetings of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee, a full draft of the Plan will be released for public comment. The comment period will run from June 11 through August 6, 2010. The final plan and a summary of comments received will be discussed at the September meetings of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee. Recommendations from those groups will then be incorporated into the plan. The final plan will be presented to the Planning Coordinating Committee, requesting their approval. A joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting will be held in October where they will consider adoption of the plan.

The committee was informed that the GO TO 2040 Plan will include a fiscally constrained list of major capital projects which is required by federal regulations. There also will be an unconstrained list of projects that could be beneficial to the region but may need to be studied further. Projects in the unconstrained list could possibly move up should funding become available. The Committee was advised that the Plan is revisited every 4 years and also a conformity analysis is performed twice a year which could accommodate changes to either list. The Committee suggested that a brief explanation of each project be included in the document.

Staff informed the Committee that the Governor has included \$3.5 million in IDOT’s FY11 budget for CMAP and thanked the Committee for their help in talking to legislators and asked for their continued support. The Committee was briefed on the proposed implementation of IDOT’s Complete Streets program. New cost sharing formulas between IDOT and the municipalities for walking and cycling facilities as part of the state highway construction projects as mandated by the General Assembly, was discussed. The program includes an increase to IDOT’s share of construction costs from 50/50 to 80/20.

Under this program, utilities and right-of-way costs which were 100% locally funded would now shift 80% of the cost to IDOT.

There was a presentation on Planning Commissioner Workshops where staff outlined the structure of the 2-day sessions and asked the members to suggest locations for future workshops. It was announced that CMAP will be sending a Municipal Operations Survey to all municipalities during the week of April 26. The survey will be an important component to the GO TO 2040 comprehensive planning process and will help CMAP develop an online data warehouse of regional indicators. A designated person within each municipality is to fill out the survey and return it to CMAP by May 7. The Committee was then invited to send a representative to participate in a Dial-a -Ride summit on April 19 from 9 am – 12pm in the CMAP offices. The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 29th.

C. Transportation Policy Committee Report

Mr. Speciale reported that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transportation Policy Committee last met on March 18, 2010. All projects receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were let by November 6, 2009. The Council obligated the entire Recovery Act mark of \$8.9 million well before the March letting deadline. The Transportation Policy Committee has approved an additional 9 projects to use the remaining \$1.99 million in ARRA funds that became available based upon favorable bids. These projects are on schedule to be let in July and September of this year.

Two projects were let using STP funds since the last Full Council meeting. Based on current STP balances and letting schedules, an advanced funding request is anticipated for the winter of 2010.

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 1 pm at the Kane County Government Center, Auditorium. In preparation for the meeting, Sponsor STP updates will be due on July 2nd.

D. Surface Transportation Program Update

There was no Surface Transportation Program Update provided.

E. CMAP Board Report

There was no CMAP Board report provided.

F. CMAP Staff Report

Don Kopec reported on the \$25 million grant awarded to CMAP, in partnership with City of Chicago and the City of Rockford, through the U.S. Department of Energy Retrofit Ramp-Up stimulus initiative.

G. Transportation Improvement Program Update

IDOT Program Report

Sue Palmer, Acting IDOT Area Programmer, distributed and summarized the Management Monitoring Schedule, FY2011-2016 Highway Improvement Program report. The Accelerated Construction Program is a mixture of Jump Start, Illinois Jobs Now!, the previously identified regular highway program and newly identified system condition needs. The projects will be funded with existing and additional bond appropriations.

Mayor Haulser asked for information on the proposed Prairie Parkway. The information will be provided on the status of the project after the meeting.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

Bunny Anderson distributed and provided an overview of summary sheets that detailed current Toll Authority activities.

RTA Report

Jan Ward provided the RTA update. On Wednesday, April 7 the RTA announced the 2011 call for projects for the RTA funding programs. The program includes four components: two for planning and two for operating or capital grants.

Several open houses were held in late April and earlier this week to answer questions from communities and participants about potential applications. Information about project applications can be obtained from the RTA website: rtachicago.com/programs. All applications are due by 3pm June 10, 2010.

Historically, Kane County has been a robust participant in these RTA grant programs. Six communities including Montgomery, Elgin, Dundee, St. Charles, Geneva and South Elgin have used this funding for station plans to transit improvement plans. This spring South Elgin will begin a study to identify transit needs and opportunities within the community. Kane County has received funding for projects dealing with Randall Road Pace service, the transit component of the County's long-range plan and a County transit opportunities assessment. The very successful Ride-in-Kane program, that provides almost 10,000 rides a month, has been awarded approximately 3.4 million in federal JARC / New Freedom funds through RTA awards since 2006.

Metra Report

There was no Metra report provided.

Pace Report

There was no Pace report provided.

Kendall County Report

There was no Kendall County report provided.

Kane County Report

Steve Coffinbargar, Chief of Planning and Programming, provided an update on construction projects in the County.

Stearns Road Bridge Corridor – Construction is ongoing for all 4 mainline construction contracts. Much work has been completed on the new bridge over the Fox River. Grading, storm sewer, and construction of other new bridge structures continues on the remainder of the corridor.

Huntley Road – Randall Rd. to IL 31 – E1 design approval is anticipated this summer.

Orchard Road – S/O Jericho Rd. to N/O US 30 – Phase II Engineering is ongoing. The locally executed amended ROW agreement was submitted to IDOT for full execution on January 27th.

Mooseheart Road at IL 31 – Letter of Intent with IDOT involves the following:

- KDOT to complete E1 in 2010
- IDOT to complete E2, land acquisition, letting, award, and construction in FY12

Huntley Road at Galligan Rd. – E1 is ongoing.

Anderson Road Grade Separation – E2 is ongoing.

Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor

- FHWA determined a supplemental EIS is not required
- Locally executed amended E1 agreement sent to IDOT for full execution on Feb 2nd
- Locally executed amended ROW agreement sent to IDOT for full execution on Jan 27th

Municipal Reports

No reports were provided.

V. Other Business/Announcements

A. CMAP's Go To 2040 Major Transportation Capital Projects

Don Kopec from CMAP provided a presentation on the Major Transportation Capital Projects proposed for CMAP's Go To 2040 Plan. Comments from stakeholders and the public will be sought during March and April. CMAP's governing boards will be asked to release a draft of *GO TO 2040* – which will include a recommended fiscally constrained list of major capital projects – in June, and additional opportunities for public comment will be available over the summer. Final adoption of *GO TO 2040* is scheduled for October.

B. Kane County 2040 Transportation Plan Update

Heidi Files, Transportation Planner for Kane County, provided a presentation on the County's Long Range 2040 Transportation Plan. A work plan is being developed for a "*what if*" sketch planning exercise to test the effects of infill development at growth nodes along Randall Road. Also, residents

can provide their opinions on transit service options and community priorities in Kane County by taking a *Transit Survey*, located at the bottom of the homepage.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council of the KKCOM is on-call for October or November, 2010.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.