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KKCOM Full Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Hybrid – Batavia City Hall & Online via Zoom

Voting Members in Attendance

Jeffery Schielke	Chairman, Mayor	KKCOM, City of Batavia
Tim Weidner (online)	Engineering Coordinator	City of Aurora
Scott Marquardt	Village Engineer/Project Manager	Village of Campton Hills/HR Green
John Skillman	Village President	Village of Carpentersville
Phil Cotter (online)	Director of Public Works	Village of East Dundee
Ron Rudd	City Engineer	City of Elgin
Mike Millette (online)	Village Engineer, TPC Chair	Village of South Elgin
Chris Gottlieb	PW Engineer Manager	City of St. Charles
Brian Schiber	Village Engineer	Village of Sugar Grove
Mike Zakosek	County Engineer	Kane County
Fran Klaas	County Engineer	Kendall County

Others in Attendance

Heidi Files	Executive Director	KKCOM
Heidi Lichtenberger	Council Director	KKCOM
George Kandathil	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Gretchen Klock	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Rahat Bari	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Jason Fluhr	Vice President of Transportation	Baxter & Woodman
Kama Dobbs	Principal	CMAP
Steve Coffinbargar	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County
Corinne Pierog	Madam Chair	Kane County Board
Amy McSwane (online)	Corporate Treasurer	HLR
Akram Chaudhry	VP Transportation	HR Green
Randy Newkirk	Municipal Manager	HLR
Katie Herdus	Area Programmer- D1	IDOT
Demetri Skoufis	Community & Legislative Affairs	Metra
Kendra Johnson	Associate, Government Affairs	RTA
Steve Andrews	Community Relations	Pace Bus
Jocelyn Lopez	Community Relations	Pace Bus
Lauren Tredup	Community Development Coordinator	Village of South Elgin
Matt Baldwin	Senior Project Manager	TranSystems
Vince DiPrima	Municipal Practice Manager	WBK Engineering

I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

Chairman Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. George Kandathil called the role.

II. Remote Attendance Requests

Tim Weidner of Aurora, Phil Cotter of East Dundee, and Mike Millette of South Elgin requested remote participation. The requests were approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Scott Marquardt of Campton Hills made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ron Rudd of Elgin seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Presentation

Kendra Johnson from the RTA presented “Transforming Transit—Vision for Chicago’s Future.” This vision for the future of regional transit was officially released in February. Kendra spoke about the upcoming transit fiscal cliff which would cause service cuts in the start of 2026 if new funding isn’t identified. RTA’s vision is based on \$1.5 billion dollars of funding per year for the transit system. This would allow faster and more frequent service for all three service boards. She added that funding increase must come with reform measures to restructure the agency for greater efficiency and accountability. Possible improvements may include creating one payment app system, better service standards, and a regional approach to capital planning. RTA also desires to increase safety and is asking for funding for more police and social services for the transit system. The RTA proposes a 10% fare increase and efficiencies and savings due to reform could total an estimated \$100 million in revenue and savings. Kendra stated that the region has faced financial difficulties before regarding transit, but never to this magnitude. Cuts to service could include no weekend bus service in suburbs and may lead to an estimated 3000 jobs being lost.

Kendra highlighted other RTA outreach efforts on this topic including the Transforming Transit Summit, for which panel recordings are available online, and the Save Transit Now campaign. Kendra also shared a Call-to-Action tool kit.

Kendra shared the upcoming deadlines for the Illinois General Assembly including the adjournment of session on May 31st.

Mayor Schielke spoke about concerns over transit board restructuring that would favor Cook County and Chicago. He stated that he has been vocal about making sure suburban communities are fairly represented. He spoke in favor of the RTA’s vision and plan.

VI. Action Items

A. Election of Officers

Heidi Lichtenberger stated that according to the bylaws the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected every odd-number year. A nominating committee of Fran Klaas from Kendall, Jeff Walter from Elburn, and Mike Reid from Hampshire agreed on a slate of Mayor Schielke as Chairman and President Skillman as Vice Chairman. Mike Millette of South Elgin made a motion to approve the election, seconded by Chris Gottlieb. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Appointment of Transportation Policy Committee Chair

There were no additional nominees for Transportation Policy Committee Chair. Mayor Schielke reappointed Mike Millette of South Elgin as chairman. Mike Millette expressed his thanks.

