# MAYOR JEFFERY SCHIELKE

Council Chairman



### PRESIDENT JOHN SKILLMAN

Council Vice-Chairman



# KANE KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

41W011 Burlington Road St. Charles, Illinois 60175 (630) 584-1170 THOMAS B. RICKERT
Executive Director
JENNIFER BECKER
Council Director

# **Kane Kendall Council of Mayors**

May 3, 2018 9:30 a.m.
Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

### Members in attendance:

Dale Berman President Village of North Aurora Gail Johnson President Village of Oswego City of Plano **Bob Hausler** Mayor Jennifer Hughes Director of Public Works & City Engineer Village of Oswego Fran Klaas County Engineer **Kendall County** Stephen Pickett President Village of Sleepy Hollow

Jeffery Schielke Chairman, Mayor City of Batavia
Carl Schoedel County Engineer Kane County

John SkillmanVillage PresidentVillage of CarpentersvilleTony SpecialeDirector of Public WorksVillage of Sugar GroveKaren YoungAssistant Director Public Works –City of St. Charles

Engineering

Chris LauzenChairmanKane County BoardIan WadeCapital Improvement Projects ManagerCity of Aurora

# Others in attendance:

Rahat Bari City Engineer City of Batavia

Jennifer BeckerCouncil DirectorKane Kendall Council of MayorsRyan BigbiePlanning LiaisonKane Kendall Council of Mayors

Jarrod Cebulski Transportation Manager Patrick Engineering

Akham Chaudhry Vice President HR Green Kama Dobbs Senior Program Analyst **CMAP** Marilin Solomon Field Engineer IDOT **Brad Sanders** FFI Ryan Lindenmier Construction Engineer IDOT D3 **Programming Engineer IDOT D3** Tom Magolan Amy McSwane Treasurer HLR **Andy Plummer** Consultant **RTA** 

Tom Rickert Executive Director Kane Kendall Council of Mayors

Demetri SkoufisCommunity & Legislative AffairsMetraMarilin SolomonField EngineerIDOT

Tom GillPresidentThomas EngineeringDale MartingVillage ConsultantCampton HillsTed BerlesonPublic WorksCarpentersvilleRoger BlakleyField EngineerIDOT D3Dave WadenSenior PlannerCity of Elgin

# I. Opening of Meeting

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All attendees introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dale Berman to approve the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Hausler and passed unanimously.

### III. Presentation

### A. The State of Metra and its Significance to the Northeast Illinois Region

Metra official Steve Messerli introduced staff then proceeded into the PowerPoint presentation. Roughly 288,000 passengers ride Metra on a weekday. 10 guiding principles:

- Enhance fiscal and environmental sustainability and responsibility Top and bottom line fiscal management, Return on investment, and performance based metrics
- 2. Ensure agency transparency
- 3. Advance guest experience and service delivery, incentivize ridership
- Message Metra's positive economic impact and value via research, public information campaign, advertising, marketing and events
- 5. Develop strategic, mid-range and tactical action/business plans Major initiatives
- Implement infrastructure improvements, capital equipment replacements an cutting-edge designdevelopment techniques
- 7. Support railroad industry best practices and technological advances
- 8. Build upon corporate partnerships and intergovernmental cooperation
- 9. Pursue active legislative advocacy and funding Local, state and national
- 10. Encourage innovation, creative solutions and new revenue sources Rethink, reposition, and rebrand

There are 11 lines, 686 weekday trains with 1155 track miles. There are 488 route miles with 150 locomotives, 845 railcars, and a service area of 3,700 square miles.

Metra's economic model was established decades ago and no longer works in today's current business climate and for today's commuting needs. Sales taxes were impacted as economy shifted from manufacturing to services. Sales taxes were impacted as sales shifted from bricks-and-mortar stores to the internet. Sales taxes were also impacted by the gains in fuel efficiency, reducing fuel purchases and therefore sales taxes.

Sales tax growth averaged 33% in the last 5 years.

ADA costs are accelerating at a pace in excess of the cost of living. Aging population, pensions, and medical and social service obligations.

Metra is facing the most significant financial crisis in its 34-year history. State cuts in operating funding have joined the chronic and severe underfunding of capital needs. Competition for federal grands is fierce. For 2018-2022, Metra expects to receive only a sixth of the needed capital funding based on RTA's state of Good Repair Assessment.

Railroads require more capital reinvestments than any other industry, including utilities, chemical plants, and refineries.

Metra's challenges include unfunded mandates, lack of a state capital funding program, and reduced operating funding.

\$13 million cut in state subsidy for public transportation and implementation of a 2 percent surcharge on local taxes collected by the state.

