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Planning Liaison

Kane Kendall Council of Mayors

August 25th, 2020 9:30 a.m.
Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers/Online via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance

Tim Weidner
Rich Robinson
Ken Jay
Carl Schoedel
Jeffrey Schielke
Scott Marquardt
Phil Cotter
Dale Berman
Jennifer Hughes
Mike Millette
Tony Speciale

Engineering Coordinator
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Consultant
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Village of Campton Hills
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Village of North Aurora
Village of Oswego
Village of South Elgin
Village of Sugar Grove

Others in Attendance

Joseph Evers
Rahat Bari
Marc Mylott
Kama Dobbs
Mary Weber
Chris Lirot
Lauren Platt
Steve Coffinbargar
Jackie Forbes
Noah Jones
Troy Simpson
Tom Rickert
Demetri Skoufis
Martin Sandoval

Consultant
City Engineer
Director of Community Development
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I. Opening of Meeting

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

II. Approval of November 6, 2019 Minutes

A roll call was taken to approve the November 6, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comments were received.

IV. Action Items

- a. A motion was made by Dale Berman to approve a functional class change for the Kendall County Highway Department. The motion was seconded by Tony Speciale and passed unanimously.
- b. Troy Simpson gave an overview of the three public comments received by the City of North Aurora, Metropolitan Planning Council, and John Joyce. There were no further comments.
- c. Tony Speciale thanked the council for their hard work. A motion was made by Tony Speciale to approve the proposed FFY21-FFY25 STP Program. The motion was seconded by Mike Millette and passed unanimously.
- d. A motion was made by Tony Speciale to approve the FFY20-FFY22 STP Program. The motion was seconded by Mike Millette and passed unanimously.

V. Discussion Items

a. Federal/State Funding Status

Jeffery Schielke gave a summary of what is going on with the Federal/State Funding status. A lot of the money has suddenly been appropriated for a variety of subjects dealing with the coronavirus, but we do still have STP and MFT money. Jeffery Schielke said how proud of the council he was for how present they have been through all of this. Troy Simpson mentioned how CMAP has a feeling it is unlikely that the new transportation bill will go through. We are more likely to see some type of provision. Mike Millette added that he has been hearing the same thing.

VI. General Business

a. Council Director's Report

Council Staff Change

Ryan Peterson has left the Kane County DOT and Troy Simpson is now the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Noah Jones has joined the Council as a Planning Liaison and will be responsible for STP and STP-Bridge programs.

Funding Opportunities & Awards

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program

IDOT is now accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) through **November 2, 2020**. Agencies may use the funding for a variety of projects:

- Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities
- Streetscapes
- Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Corridors to Trails
- Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities
- Vegetation Management in Transportation Rights-of-Way
- Archaeological Activities Relating to Impacts from Implementation of a Transportation Project
- Storm Water Management, Control and Water Pollution Prevention or Abatement Related to Highway Construction or Due to Highway Runoff
- Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality or Restore and Maintain Connectivity Among Terrestrial or Aquatic Habitats
- Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas

More information is available on the IDOT [website](http://www.idot.gov) : [idot.Illinois.gov](http://www.idot.gov).

Illinois Department of Natural Resources—Boat and Snowmobile Trail Funding

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications for funding through the Boat Access Area Development grant program. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 2, 2020**. The Boat Access program is a state-finance grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public boat and canoe access areas in Illinois. The program can provide up to 100 percent reimbursement funding assistance on approved development project costs and 90 percent reimbursement on land acquisition costs

The Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund provides financial assistance up to 100 percent of eligible development/rehabilitation and equipment costs incurred by a local agency for approved projects that benefit public snowmobiling opportunities. The primary purpose is to provide financial aid to eligible private, not-for-profit snowmobile clubs to construct, maintain and rehabilitate snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands, designated roadways, or private land opened to such use in the state. Deadline to apply is **October 1, 2020**. See the IDNR [website](https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Pages/default.aspx) for more information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Pages/default.aspx>

Shared Fund and CMAQ/TAP Programs

The next call for STP-Shared Fund and CMAQ/TAP projects will be in January 2021. As a reminder, Phase 1 Engineering must be substantially complete by the time applications are due (mid-March) for STP-Shared and for CMAQ/TAP projects.