C. Impact Fee Advisory Committee Nominations

Heidi files presented the memo on the Impact Fee Advisory Committee nominations. In accordance with State

law Kane County must update its land use assumptions, Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan, Road Impact Fee Ordinance and Impact Fee schedule every five years. Kane County is looking for three municipal members of the Impact Fee Advisory Committee. The three proposed members are Mayor Schielke of Batavia, with Mayor-Elect Clint Hull of St. Charles as an alternate; President Michael Reid of Hampshire with Village Manager Jay hedges of Hampshire as an alternate; and President John Skillman of Carpentersville with the Carpentersville village manager as an alternate. There were no other nominations and the nominations passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Annual Planning Liaison Resolution

Heidi Lichtenberger presented the annual Planning Liaison Resolution. This resolution reallocates Fiscal Year 2026 Federal Transportation Planning Funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation to provide staff assistance to KKCOM. Mike Zakosek of Kane County made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ron Rudd of Elgin. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Adoption of the FFY 2025-2029 STP Active and Contingency Programs

Mike Millette, Transportation Policy Committee chairman, presented the current FFY2025-2029 STP Active and Contingency programs. He noted that the council has been successful at accessing regional redistribution funds and the Council’s mark has been succeeded. Phil Cotter of East Dundee made a motion to approve the programs, which was seconded by Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. General Business

A. Council Director’s Report

Heidi Lichtenberger shared the Council Director’s Report.

Upcoming Meetings:

KKCOM Transportation Policy:	July 17th, 2025
KKCOM Full Council	July or October 2025
KKCOM Bike/Ped:	TBD Summer/Fall 2025

Funding Opportunities:

USDOT FY25 SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) grant](#) program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets. The [SS4A Resource Page](#) contains application materials, instructions, checklists, and planning worksheets intended to help guide applicants through the SS4A eligibility and application process. Additionally, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) webinar recordings are available online: [SSFA Webinars](#).

Register on Valid Eval to apply for a [Planning and Demonstration Grant](#)

Register on Valid Eval to apply for an [Implementation Grant](#)

Planning and Demonstration Grant and Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on June 26, 2025. Technical questions must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on May 29, 2025. Pre-application eligibility review requests must be submitted for Implementation Grants by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on May 9, 2025.

Illinois Department Natural Resources Bike Path Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications until May 9th for their [Bike Path Program](#). There is \$750,000 available and grants range from \$0 - \$200,000 which covers 50% of project cost.

FHWA Bridge Investment Program

The [Bridge Investment Program \(BIP\)](#) is a competitive discretionary grant program to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight by replacing, rehabilitating, preserving, and protecting bridges in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Applications for Large Bridge Projects (project cost over \$100 million) are due August 1, 2025 while Bridge Projects (project cost under \$100 million) are due November 1, 2025. Planning applications are due by October 1, 2025.

HSIP: For FY2027 is now open. Visit the [HSIP website](#) for more info, applications due June 20th.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Summer 2025

Training Opportunities:

SRTS Grant Webinar Series

The Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Public Health Institutes are partnering with IDOT to offer 3 SRTS Webinars: [SRTS Grant & Program Resources](#). The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Grant program is a bi-annual funding opportunity administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The program funds programming and infrastructure projects that improve conditions for walking and biking within 2-miles of an elementary, middle, or high school.

- Safe Routes to School Grant Guidelines & Overview - Wednesday, July 16, 11 am to 1 pm - [Registration](#)
- Application walk-through + Q&A with IDOT Staff - Wednesday, August 20, 11 am to 1 pm - [Registration](#)
- Q&A with IDOT Staff - Wednesday, September 17, 11 am to 1 pm - [Registration](#)

IDOT Special Program Assistance Conference (SPAC) 2025

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Special Programs Unit is offering informational conferences this spring to present three grant programs that could help fund your next transportation project – Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). IDOT staff will be available for two days in each IDOT District area to offer general information about each program and answer your specific questions one-on-one to help you take advantage of funding available from these programs. Links to register can be found on both the [ITEP](#) and [SRTS](#) webpages. Local dates and locations are available below:

- May 28 & 29 – Ottawa, IDOT District 3 Office
- June 5 & 6 – Schaumburg, IDOT District 1 Office
- June 12 & 13 – Woodstock, McHenry County Administration Building

Partner Updates:

RTA Releases Vision: Transforming Transit

The Regional Transportation Authority of Northeastern Illinois (RTA) released “[Transforming Transit](#),” a \$1.5 billion vision aimed at shaping the future of transit funding and governance which must resolve transit’s historic funding gap. The Illinois legislature must put forth a sustainable funding solution by this May to avoid service cuts and fare increases at catastrophic and unprecedented levels. “We know our riders deserve world-class service. To provide it, we need to secure sustainable funding. And this document describes exactly what our riders and our region could get out of this level of investment,” said RTA Executive Director Leanne Redden.

CMAP’s Regional Transportation Plan Survey

As part of developing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), CMAP is implementing a [survey](#) to allow residents the opportunity to express how they feel the transportation system can be improved. Transportation system user feedback will shape how we improve transportation, reduce congestion, and build a more sustainable future for our region. Responses will be accepted throughout 2025, giving everyone plenty of time to weigh in. The questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes and will help CMAP answer the following three main questions:

- What is the transportation system the region wants?

- What are the challenges and opportunities to get there?
- How will the region implement the system it wants?

If you have questions about the RTP or questionnaire, or would like CMAP to present or attend a local event, please reach out to rtp@cmmap.illinois.gov.

Modernizing Illinois Sales Tax Report

In support of funding recommendations in the [PART Report](#), CMAP partnered with the Civic Federation, the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability to produce [Modernizing Illinois' Sales Tax: A pathway for a sustainable future](#). This report details how specific reforms could apply sales tax to more consumer services, address revenue shortfalls, and ensure sustainable funding for essential public services, including public transit. The report concludes that reform could generate nearly \$2 billion annually in new state revenue and provide much-needed financial stability for Illinois communities. Please contact Kasia Hart with any questions: khart@cmmap.illinois.gov.

Northeastern Illinois Development Database

Since 1987, CMAP has maintained the [Northeastern Illinois Development Database \(NDD\)](#) to track significant developments and redevelopments in the seven-county northeastern Illinois region. Municipalities are encouraged to submit proposed, in-progress, or completed developments, as all phases contribute valuable data for the model. The NDD web map is an opportunity to ensure your community's growth is accurately represented in regional forecasts. The NDD web map is tailored for local government staff to actively participate in the forecasting process by submitting and editing developments. This data informs CMAP's local forecast model, which predicts household and job placements in developments across the region.

Upcoming Conferences:

2025 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit

The [2025 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit](#) (ILBWS25) hosted by Ride Illinois will take place May 7-8 at the Bank of Springfield Center. ILBWS25 is the state's most important conference related to biking and walking. This year's theme is creating connected, livable, thriving communities. Contact info@rideillinois.org with any questions.

National ADA Symposium

The National ADA Symposium is an annual conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act and disability-related laws. This comprehensive conference provides the latest information on all areas of the ADA, including regulations and guidelines, implementation strategies, and best practices. Registration is open now: [Great Plains ADA Center](#).

- Virtual ADA Symposium: May 5-7, 2025
- In-Person ADA Symposium: June 15-18, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia

Transport Chicago

Transport Chicago is a one-day conference held this year on June 13th at the voco Hotel in downtown Chicago. Topics include transit funding, system redesigns, downstate solutions, sustainability, EV's, and beyond. To learn more and register, visit TransportChicago.org.

Kane County Updates:

Staff Announcements

It is with bittersweet sentiment that KCOM and the Kane County Division of Transportation bid farewell to Jackie Forbes on February 28th. Jackie's guidance, support, and wealth of knowledge have left a lasting impact on our team, shaping not only our work but also our growth as professionals. While we will certainly miss her leadership, we are immensely grateful for her expertise and distinct professionalism. We wish her success and happiness in her new role at the Illinois Tollway!