\$2 million is attributed to lower-than-projected sales tax collections.

\$23 million in growth in labor and benefit costs.

\$7 million in inflationary growth in the cost of materials and the implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC)

How does Metra address the FY2018 funding shortfall?

- Cost and service reductions (\$14 million)
- Deferral of capital spending (\$12 million)
- Revenue increase (\$17 million)
- Combination of other revenue and other funding (\$2 million)

In comparison to its peers Metra has: The oldest fleet by average age of 30 years, the lowest fare per mile which is 70% of the peer group, and the best on time performance of 95% or better.

In comparison Metra has the lowest operating cost per passenger mile, the lowest fare revenue per passenger mile, and the second-lowest revenue per passenger trip.

Metra is more prepared to weather severe state budget cuts than any time in recent memory because of our commitment to reform, efficiencies and fiscally conservative planning.

### asdf

The Passenger car rehabilitation project

- Completed rehab of 43 cars in 2017
- Metra in-house cost of \$700,000
- Outside contractor cost of \$1.1 million
- Cost for purchase of one new car is \$3 million

- Anticipated life extension of 14-16 years
- New Metra employees added to this project

There is a locomotive rehabilitation project and a remanufactured locomotive project which will help with costs of rehabilitating locomotives while using in-house resources.

For Positive Train Control – capital investment of \$400 million with new annual operating costs of \$10-\$20 million (could grow). Complex technology employing radio and wireless communication to exchange data between moving trains and crossing railroads.

Impact of Positive train control on schedules.

PTC being implemented first on Metra's busiest line, the BNSF. Initializing PTC will require more time between train "flips," forcing a revision of BNSF schedule. Current schedule has about 30 flips of 10 minutes or less; PTC requires 12 to 15 minutes. Changes also coming to other lines as PTC is implemented, including UP lines later in 2018.

### IV. Action Items

### A. Approval of FFY18 – FFY21 STP Program

Tony Speciale gave the FFY18 – FFY21 Program update. We are awaiting new rules so there is a freeze on new projects. A motion to approve the FFY18 – FFY21 STP program by John Skillman and seconded by Dale Berman. The motion passed unanimously.

## B. Approval of FY19 Regional Planning Liaison Services

The Kane Kendall Council of Mayors receives federal transportation planning funds to perform various planning and programming activities for Kane County and Kendall County. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) directs these funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation in order that Kane County may continue to provide transportation planning staff to the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors for regional coordination and planning activities.

Primary staff for the Council of Mayors includes:
Tom Rickert – Executive Director
Jennifer Becker – Council Director, Ride in Kane Manager
Jackie Forbes – Senior Regional Planning Liaison
Ryan Bigbie - Regional Planning Liaison, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner

KKCOM regional planning staff facilitates strategic participation by local officials in the region's transportation process as required by MAP-21 and the Regional Planning Act. Staff also supports the Council of Mayors by providing STP and CMAQ program development and monitoring, general liaison services, technical assistance and communications assistance.

An agreement will be executed with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for the FY2019 Planning Liaison Scope of Services. It is anticipated that Kane County will receive \$202,851.55 in federal funding, with a local match of \$50,712.89, for a total contract amount of \$253,564.44.

A motion was made by Gail Johnson and seconded by Dale Berman. The motion passed unanimously.

### V. General Business

# A. KKCOM Director's Report

### RTA Access to Transit Program

The Regional Transportation Authority is holding a call for projects for the Access to Transit program. This program was established as a way to seek capital funding for small-scale projects to improve transit access. To qualify projects must be directly related to improving access to existing transit services and may include improvements such as: sidewalks, crosswalks, bus and rail shelters, ADA accessibility improvements, covered bicycle parking and wayfinding signage.

Thursday, May 3rd at 9:30 am an online information session on the RTA website. The session can be viewed live on the RTA website with an option to submit questions via email, but for those who cannot make the live streaming of the session, a recording will be posted to the RTA website.

Applications are due via e-mail by the close of business on August 31st, 2018.

