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KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Hybrid – Kane County Government Center & Online via Zoom

Voting Members in Attendance

Mike Millette	Chairman, Public Works Director	KKCOM, Village of South Elgin
Alex Nugent	PE	City of Aurora
Andrea Podraza	Director of Public Works	City of Batavia
Scott Marquardt	Village Engineer	Village of Campton Hills, HR Green
Mike Pubentz	Public Works Director	City of Elgin
Brian Davids	City Engineer	City of Geneva
Chris Ott	Village Engineer	Village of Montgomery/EEI
Curt Cassidy	Public Works Director	Village of Oswego
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
Tim Grimm	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Mayor Schielke	Mayor	City of Batavia
Jason Fluhr	Vice President Transportation	Baxter and Woodman
Zubair Haider	Transportation Director	Baxter and Woodman
Travis Parry	Project Manager	CBBEL
Kama Dobbs	Principal	CMAP
Matt Baldwin	Vice President	GFT, Inc.
Amy McSwane (online)	Corporate Treasurer	HLR
Nick Piekarski	Design Engineering Manager	HLR
Jeff Stanko	Senior Project Manager	HR Green, Inc
Katie Herdus	Program Development Section Chief	IDOT D1
Moe Kawash	Assistant Field Engineer	IDOT D1
Steve Coffinbarger (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County DOT
Kurt Nika (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County DOT
Andre Jungermann	Project Engineer	Village of Oswego
Jocelyn Lopez	Community Relations	Pace Bus
Jarrold Cebulski	Director of Transportation Planning	RINA
Gordon Smith	Director	Robinson Engineering
Karen Young	Senior Project Manager	Trotter and Associates
Michael Wallin	Resident Construction Manager	V3 Companies
Vince DiPrima	Municipal Practice Manager	WBK Engineering

I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

Chairman Mike Millette called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Gretchen Klock called the role.

II. Remote Attendance Requests

Steve Coffinbargar of Kane County requested permission to participate remotely. A motion was made by Chris Ott of Montgomery and seconded by Brian Davids of Geneva. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chris Gottlieb of St. Charles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Brian Davids of Geneva seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment on the agenda.

V. General Business

A. Planning Liaison Update

George Kandathil of KKCOM delivered the PL update as detailed in the agenda packet.

B. CMAP Update

Kama Dobbs of CMAP shared updates from CMAP. Kama shared that the new eTIP platform is live and includes a new interactive public website. Going forward, Quarterly Status Updates (QSUs) will be completed on that new platform. KKCOM will start using eTIP for QSUs in March. CMAP is working on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and has released a benefits report for Regional Capital Projects that is available on CMAP's website. CMAP is developing a four-part freight assessment and has released the first document, "The Freight Landscape." Finally, Kama shared that CMAP has openings for summer internships and a planning fellowship that are closing soon.

VI. Surface Transportation Program (STP)

A. Cost Increase Request Kendall County (09-22-0008)

Heidi Lichtenberger of KKCOM shared the Cost Increase Request for Kendall County's Ridge Road Project. Heidi provided some background on cost increases that the council has approved in the past couple years. She noted that though this is the largest cost increase that one project has received, this is not the largest increase that an individual municipality has received. KKCOM consulted CMAP regarding this cost increase to determine the amount. Regional Redistribution funds cannot be used until a council's mark is used up. Therefore the cost increase for Ridge Road will consist of \$9,270,679 in KKCOM STP-L and the remaining \$3,063,641 in Redistribution funds. All remaining projects in 2026 will be programmed with Planned Use of Redistribution. Many of these projects have already received cost increases to bring the total project to a 75/25 or 80/20 split. Heidi Lichtenberger from KKCOM, Kama Dobbs from CMAP, and Fran Klaas from Kendall County were available to answer questions.

A question was asked regarding if projects using Planned Use of Redistribution were guaranteed the funding. Heidi Lichtenberger explained that there can't be a 100% guarantee that funding is available but there has never been an issue in the past where there was a lack of redistribution funds. Once the cost increases are voted on, KKCOM staff will update eTIP with the Planned Use of Redistribution amounts so that CMAP staff has a good picture of how much funding is programmed. Kama added that the regional balance is currently over \$160 million and there is no reason to believe that an unexpected project would use up a large chunk of that balance. Kama put the guarantee of funding availability in the 90-95% range.