Fox Valley Bike Share

The Fox Valley Bike Share launched on July 31st and four agencies are participating in this initial season: Village of Montgomery, City of Batavia, City of Aurora, and Downtown Neighborhood Association of Elgin. Each sponsor has an agreement with Koloni, which is managing the fleet and providing logistics for the program. See the Fox Valley Bike Share page for more information: <https://koloni.me/fox>

KKCOM Agreement Tracker

KKCOM staff have compiled an [agreement tracker](#) on the council [STP page](#) where local agencies can check in to see how long it has been since an agreement was submitted as well as track expected times to assist with Active Program Management. The tracker includes all federal funding sources.

Mobility/Travel COVID-19 Data

Staff have been keeping up-to-date reports on mobility data provided by Google Maps giving insights into the type of travel people are undertaking in our local region as well as the volume of travel during the COVID-19 situation. Reports will continue to be updated so long as the data is available. The reports/data are hosted on [GitHub](#).

Regional Transportation Authority COVID Dashboard

The RTA has provided a region-wide dashboard for ridership and fare box trends due to the ongoing pandemic, including revenue impacts to the RTA Sales Tax. Current data show ridership resilience as strongest for bus services, both in the suburbs and the city, with Metra seeing the greatest overall decline in ridership. See the dashboard on the RTA [website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

The next KKCOM Bike/Ped Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m.** virtually and at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium.

The next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee will be taking place on **October 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

b. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report

Mayor Schielke gave the Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee met virtually on April 14th and August 18th. In April the committee was updated on STP Funding availabilities for the end of the Federal Fiscal Year. All projects that were scheduled for IDOT June letting were funded, however there were no funding for projects starting at later lettings. In August, CMAPs Executive Director, Erin Aleman, addressed the committee regarding the upcoming move of CMAPs headquarters to the Old Post Office Building and noted that through the end of the year it is anticipated that the majority of the staff will continue to work remotely and meetings will continue to be conducted virtually. CMAP is continuously analyzing the impacts of the COVID-19 on transit and transportation and how a region can respond and recover. Staff provided an overview of proposed updates and modifications for the evaluation process for the FY2022-FY2025 STP Shared Fund call for projects that will occur next year. Individual councils and CDOT have presented a brief overview of their FY2021-FY2025 STP Local Program. Across the region, over 171

different sponsors requested more than \$1.3 billion for over 400 projects. \$609 million has been recommended for programming over the next five years with \$334 million being programmed in the suburban areas of the region. Staff has provided an overview of CMAP's new Local Government Network Initiative and summarized the results that the agency's recent COVID-19 Regional Recovery Survey. This initiative will promote the collaboration of local governments and allow CMAP to better understand local priorities. CMAP will maintain a network of personal connections to the regions leaders. Each of the 284 municipalities has been assigned a team member who will reach out to those leaders. Lastly, staff urges committee members to begin working on development of their individual legislative agendas. The next meeting will be October 27th, 2020.

c. IDOT Local Roads Updates

Both Marilyn Solomon and Roger Blakley were not in attendance for this meeting. However, Marilyn did send the sheets that she typically reviews. Jackie Forbes mentioned how Roger Blakley has been working hard on the Eldamain Road Project with Fran Klaas.

d. CMAP Report

Mary Weber gave the CMAP report.

-Mayor Schielke noted CMAP's work on COVID-19 impacts and recovery analyses. Mary gave a reminder that these analyses are available on the CMAP website.

-Next Thursday, September 3rd, 2020, both the CMAQ and the STP Project Selection Committees will be meeting. Agenda materials will be available for those this Thursday, August 27th.

-The Morton Arboretum is administering urban and community forestry grants to local units of government in Illinois. This grant provides funds for an inventory of public trees and an accompanying urban forestry management plan. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000 and awardees are required to provide a 100% match to their grant fund. Applications for that are due **September 25th**, and the grant period ends **August 1st, 2022**.

e. IDOT District 1 Report

Katie was not present to give the IDOT District 1 Report; however, included an update in the agenda packet.

f. IDOT District 3 Report

Ryan Lindenmier was not present to give the IDOT District 3 Report.

g. Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

-Lauren Platt gave the Illinois Tollway report. The Tollway is still working remotely. Any time you need to get ahold of Lauren, email works best for her.