The maximum project budget is being increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million, with a minimum budget of \$150,000 now required. With most projects, the 20% local match required by the CMAQ program will be equally shared between the RTA and the applicant, with each contributing 10% of the total project budget. The RTA may provide the full 20% match rate for smaller communities and those with lower tax bases or median incomes based on the economic and demographic characteristics of the area served. Eligible applicants may contact the RTA to determine if they qualify for this exemption. Questions? Contact at the RTA: Brian Hacker - hackerb@rtachicago.org

### <u>Federal Infrastructure Proposal and Budget – CMAP Analysis</u>

CMAP has analyzed the proposed federal infrastructure plan and budget and provides key points that will affect the Chicago area. Some highlights include:

- A change in federal funding from 80% of the total cost to 20% of the total cost
- Elimination of the TIGER grant program
- \$20 billion allocated for existing federal credit assistance programs and broadening the use of Private Activity Bonds
- Several provisions intended to speed up the environmental review and permitting process for infrastructure projects, including allowing delegation of certain environmental permitting and review responsibilities to states, and establishing pilot programs to conduct environmental reviews in different ways

To read the full report, visit the CMAP website: https://goo.gl/FWG9w9

### Fox River Trail Signage

We are on the final stretch of the Fox River Trail signage program. The signs have been ordered, delivered, and are being or already have been installed. Kane County is working closely with our purchasing departments to finalize the amounts and will have invoices out to all agencies within the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this project and we are excited to have some brand new and up-to-date signs on the trail.

If you have any questions, please contact KKCOM staff.

## Transport Chicago Conference

The 2018 Transport Chicago Conference will be held on Friday, June 1st at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza. The conference will include keynote sessions, formal presentations, workshops, and a poster session open to both professionals and students. Registration is open and you can visit the website for more information at www.transportchicago.org

### **CMAP News**

# ON TO 2050 Timeline

CMAP staff is working on the draft plan sections for ON TO 2050 and will present them to various committee members at meetings scheduled in March and April. Committee members will have a chance to make comments on the draft recommendations for each section (Land Use, Environment, Economy, Governance, and Mobility) in advance of the draft report release in June. The draft report will be open for public comment and engagement from June 15th through August 14th. A revised draft report will be distributed to all committees by September 2nd and the final version is set for approval on October 10th. Please contact KKCOM staff if you would like to know when the sections are released so you may review them.

### ON TO 2050 Public Open Houses

CMAP will be hosting a series of public open houses throughout the Chicago region in June in regards to ON TO 2050. The dates and times are as follows:

- June 19, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. McHenry County Administration Building
- June 20, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- June 26, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Historic Kendall County Courthouse
- June 27, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Kane County Government Center

### ON TO 2050 Launch Event

Mark your calendar to celebrate metropolitan Chicago's future at the ON TO 2050 launch event on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Millennium Park in Chicago. Click here to register for the event or visit CMAP's website.

### Statewide Planning and Research Funds (SPR)

IDOT is currently accepting applications for the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) program. The funds can be used to support planning and research activities. Approximately \$20 M is available statewide. A 20% match is required for these federal funds. All proposed projects should be related to studying or implementing a goal, strategy or objective within the state's Long Range Transportation Plan or one of its associated plans, implementing performance based program development, or implementing asset management. An informational webinar will be held on April 24. Applications are due May 16, 2018, and awards will be announced on July 1, 2018. Further details on this program can be found on IDOT's website.

### Traffic Signal Inventory

CMAP has released the Highway Traffic Signal Inventory for Northeastern Illinois. The inventory, a geodatabase, includes the location and technical features present at signalized intersections in the region. To access the data visit: https://datahub.cmap.illinois.gov/dataset/highway-traffic-signal-inventory

### Save the Date:

May 7 - Illinois Bike Summit, UIC June 1 – Transport Chicago

### B. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met January 23. The committee approved the FY 2019 Planning Liaison scope of services and proposal for submission to the FY 2019 United Work Program. A report about current STP Project Selection committee activities was provided. STP project activity and a summary of expenditures in the region was shared. The draft of the Regional Strategic Freight Direction Report was discussed. Finally, the committee discussed CMAP's federal agenda and state legislative agenda and principles. The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting will be on May 15, 2018.

# C. STP Program Distribution and Active Program Management Agreement

The STP Project Selection Committee is meeting monthly to discuss the shared fund and active program management for Council projects. This month, two extra meetings were scheduled so the Regional Planning Liaisons and CMAP staff could discuss the proposed changes and how they would affect Council programs.

We will discuss several of the proposed changes so you have a better understanding of how the new active program management process could work. Below is a short summary of the proposed changes for Council programming with more details provided at the meeting.

- Calls for Council projects will be every two years, starting in January 2020
- Funds not obligated by the end of the federal fiscal year will be moved into the shared fund no more carryover of funds that are not programmed/obligated.
- Projects will have deadlines for obligation, options for active reprogramming, and defined time extensions for various phases
- There will be training opportunities, designated project managers, and quarterly online status updates
- Our Council methodology will be updated as a result of the changes

It is important for our member communities to talk to Council staff about concerns or questions so we can discuss them with the mayors representing the Councils on the STP Project Selection Committee. They are voting members and will weigh in on the proposed changes. This is a work in progress and once the draft proposal is presented at the end of May, communities will have time over the summer to provide feedback.