Turning the page, the Kane County Department of Transportation has appointed Heidi Files as the new Executive Director of the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM). Heidi brings 21 years of experience in transportation planning and programming with Kane County, having started her career in 1998 as a KKCOM Planning Liaison. She has since served in various roles at both KDOT and Kane County and now returns in a new leadership role as Executive Director. Welcome back, Heidi!

Kane County Safety Action Plan Update

The Kane County Safety Action Plan steering committee is anticipated to begin reviewing the draft Safety Action Plan on May 9th. The plan is anticipated to be approved on May 30th by a special meeting of the CMAP MPO Policy Committee. Pending approval of the Safety Action Plan, municipalities in Kane County will be eligible to apply for the [Safe Streets for All Grants \(SS4A\) Program](#). Planning and Implementation Grant applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on **June 26, 2025**.

B. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report

Mayor Schielke, Chairman of the CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee, shared an update on the meetings of the committee. The committee heard presentations from the national Weather Service about increasing severe weather, CMAP's resiliency efforts, and EV readiness. The committee will be joined by new members in June. Mayor Schielke also shared updates from the MPO Committee noting that the UWP program was approved in January. The committee also discussed CMAP's request for an appropriation from the State for providing more municipal support.

C. IDOT Local Roads update

There was no report from Local Roads.

D. CMAP Report

Kama Dobbs of CMAP shared the CMAP report. CMAP is asking municipalities to contribute to the Northeastern Illinois Development Database. This database informs CMAP's socioeconomic forecasting and modeling efforts. Kama shared that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is open and all residents are encouraged to contribute. The public comment period for the STP Shared Fund proposed program closes May 2nd. Kama commended KKCOM for obligating funding and accessing redistribution funds. She added that it is good for the region to not have a large balance of unused funds when reauthorization conversations begin with the federal government.

E. Transportation Improvement Program update

A. IDOT Program Report District 1

Katie Herdus of IDOT shared the IDOT D1 program report. They are still waiting to see when IDOT's MYP is released. Katie shared updates to the Spring repair program including 5 projects in Kane County that were added or moved up. Construction on these projects will begin this summer.

B. IDOT Program Report District 3

There was no report from IDOT District 3.

C. Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority report is in the packet.

D. RTA Report

Kendra Johnson of IDOT commended Jackie Forbes for her work on the RTA board and as Chair of the Citizens' Advisory board. She added that the April report is in the packet. The May report will be finalized soon and sent out.

E. Metra Report

Demetri Skoufis of Metra echoed the RTA's messages about the potential service cuts. He noted that ridership has been going up with higher ridership in March than budgeted. Metra noted their highest ridership weekend ever occurred last St. Patrick's Day with over 164,000 riders. Also noted that the Ventra app is doing well and

growing users. He added that the UP third main line project should be done spring/summer of 2025.

F. Pace Report

Steve Andrews gave the Pace Report. Pace is seeing positive trends in ridership growth, compared to 2024. Service on expressways, PULSE service, and other arterials are seeing the highest growth. He added that the Pace Board approve the Regional Day Pass program. Pace has been developing a draft network plan for multiple different scenarios, including funding increases and status quo funding. Steve introduced Jocelyn Lopez who is the new Community relations staff member for KKCOM.

G. Kane county Report

Steve Coffinbargar of Kane County shared some project updates on the projects in the KKCOM STP-L programming. Randall at IL 72 is on the September letting assuming ROW does not cause any delays. Now that Longmeadow Parkway is completed, Randall at Hopps is now the top priority project for KDOT and is anticipated to let in Fall 2026. Randall at Big Timber is anticipated to let in June 2026 and begin construction in 2027.

H. Kendall County Report

Fran Klaas stated there was no report from Kendall County.

I. Municipal Reports

There were no municipal reports.

VIII. Other Business

Mayor Schielke recognized the new Kane County engineer Mike Zakosek.

IX. Next Meeting

TBD July or October 2025.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by John Skillman of Carpentersville and a second was made by Chris Gottlieb of St. Charles. The motion passed unanimously.