-The Tollway is still working on an all-electronic toll system. The toll plazas, automatic toll payment machines, and in-person customer service are currently offline. Toll collection is still being handled by IPASS, EZPASS and through the Tollway website. However, the customer call center has reopened. The Board of Directors has continued to meet virtually each month to keep all the business construction activity moving, as well as advancing some significant reforms in the effort to modernize their approach to unpaid tolls.

-Tolling 2020 is a program that was passed in July. Vehicle owners across all vehicle classes will now receive an invoice for unpaid tolls with an initial fee that federal aligns with their underlying toll associated with the class of the vehicle. Passenger vehicles will see an 85% reduction in initial costs, with now a \$3 invoice fee, rather than a \$20 invoice for each unpaid toll. As of July, toll violation fines and existing notices prior to March 19th, 2020 have been reduced to the \$3 across the board. This includes anyone previously in collections for outstanding toll violations.

-Lauren mentioned one construction update:

- Raegan Memorial Tollway I88 road pavement and bridge repairs continue between Aurora Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 59 in Kane and DuPage Counties.

h. RTA Report

Andy Plummer was not present to give the RTA report. Jackie Forbes encouraged everyone to go check out their dashboard to see what's happening.

i. Metra Report

Demetri gave updates for Metra. He mentioned how it's been a challenging year for all public transit agencies, especially the communal rail agencies across the country. Metra's ridership is currently around 10% of the pre-COVID levels. Earlier in the pandemic, it was as low as 2-3%. This goes along with other agencies throughout the country as well. They have videos on their website to show the efforts that they are doing to keep the trains clean and disinfected. Metra just recently extended the \$10 all-day pass. Operationally, they have cut service significantly. System wide, Metra has gone down from 692 trains on a weekday prior to COVID, to 382 trains on a weekday now. Service will again be expanded once ridership upticks and they plan on adding more cars to make sure everyone is socially distanced. They are looking at a \$682.5 million shortfall through 2021. They are receiving \$480 million from the Federal CARES Act.

Demetri mentioned that Metra just awarded a \$91 million project management oversight contract to WSP to oversee the anticipated \$2.1 billion of current/future capital funding.

Demetri mentioned local project:

- The Fox River Bridge for the Milwaukee District Line will be completed by the end of the year, but hopefully by the end of October.

j. Pace Report

Martin Sandoval gave updates on behalf of Pace. He mentioned that overall, the ridership numbers have seen some fluctuations of riders in the last couple months. Right now, in the new plateau for Pace, they see on average of 45,000 riders on a weekday, which is not bad compared to when the pandemic first started. Right now, they are at about 50% of ridership compared to pre-COVID. Their ADA para-transit services at the moment are down 43% across the region. Most of the current Pace riders are people who need to get to work or need to get the hospital. There have been updates regarding the school service they provide. At the moment they are looking at taking away some of the school trip services in the region, due to a lot of schools doing remote learning. This is not something that is permanent. Pace anticipates \$40 million from CARES Act funding to carry over to next year. Pace is currently working with the RTA to develop their budget for 2021.

k. KDOT Report

Carl Schoedel gave the report for the Kane County DOT. He mentioned that the signature project being worked on right now is the Longmeadow Parkway corridor. Last month, in July, the new intersection at Route 31 was opened. You can now travel from Randall Road to Route 31 on Longmeadow Parkway. The main bridge over the Fox River is under construction. The bridge should be open about a year and a half from now. With all of the construction underway, the focus now is on the toll collection system as well as the back office. Kane County also became full members of the EZPASS group. If everything stays on schedule, the completion of construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021 and open to traffic in early 2022.

l. Kendall County Department of Highways Report

Fran Klaas was not present to give the Kendall County Department of Highways Report.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Announcements

There were no other announcement.

IX. Next Meeting
TBD

X. Adjournment
Dale Berman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schielke and the meeting was adjourned.