### D. Surface Transportation Program Update

Marilin Solomon gave the STP update for IDOT. IDOT is requesting electronic documents from all consultants, however they are still requiring hard copies for review. FHWA has a replacement of RRFB's with interim approval. If you need to set up a Phase 1 or Phase 2 kickoff meeting with the approved PPI, please contact your Planning Liaisons.

### E. CMAP Report

Kama Dobbs gave the CMAP report. There are a lot of changes going on with the STP program, but we thank you for being heavily involved and there has been good regional dialogue the past months. There will be a flyer with all of the ON TO 2050 public open houses and regional open houses coming soon. Please contact staff if you have any questions.

CMAP is nearing completion of the ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan, the draft version of which will be available for public comment from June 15 to August 14, 2018. CMAP invites residents to ten public open houses and one public hearing to discuss the draft ON TO 2050 plan with CMAP staff. CMAP will also present for comment the draft 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and air-quality conformity analysis of proposed transportation projects. The draft plan will be posted on June 15 at <a href="https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050">www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050</a>, where residents may also submit written comments.

# F. Transportation Improvement Program Update

### Metra Report

Our 2017 ridership report is available. Estimated passenger trips for 2017 vs 2016 on the BNSF are down 0.6%; UPW down .5% and mDW down 4.1%. Systemwide, ridership is down 2.2% We provided over 78.6 million passenger trips in 2017.

For 2017 BNSF operated at 94.5% on-time; UPW 94.1%; and MDW 95.5%. Systemwide, we are operating at 95.8% on-time.

Our board approved the purchase of up to 21 used locomotives for \$1.3 million each. They were built in 1998 and all have eben rehabbed within the last five years. They are coming off lease from Amtrak on the west coast. We anticipate taking delivery late this year or early next.

We issued a RFP in January for the purchase of up to 42 new or remanufactured locomotives. We issued a separate RFP last year for the purchase of at least 25 new passenger cars. We anticipate awarding a contract 3Q 2018.

Construction on the eastern segment of the UPW third main line project has started. On the west segment, UP continues to work on real estate matters and our engineering consultant, Alfred Benesch, continues to move forward with the design and addressing other issues.

Construction of the new Z-100 bridge over the Fox River has started with work focusing on retaining walls and the east abutment. Construction anticipated for 2020 completion.

YTD, 44.2% of total Metra ticket sales are made through the Ventra app.

A revision to the BNSF schedule was released in March. A public comment period closed on April 15. Staff is reviewing the comments and a new schedule will likely be effective in summer 2018. This revision was required due to the implementation of PTC.

### **IDOT D3 Local Report**

There are 2 new resurfacing projects with June 2018 lettings. Rt. 47 Grundee and County Line rd has stage 1 done and the goal is to have it done by mid-summer next season.

US 34 is in its early stages with pavement work getting done.

47 at Galena beginning in a couple weeks with the RRFB's to better accommodate truck movement, etc.

The IDOT Multi-Year Program is to be published at any moment.

The TIGER(BUILD) application submittal deadline is July 19.

Local HSIP – Apps were due March 30 and they received 36 applications which are being reviewed now. Awards will be announced June 15.

IL Freight program – Awards coming for that on May 24.

### RTA Report

Andy Plummer gave the RTA report. Planning responsibilities include increasing transit ridership as well as enhance opportunities and improving the quality of life. There have been over 200 projects funded in 100 local government for \$20 million dollar regional investment. There will be another call in October which will be aligned with CMAP. The Strategic plan presentation will also be on May 24.

## **Kane County Report**

Longmeadow Parkway is the biggest project and priority for the County right now. Sections A, B, and D are either done or in construction. The bid openings will be later this year for section C.

### VI. Other Business / Announcements

### VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is tentatively scheduled for November 2018

Kane/Kendall County Council of Mayors Full Council Meeting Minutes May 3, 2018 Page 7

# VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Dale Berman and seconded by Fran Klaas. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:59 a.m.

# Chairman

Jeffery Schielke Mayor City of Batavia

# Vice Chairman

John Skillman President Village of Carpentersville

# CMAP Committee

### Representatives

Chris Lauzen Kane County Chairman MPO Policy Committee

Scott Gryder Kendall County Chairman MPO Policy Committee

Jeffery Schielke Council of Mayors Executive Committee Chair

MPO Policy Committee

Matthew Brolley CMAP Board

Municipal Members Village of Algonquin City of Aurora Village of Big Rock Village of Burlington Village of Campton Hills Village of East Dundee Village of Elburn City of Elgin City of Geneva Village of Gilberts Village of Hampshire Village of Huntley Village of Kaneville Village of Lily Lake Village of Lisbon Village of Maple Park Village of Millbrook Village of Millington Village of Montgomery Village of Newark Village of North Aurora Village of Oswego Village of Pingree Grove City of Plano Village of Plattville City of Sandwich Village of Sleepy Hollow Village of South Elgin City of St. Charles