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Tuesday, October 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Hybrid—Batavia City Hall & Online via Zoom

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Jeffery Schielke	Chairman, Mayor	KKCOM, City of Batavia
Tim Weidner (online)	Engineering Coordinator	City of Aurora
Mike Pubentz	Public Services Director	City of Elgin
Brandon Tonarelli	Village Engineer	Village of North Aurora
Curt Cassidy	Village Engineer	Village of Oswego
Michael Rennels	Mayor	City of Plano
Mike Millette	Village Engineer, TPC Chair	Village of South Elgin
Clint Hull	Mayor	City of St. Charles
Brian Schiber	Village Engineer	Village of Sugar Grove
Mike Zakosek	County Engineer	Kane County
Fran Klaas	County Engineer	Kendall County

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Gretchen Klock	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Tim Grimm	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Ken Anderson	Environmental Project Manager	ERA, Inc
Kama Dobbs	Principal	CMAP
Carlos Lopez	Senior Analyst	CMAP
Chris Kious (online)	Board Member	Kane County Board
Bill Roth	Vice-Chairman	Kane County Board
Steve Coffinbargar (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County DOT
Kurt Nika (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County DOT
Amy McSwane (online)	Implementation Engineer	HLR
Akram Chaudhry	VP Transportation	HR Green
Chris Lirot	Client Services—Construction	HR Green
Nick Pickarski	Design Engineering Manager	HLR
Katie Herdus	Area Programmer- D1	IDOT
Marilyn Solomon (online)	Field Engineer	IDOT
Kelsey Passi	Community Relations Corridor Manager	IL Tollway
Demetri Skoufis	Community & Legislative Affairs	Metra
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II. Remote Attendance Requests

Tim Weidner requested remote participation. Fran Klaas of Kendall County made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Rennels of Plano. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike Millette of South Elgin. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments

V. Presentation

A. CMAP: Socioeconomic Forecast

Carlos Lopez presented CMAP’s work on the Socioeconomic Forecast. This forecast is a federally mandated activity and consists of both a regional and local forecast with a horizon of 2050. Nationwide, there is a trend of lower population growth. CMAP is forecasting slight population growth for the region between the present and 2050. The local forecast is used for evaluating regional capital projects, forecasting air quality, and by municipalities for land use planning, housing planning, water allocation, and other activities. Forecasting trends uses a machine learning model called Urban Sim. One important input to this model is the Northeastern Illinois Development Database. Carlos encourages municipalities to report larger developments to this database on CMAP’s website or directly to his email so that the model can be as accurate as possible. The draft model is predicting slight growth in Kane and Kendall counties by 2050. Next steps in the forecasting process include incorporating feedback and updating the development database. The full forecast will be released with the updated Regional Transportation Plan in fall of 2026.

Heidi Files commented that Kane County uses this model for the impact fee program and the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Schielke commented that Batavia has seen a huge growth period in the past few years. He also noted the impressive amount of growth in Kendall County.

VI. Action Items

A. Adoption of STP-L Methodology and Programming Policies and Procedures

Heidi Lichtenberger presented the changes to the STP-L Methodology and Programming Policies and Procedures that have been approved by the Transportation Policy Committee and CMAP. There were no questions. Mike Millette of South Elgin made a motion to approve the changes, seconded by Mike Pubentz of Elgin. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

B. Adoption of the FFY 2026-2029 STP Active and Contingency Programs

Mike Millette presented the FFY2026-2029 STP Active and Contingency Programs. He noted that KCCOM staff is in the middle of carrying over projects into the new Federal Fiscally Year and some projects are in temporary contingency. These projects will be reprogrammed in the coming weeks. An updated program will be presented at next week’s Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Mike Millette made a motion to approve the programs, seconded by Mayor Rennels of Plano. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

VII. General Business

A. Council Director's Report

Heidi Lichtenberger presented the Council Director's Report, as detailed in the agenda packet. She added that the upcoming KKCOM STP-L Call for Projects will use the new eTIP Platform. Details will be provided at the next Transportation Policy Committee Meeting.

B. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report

Mayor Schielke delivered the Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report. The committee recently heard presentations on economic development trends and CMAP's work on the regional freight assessment. He added that CMAP is working on a draft ordinance for municipalities regarding truck permitting. CMAP is hosting a State of the Region event on the evening of November 4th. Those interested in attending can contact Jane Grover or Heidi Lichtenberger.

C. IDOT Local Roads Update

Katie Herdus of IDOT presented the IDOT Local Roads Update. IDOT released the new Multi-Year Plan on October 1st. She noted that projects in Kane County are included in the packet in the agenda packet. She noted that to request State participation of IDOT Routes, the most efficient method is to send a letter to Jose Rios with Katie Herdus CC'd.

D. CMAP Report

Kama Dobbs delivered the CMAP Report. She commended KKCOM for allocating a large amount of regional redistribution funds in the previous Federal Fiscal Year. She added that this is very helpful for the region. Kama said that 2024 IDOT Crash Data is available. Additionally, she added that mayors receive a free ticket to CMAP's State of the Region Event and noted that this event will be celebrating CMAP's 20th Anniversary.

E. Transportation Improvement Program Update

- IDOT Program Report District 1

Marilyn Solomon of IDOT presented the Updated IDOT Status Sheets for District 1. She asked municipalities to check the accuracy of the project information and reminded sponsors that if a PPI is approved, they should reach out to KKCOM staff to schedule a Phase 1 Kick-off meeting.

- IDOT Program Report District 3

There was no report from IDOT District 3.

- Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

Kelsey Passi delivered the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority report. Work is ongoing for the I-88 Comprehensive Planning Study. The Tollway is working on their next major capital plan and have established a stakeholder advisory team and strategic planning committee. Additionally, the Tollway recently announced their Bridging the Future \$2 billion, seven-year capital plan which funds planning, design, and construction projects.

- RTA Report

Zach Braun of the RTA presented the RTA report. He noted that this is his first time presenting to the council. The ADA paratransit action plan recently took effect which included reductions to the RAP (rideshare access program) and TAP (taxi access program). Future actions to reduce the ADA budget deficit are being considered but are not taking effect at this time. The RTA Ad Hoc Committee on the transit fiscal cliff last met October 3rd. The transit fiscal cliff is currently estimated at around \$200 million for 2026. The

estimate has been reduced due to the sales tax revenues performing strongly, but the structural fiscal cliff remains a concern until new funding sources are identified. The RTA is preparing for the Illinois General Assembly's Fall Session. Additionally, the RTA is working on the Human Services Transportation Plan update and has a public survey available.

- **Metra Report**

Demetri Skoufis of Metra presented the Metra report. Metra has around 98% of the number of pre-COVID trains operating. They are working on studying the Milwaukee District trains and working to restore trains there. Metra is currently meeting its on-time performance goal of 95% and is on track to meet its budgeted ridership numbers. The UP-W Third Main Line project is now completed and is being used by trains. The first phase of ticket vending machines is in operation. Metra is working to replace scrolling LED train status displays with more user-friendly large screen displays. The Metra Board meets October 20th to approve the budget. The approved budget will be presented to the Kane County Transportation Committee in October, at public hearings, and the Kane County Board's December meeting. Currently, Metra is anticipating a 10% fare increase in 2026 and no cuts to service.

- **Pace Report**

Jocelyn Lopez of Pace presented the Pace Report. She noted this is her first time presenting to the Council. She noted ridership is increasing compared to 2024. She reiterated the changes to the RAP and TAP program and added these reductions address the current ADA budget shortfall for the ADA paratransit program but there is still a shortfall anticipated in 2026. Currently, Pace is anticipated to have enough funding to meet federally mandated paratransit service for 2026 but will only be able to fund the RAP and TAP programs through Q1. She added that Pace anticipates a balanced budget for 2026 including a 10% fare increase. Pace will host a public hearing at the Kane County Government Center on October 22nd from 2-4 p.m.

- **Kane County Report**

Heidi Files reported that Kane County is working on an update to the Road Impact Free Program and will host a public hearing in November.

- **Kendall County Report**

There was no report from Kendall County.

- **Municipal Reports**

Mike Millette of South Elgin reported that McLean Road currently has one lane open in each direction. The jurisdiction of the road is being transferred from the State to South Elgin. The road is anticipated to be open to full traffic by Thanksgiving. There were no other municipal reports.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Spring 2026.

X. Adjournment

Mike Pubentz of Elgin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40a.m.