Heidi Lichtenberger answered a follow-up question that if funding was not available for these projects, they would be moved into the contingency program or KKCOM staff would try to reprogram them in a later year. There is currently some unprogrammed balance in the outyears as a safeguard to accommodate project changes.

Another question was asked regarding other counties or agencies looking for large cost increase and how those projects are tracked. Kama answered that CMAP keeps a pretty good eye on what projects are moving through IDOT for review. CMAP's written policy is that redistribution cost increases are capped at 20% but there is some wiggle room. Kama explained that there is a prioritization order for cost increases where first priority goes to regionally programmed (Shared Fund) projects and second priority goes to local programmed. Construction phases are prioritized first, then ROW, then Phase 2, and Phase 1. Heidi Files of KKCOM added that regarding Kane County projects, Randall at Hopps cannot receive more federal funds due to the INFRA grant requirements, and Randall at Big Timber is looking for a Shared Fund Cost Increase of around \$3.7 million.

A question was asked to Kama regarding the long-term future of the Redistribution Funds. Kama said that CMAP feels confident about the level of funds in the region and while talks are beginning at the federal level regarding transportation funding reauthorization, there is no present worry about loss of STP funding. Kama reiterated that the goal is to use up the funding but she does not expect that to happen anytime soon. Thanks in part to KKCOM's aggressiveness with advancing projects and granted increases, the funds are being spent down at the right time. She added that it is beneficial to have a lower unspent balance when redistribution talks are occurring in Washington to demonstrate that the CMAP region is being good stewards of the funding. Kama said that if things changed and projects were advancing to use a large amount of the funding, CMAP would communicate that to the councils to slow down their aggression in advancing projects. For the near future, Kama predicts there being over \$100 million in rollover every year. Kama answered a clarifying question that CMAP was aware of this project advancing. She noted that the project did apply for regional Shared Fund funding but did not score very well due to being located in a rural area. Heidi Files of KKCOM added that in her previous tenure as a planning liaison over 20 years ago that the region followed a pattern of being more aggressive with using unspent funds right before the five-year transportation bill reauthorization to show the federal government that funds were being used appropriately.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

B. Cost Increase Request Sugar Grove (09-26-0004)

Heidi Lichtenberger presented the cost increase request for the Village of Sugar Grove's Wheeler Road project. There were no questions. A motion was made by Mike Pubentz of Elgin to approve the cost increase, seconded by Chris Ott of Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

C. STP-L CFP Update

George Kandathil of KKCOM shared some details about the recently closed KKCOM STP-L Call for Projects and next steps for program development. The draft program will be released March 2 and will be initially considered by the TPC at the April meeting.

D. QSU Submittal Update

Gretchen Klock of KKCOM gave a brief demonstration of the QSU submittal process on the new eTIP platform using the project delivery tab. The memo included in the agenda packet serves as a working draft

of guidance for the new process. More detailed guidance and video guides will be provided by KKCOM and CMAP in advance of the March 2026 QSU cycle which will be the first cycle where project sponsors use the new Project Delivery tab on eTIP.

E. Current FFY2025-2029 STP-L Active and Contingency Programs

Heidi Lichtenberger of KKCOM presented the updated FFY2026-2030 STP-L Active and Contingency Programs. She asked project sponsors to look at FFY2026 and contact KKCOM Staff with any inaccuracies. Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove made a motion to approve the programs, seconded by Mayor Schielke of Batavia. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

F. IDOT STP Report

Moe Kawash of IDOT shared the latest IDOT status sheets. He noted that the BDE cultural form has been updated and the new form can be found on the IDOT Forms website.

Katie Herdus of IDOT shared the current Proposed Highway Improvement Program sheets. IDOT is currently working on the new program for FY2027-2032. Katie added that agencies with projects on State routes that want State participation should mail a letter to Jose Rios at Region 1 and email a copy to Katie to help expedite the process.

VII. Other Business

A. Project Updates

Mike Millette of South Elgin shared that McLean Boulevard is open with work on the noise wall continuing.

Brian Davids of Geneva shared that utility work on IL 38 is continuing.

VIII. Public Comments

Mayor Schielke noted that CMAP is working hard regarding the uncertainties with the new federal transportation funding reauthorization.

Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove shared that this is his last KKCOM meeting as he is retiring in early March and the council congratulated him on his announcement.

IX. Next meeting

The next meeting will be April 16, 2026.

X. Adjournment

Scott Marquardt of Campton Hills made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fran Klaas of Kane County. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.