# City of Yorkville County Members

Village of Sugar Grove Village of Virgil Village of Wayne Village of West Dundee

> Kane County Kendall County



### **COUNCIL STAFF**

Thomas B. Rickert Executive Director

Jacqueline L. Forbes Council Director

Ryan D. Peterson Planning Liaison Troy M. Simpson Planning Liaison

# Kane Kendall Council of Mayors

November 27th, 2018 9:30 a.m. Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers Meeting Minutes

### Members in Attendance

Dale Berman President Matthew Brolley President **Bob Hausler** Mayor Director of Public Works Jennifer Hughes Fran Klaas County Engineer Chuck Nelson Deputy Mayor Ron Rudd City Engineer Jeffery Schielke Chairman, Mayor Carl Schoedel County Engineer John Skillman President Director of Public Works Tony Speciale

Village of North Aurora Village of Montgomery City of Plano Village of Oswego Kendall County

City of Aurora City of Elgin City of Batavia Kane County Village of Carpentersville

KKCOM

Village of Sugar Grove

# Others in Attendance

Council Director Jackie Forbes Troy Simpson Planning Liaison Ryan Peterson Planning Liaison Tom Rickert **Executive Director** Vicky Czuprynski Community Relations Corridor Coordinator Tom Magolan **Programming Engineer** Martin Sandoval Community Relations Representative Demetri Skoufis Community and Legislative Affairs Mike Sullivan Area Programmer Marilin Solomon Field Engineer Ryan Lindenmier Cost and Estimate Engineer Kama Dobbs Senior Program Analyst Engineering Manager Ed Szydlowski Mike Millette Director of Public Works Erin Willrett Assistant City Administrator Chris Lirot Road and Bridge Coordinator Tim Weidner **Professional Engineer** Mallory Weber Consulting Engineer Rahat Bari City Engineer Colleen Jaltuch Project Manager

KKCOM KKCOM **KKCOM** Illinois State Toll Highway Authority IDOT Pace Metra IDOT **IDOT IDOT CMAP** Village of Carpentersville Village of South Elgin City of Yorkville City of Aurora City of Aurora

**RS & H Engineering** City of Batavia

EEI

#### I. **Opening of Meeting**

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

#### II. Approval of May 3, 2018 Minutes

A motion was made by Dale Berman to approve the May 3, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Carl Schoedel and passed unanimously.

#### III. **Action Items**

- a. A motion was made by Tony Speciale to approve the FFY19-FFY21 program. The motion was seconded by Matthew Brolley and passed unanimously.
- b. A motion was made by Matthew Brolley to approve a nominating committee for Council Chairman/Vice Chairman. Jennifer Hughes requested that a representative from Kendall County be added and seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. A motion was made by Dale Berman to approve a resolution for the Village of Elburn to request addition of a route south of Anderson Rd to the Federal Aid Highway System. The motion was seconded by John Skillman and passed unanimously.

#### IV. **General Business**

a. Council Director's Report

### **Council Staff Changes**

There are several staffing changes since the last Full Council meeting. Ryan Bigbie resigned as of May 11th and Jennifer Becker resigned as of July 6th. Ryan moved to Colorado and Jennifer has taken a position with the City of Geneva. Jackie Forbes was promoted to Council Director. Rvan Peterson was hired in July to fill the position of Regional Planning Liaison/Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator. Troy Simpson started in September as a Regional Planning Liaison. Ryan and Troy will be managing all current and new municipal projects.

Tom, Jackie, Troy, and Ryan will continue providing Council members with the highest level of service.

# **New Bicycle Laws**

A new bicycle safety bill referred to as the "Dutch Reach Law" has been signed into law. It encourages drivers to use the hand farthest from the driver side door to open their door when parallel parking. The objective is to get drivers to look behind them when opening their door to spot potential oncoming automobile and bike traffic. The law will add the method to Illinois' Rules of the Road manual and add bike safety questions to the state driver's license exam

A second law requires K-8 schools to provide biking and walking safety education. School boards are required to adopt a policy on educating students on the effective methods of preventing and avoiding traffic injuries related to walking and bicycling. The bill is an attempt to slow the number of students injured or killed by automobiles in Illinois.

### **STP Working Group**

With the changes to STP funding and the new agreement between the City of Chicago and CMAP Council of Mayors, all Councils in the region must update their STP methodology to include several planning factors from CMAP's recently approved ON TO 2050 Plan. This will ensure that each Council's methodology aligns with the principles described in the ON TO 2050 Plan. At the last Transportation Policy Committee meeting, Council staff asked for volunteers to serve on an STP Working Group to update the Council's methodology and bylaws. The group will meet twice in the coming months and present a draft version at the Transportation Policy Committee's January meeting. Once finalized, Council staff will present updated methodology and bylaws to the Full Council for approval at the spring meeting.

### **KKCOM Staff Activities**

Council Staff attended the launch for the approved CMAP ON TO 2050 plan in Millennium Park on October 10th. CMAP is launching several implementation efforts around the new plan, including the recent Local Technical Assistance (LTA) call for projects.

Council Staff attended the 2018 IDOT Fall Planning Conference in Peoria on October 11th and 12th. This year's conference included breakout sessions in Revenue Needs, Sources, and Innovative Approaches; Freight, Modeling and Data, Autonomous Vehicles, Intelligent Transportation Systems and a presentation on the Active Transportation Alliance's suburban advocacy program, Bike Walk Every Town.

# **CMAP News**

At the STP Project Selection Committee meeting on September 26th, the Committee heard final comments and approved the STP Shared Fund Application Booklet and the STP Active Program Management Policies document. The Committee, along with staff from CMAP and regional councils, developed the documents over the past year. The application and policies were required for the upcoming calls for STP projects. The first call for Shared Fund projects is in January 2019 and Council projects will have a call in January 2020.

CMAP has launched the My Daily Travel Survey, with an incentive of \$50 per household to participate. The survey asks households in northeastern Illinois about the trips people make for work, school, shopping, errands, and socializing with family and friends. The information will help build a complete picture of local and regional transportation needs, so decision-makers can effectively recommend where to make improvements. The survey is open through May 2019. Those interested can sign up at https://mydailytravel.com/signup/cmap.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

December 4th – KKCOM Bike & Pedestrian Committee Meeting January 17th – KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

## Kane County Trails App

KKCOM staff has recently launched the KKCOM Bike & Pedestrian App. The app provides users with maps of the Pace Bus routes and stations, Metra lines and stations, dedicated bike lanes, bike trails, local destinations, parking and restrooms, bike shops, and other relevant infrastructure throughout Kane and Kendall County. The app was created to help residents become more knowledgeable about the alternative means of transportation.

b. CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report

### August 21, 2018

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met August 21, 2018. The committee was briefed on the proposals for STP Active Program Management (APM) and Shared Fund policies. Comments and letters from various CMAP partners were discussed, and the committee requested that staff provide written responses to those comments. Current STP project activity and a summary of expenditures in the region was provided. The large number of projects targeting upcoming IDOT lettings and the impact to FFY 2018 and 2019 fiscal constraint was discussed. The 2018 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Call for Projects from September 6 through October 26, 2018 was announced. LTA staff briefed the committee on the Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan development project and its key recommendations. Plan development staff provided an overview of implementation priorities of the ON TO 2050 Plan and the Public Comments received. Finally, staff stated that CMAP is in the process of shaping its legislative priorities for ON TO 2050 and packaging those priorities for the incoming elected officials since there are several seats open.

### November 13, 2018

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met November 13, 2018. The committee was briefed on the STP Project Selection Committee meetings and the upcoming Shared Fund Call for Projects. The committee was made aware that staff is preparing materials and having discussions with new state officials and legislators to share the principles of ON TO 2050 and policies adopted by CMAP. A summary of the record federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 STP obligations and obligations programmed for early FFY 2019 was shared with the committee. Staff provided an overview of the Downtown Master Plan for the City of Aurora that was developed through CMAP's LTA program and provided an update on responses to the 2018 Municipal Survey. The 2019 schedule for the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019.

## c. Upcoming Call for Projects

There are two funding opportunities coming up in January 2019 and staff has provided an overview of each below.

### **Shared Fund**

CMAP will be holding a call for projects for the recently created STP Shared Fund. The intention of the fund is to encourage collaboration between municipalities and advance projects that local councils cannot readily fund on their own. For projects to qualify for this funding, they must meet certain criteria:

- -The project must have a total cost of more than \$5 million, OR
- -The project must have at least local partners, one of which must be a Municipality.

While STP has very broad eligibility in comparison to other funding sources, the STP shared fund is targeted toward the following priority project types:

- -Road reconstruction
- -Transit station rehabilitation/reconstructions
- -Bridge rehabilitation/reconstructions
- -Highway/rail grade crossing improvements
- -Road expansions
- -Bus speed improvements
- -Corridor-level or small area safety improvements
- -Truck route improvements

CMAP is anticipating the call for projects opening in mid-January and closing in March. Additionally, in order to be eligible for funding, Phase I Engineering must be completed by June 1st 2019.

### CMAQ/TAP

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) are federally-funded programs of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion and support non-motorized transportation. CMAP will be holding a joint call for projects for both of these funds in January 2019, mirroring the Shared Fund call. Project types eligible for funding include:

- -Bicycle facilities
- -Signal interconnect
- -Bottleneck elimination
- -Transit access
- -Direct emissions reduction
- -Transit facility improvement
- -Intersection improvement
- -Transit service and equipment

Phase 1 Engineering must be completed by June 1st, 2019.

# d. IDOT Local Roads Updates

Marilin Solomon provided IDOT local road updates, mentioning that the status sheets have all active federal projects for Kane and Kendall as of Nov. 11. As such, they include the results of the Nov. 9 Letting. She notified the council that a few project updates were needed since that date. The first project is Sect. No. 17-C-009100-FP (Village of Carpentersville); the project will need to have a coordination meeting between the local agency and the county in January. The second project is Sect. No. 130002600-CH (Village of Sugar Grove); she suggested that District 1 Local Roads is prioritizing the project to help it get to letting as soon as possible, pending concurrence from the IDOT hydrological unit for design approval.

She re-iterated that kick-off meetings for phase 1 and phase 2 need to come through the planning liaison, and that PPIs are needed prior to scheduling meetings. She asked for any additional project updates from the council and concluded.

# e. CMAP Report

# **Program Status Updates**

# **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality**

The region obligated \$112 million (87%) of the \$128 million goal in FFY 2018. So Far in FFY 2019, the region has obligated \$38 million (%25) of the \$153 million goal.

Projects requiring cost, schedule or scope changes for the April or June lettings should submit requests no later than December 13, 2018 for consideration at the January 8, 2018 Project Selection Committee meeting.

The next call for projects will begin January 15, 2019.

Staff Contact: Jen Maddux (312-386-8691)

### **Surface Transportation Program**

FFY 18 was a record year for STP-Local projects with \$170.8 million in obligations, #113.7M of which came from the suburbs. At this time, STP-L obligations in FFY 19 are projected to exceed FFY 18's obligation amount. Approximately !191M is available for FFY 19. Currently, project phases targeting FFY 19 exceed the region's STP-L allotment, thus fiscal constraint is a significant issue at this time. As a result, coordination efforts between the PLs, IDOT, and CMAP are critical. Project sponsors/consultants need to immediately notify the Planning Liaison of any changes to the status of an STP funded project, particularly regarding funding and target letting changes.

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak (312-386-8798)

### **STP Project Selection Committee**

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the STP Project Selection committee approve the Shared Fund Application Booklet and Active Program Management policies. The committee also began discussing a policy for the use of Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match, in anticipation of IDOT releasing a statewide policy. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Staff Contact: Kama Dobbs (312-386-8710)

## **Calls for Projects**

# **IDOT Economic Development Program**

IDOT has announced the availability of assistance through the Economic Development Program for roadway improvements or new construction that are necessary for access to new or expanding industrial, manufacturing, or distribution type companies. Funding will include preliminary engineering, construction,

construction engineering and contingencies. The focus of the program is on the creation and retention or permanent full-time jobs. Visit the EDP website to apply.

### **ON TO 2050**

Interactive web-based plan includes recommendations, resources, video The ON TO 2050 plan, adopted on October 10, was designed as an interactive website, fully accessible now at <a href="https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050">www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050</a>. An executive summary of the plan is available in print and as a PDF.

The plan is organized around three overarching principles: Inclusive Growth, Resilience, and Prioritized Investment. The plan's five topical chapters – Community, Prosperity, Environment, Governance, and Mobility – describe dozens of interdependent recommendations that chart a path for our communities to succeed together. Indicators will track progress, local strategy maps show examples at the community level, and profiles of residents show how the plan's strategies can improve people's daily lives.

The ON TO 2050 executive summary is also available in Spanish, and selected material will be translated into other languages now that the plan has been adopted.

### Household travel survey

CMAP is conducting the My Daily Travel survey, asking households in northeastern Illinois to tell us how they get from place to place in our region. Households can participate in the survey by signing up at <a href="https://www.MyDailyTravel.com/cmap">www.MyDailyTravel.com/cmap</a> or by calling 1-855-981-7286. Through the survey, CMAP will gain a greater understanding of how to make the best use of limited resources for future transportation investments. Households that complete the survey will earn \$50.

CMAP is asking for your help to spread the word about the survey, and has prepared a partner toolkit containing sample newsletter and social media language that can be used to encourage participation. All of you, your family, and friends living with the 9 county region (includes DeKalb and Grundy are strongly encouraged to participate in the survey!

In addition, school districts that partner with My Daily Travel to promote the survey to their schools' communities will receive \$10 per household that completes the survey. School districts that would like to participate must call the survey hotline (1-855-981-7286) to receive a customized URL, which will enable surveys to be "marked" as benefitting their district.

# Transportation on the ballot nationwide

On Election Day, voters across the U.S. considered numerous state and local referenda related to funding transportation systems. The results are varied.

California retained an existing motor fuel tax increase, while nonbinding votes in Missouri and Utah saw residents oppose new increases. County sales tax increases for transportation were approved in two large Florida counties, but another such measure appeared to fall just short of passage in a California county. Initiatives that would authorize bonding for transportation projects were also a mixed bag. CMAP's weekly Update on November 9 included a link to analysis from the Eno Center for Transportation.

- f. Transportation Improvement Program Update
  - i. IDOT Program Report District 1

Mike Sulllivan gave updates for IDOT District 1. 3 Projects from KKCOM were on the November 9th letting date, and 3 projects are currently delayed due to winters shutdown. There is one local project targeting the January 2019 letting, and 4 targeting the March 2019 letting.

# ii. IDOT Program Report District 3

Tom Magolan gave updates for IDOT District 3. Additional information will be provided for the Economic Development Program and combined TARP projects, which began accepting applications on October 1, 2018. Deadlines for submittals to the Illinois Special Bridge Program came back in September 2018; release of selections is coming soon with the release of the program in the Spring. The cutoff to submit extensions to IDOT district engineers for FY17/FY18 HSIP projects is in January, otherwise funding will be rescinded. The next HSIP call for projects will be in April 2019. Changes to the Needy Township program were announced via a circular letter on November 20, 2018 and are available for review, in addition to IDOTs High Growth Communities Program. Mr. Magolan mentioned additionally that the preservation work as a part of the asset management program will remain a component of the work that IDOT does; however, will not have a dominant presence.

## iii. Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

Vicky Czuprynski gave updates for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. Project updates included the I-88 and Orchard Road ramps, slated to be complete by the end of 2018; the I-88 and IL-56 ramp, slated to be complete by the Spring of 2019; and the IL-47 and I-88 Eastbound ramps, for which bids just opened for construction last week

It was mentioned that the Tollway is almost complete installing new automated coin machines to replace the baskets. Machines will all be accepting cash, coins, and credit cards.

The Illinois Tollway tentative budget for 2019 is up for public comment until Nov. 30, 2019.

The Tollway Board is extending the grace period to pay unpaid tolls online from 1 week to 2 weeks.

# iv. RTA Report

There were no RTA representatives at the Full Council meeting

# v. Metra Report

Demetri Skoufis provided updates for Metra. Recent news included the passing of the Metra Budget for FY2019, which included no fare hikes. The agency is short on capital, particularly with regard to the acquisition of new locomotives and rail cars. The oldest operating car on the system is 64 years of age. Metra is visiting peers to start on a new design, and will issue a request for proposals when the design is complete. The most recent rolling stock purchase came from Amtrak West Coast, in tandem with an in-house refurbishment of passenger cars. The locomotives will be put to use immediately, with delay for the new paint schemes.

The East segment of the UP-W Third mainline project will be complete in September of 2019; the West segment to Geneva will begin soon, the last milestone being ROW acquisition which is handled by Union Pacific at their headquarters in Omaha.

System ridership is down 3%, on-time ratio remaining steady at 95%, with Union Pacific-W and BNSF lines falling below on-time targets.

# vi. Pace Report

Martin Sandoval provided updates for Pace. The Pace board passed the 2019 operating, which is balanced with no fare increase. The budget was accomplished by the elimination and schedule changes of underperforming routes, 3 of which impact Kane County, as well as out of region travel budgets and employee health

insurance for Pace employees.

# vii. Kane County Report

Carl Schoedel provided updates for the Kane County DOT. A major bridge component bid came in for Longmeadow Parkway under budget. As such, the size of the bond needed was significantly smaller. The bond was issued by Standard and Poors at a AA rating, making the cost additionally cheaper.

# viii. Kendall County Report

Fran Klaas provided updates for the Kendall County Highway Department. The segment of Eldamain Rd under construction will be open before the Christmas holiday.

# ix. Municipal Reports

Tony Speciale gave an update for the Village of Sugar Grove. A bid for construction for the IL-47/I-88 interchange came in at \$14 million, under the \$17 million estimate.

# V. Other Business

Chairman Schielke led a discussion regarding LED traffic signals after the most recent blizzard.

- VI. Announcements
- VII. Next Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment