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April 2, 2015 9:30 a.m.,
Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance:

Anderson, Dave	Village President	Village of Elburn
Berman, Dale	Village President	Village of North Aurora
Devick, Daryl	Asst. Director of Public Works	City of Aurora
Haulser, Bob	Mayor	City of Plano
Hughes, Jennifer	Public Works Director	Village of Oswego
Klaas, Fran	County Engineer	Kendall County
Olson, Rick	Mayor	City of Sandwich
Pubentz, Mike	Director of Public Works	Village of Montgomery
Rickert, Tom	Deputy Director	Kane County Division of Transportation
Ritter, Ed	Village President	Village of Carpentersville
Schielke, Jeffery	Village President	City of Batavia
Speciale, Tony	Director of Public Works	Village of Sugar Grove

Others in attendance:

Aleman, Erin	Planner	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Anderson, Bunny	Liaison for Engineering Projects	Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Becker, Jennifer	Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Berger, Josh	Capital Construction Project Manager	Pace
Chaudhry, Akram	Vice President	HR Green Consulting
Del Real, Joe	Community Relations Manager	Nicor Gas
Fairwood, Brian	Vice President	Trans Systems
Hooghkirk, Marnie	Area Programmer	IDOT
Knapp, Patrick	Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Plummer, Andy	Consultant	RTA
Ritchie, John	Senior Structural Engineer	Reynolds, Smith & Hills
Rose, Chris	Community Relations Representative	Pace
Sanderson, Brad	Vice President	Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Skoufis, Demetri	Community & Legislative Affairs	METRA
Solomon, Marilyn	Field Engineer	IDOT
Starow, Allen	Vice President	Clark Dietz, Inc
Sullivan, Mike	Council Director	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Szydlowski, Ed	Engineering Manager	City of Carpentersville
Talsma, Tom	Vice President	Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Ulreich, Greg	Project Manager	Rempe Sharpe
Wade, Joe	Assistant Manager	Village of Carpentersville
Waden, Dave	Senior Planner	City of Elgin
Willrett, Erin	Administrator	Elburn
Young, Karen	Asst. Director of Public Works	City of St. Charles

I. Opening of Meeting

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

II. Approval of the July 22, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by President Berman to approve the July 22, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Daryl Devick and passed unanimously.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of FFY15-FFY19 STP Program

Tony Speciale, Transportation Policy Committee Chair, presented the FFY15-FFY19 STP Program for approval. Tony Speciale made a motion to approve the FFY14-FFY18 STP Program and the motion was seconded by Mike Pubentz and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Resolution for FY2016 Regional Planning Liaison Services

Mike Sullivan outlined the request to enter into an agreement with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for 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 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. It is anticipated that Kane County will receive \$159,879.70 in federal funding, with a local match of \$81,610.24, for a total contract amount of \$241,489.94. Primary staff for the Council of Mayors includes: Tom Rickert – Executive Director, Mike Sullivan – Council Director and Jennifer Becker and Patrick Knapp – Regional Planning Liaisons. A motion was made by Mayor Haulser, seconded by President Ritter, the vote in favor was unanimous.

C. Kane County Impact Fee Advisory Committee Membership Vacancy

Mike Sullivan informed the committee about Kane County Impact Fee Advisory Committee and the need for a new representative and alternate. Ed Ritter was nominated to be on the committee and Dave Anderson was nominated as an alternate. A motion was made by Mayor Olson, seconded by Mike Pubentz and passed unanimously.

IV. General Business

A. Director’s Report

Planning Liaison Jennifer Becker gave the Director’s report:

Local Technical Assistance Program

CMAP is planning for the release of the 2016 LTA call for projects. The process will be similar to past years, the call will open in early May with applications due in late June. Projects will be selected and approved in October. The application schedule will be coordinated with the RTA’s Community Planning Program. CMAP is currently in the process of discussing some changes to the program, including requiring a local funding match to participate in the program. Visit the CMAP LTA webpage to keep up to date with call information: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/call-for-projects>

8 CMAQ/TAP Applications Submitted in the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Area

Municipalities from the KKCOM area and Kane County submitted a total of 8 applications for the recent CMAQ/TAP Call of Projects. All projects submitted are eligible for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Federal Funds and the bicycle related projects are also eligible for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Funding notification is anticipated in November. More information about CMAQ and TAP can be found on CMAP’s website by searching CMAQ.

Sponsor	Project	Type	Project Cost	Federal Request
Aurora	Edgelawn Dr Bikeway Project	Bicycle Facilities	\$428,051	\$322,440
	Montgomery Rd Multi-use Path	Bicycle Facilities	\$567,585	\$430,068
	Indian Trail Rd from IL25/Aurora Av to Pensbury Ln	Signal Interconnect	\$1,140,009	\$905,607
	Aurora Transportation Center (ATC) Enhancements	Access to Transit	\$14,585,612	\$8,625,982
FPD of Kane County	Fox River Trail UPRR Underpass	Bicycle Facilities	\$2,218,620	\$1,774,896
Geneva	IL 38/E State St from IL 25/Bennett St to Kirk Rd	Bicycle Facilities	\$717,393	\$452,550
	IL 38/E State St from IL 25/Bennett St to Kirk Rd	Intersection Improvement	\$5,560,262	\$4,083,068
Kane County DOT	Longmeadow Parkway Bike Path Extensions	Bicycle Facilities	\$1,831,130	\$1,400,023

Transit-Supportive Corridors: Existing Conditions and Implementation Tools

CMAP recently completed the Transit-Supportive Corridors: Existing Conditions and Implementation Tools report. The report includes a detailed analysis of current conditions along many roadways within Kane County that may help guide municipalities, Kane County, and regional transportation agencies plan for, create, and supporting viable transit corridors. The report also provides strategies for municipalities, Kane County and the regional transportation agencies to use in order to help create successful transit-supportive corridors in their communities. A copy of the report can be found on KDOT's Planning and Programming webpage.

Fox River Trail Signage Plan Update

The Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Kane County Division of Transportation, and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County have initiated the process of reviewing the Fox River Trail Signage Program. The Fox River Trail Signage Program was originally adopted in July 2003 and included wayfinding, regulatory, and cautionary signage recommendations along the Fox River Trail Corridor. The update will review the implementation of the original plan and evaluate whether the plan should be updated and expanded to include additional signage recommendations. The steering committee is composed of directly impacted agencies by the Fox River Trail and additional focus groups are being contacted.

Ride in Kane Paratransit Service Study Update

Work continues on a program study for the county-wide Ride in Kane paratransit program. This study is funded via the RTA Community Planning Grant program to develop strategies for the long term sustainability of this popular program. Currently, approximately 10,000 trips per months are taken by senior and disabled residents of Kane County. Sponsors (municipalities, townships, social service agencies and Kane County) provide local match dollars to provide 24 hour and day, 365 day a year curb-to-curb bus and taxi transportation for their residents to access jobs, medical appointment, dialysis and other needs. This study will help RIK plan for the future and the very real possibility that Federal funds may dry up.

The RTA is also conducting a regional study for all paratransit services in the Chicago metro region. The study model is based upon the Ride in Kane study and the goal is to try to plan for the long term sustainability of this very necessary service which provides transportation to vulnerable residents of our region.

Tom Rickert let the committee also know that the Transit Supportive Corridors report can be presented at the next KKCOM Full Council Meeting if desired.

B. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report

Chairman Schielke provided the update. He reported that the 11 CMAP Councils to date have expended \$20 million of their 2015 mark, and approved \$4.5 million in advanced funding. Chairman Schielke then explained that the councils have a large amount of unobligated STP balances and that we need to do our part to spend down our balance or we will lose our funds.

C. Surface Transportation Program Update

Marilyn Solomon, Field Engineer with IDOT District 1, reported on the status of the STP and CMAQ programs. Marilyn also reminded the committee that project sponsors should contact the Planning Liaisons for a Kick-Off meeting and make sure a PPI is filled out if Federal Funds have been awarded.

D. CMAP Staff Report

Erin Aleman, CMAP Local Planning Staff, handed out information about the FLIP (Future Leaders in Planning Program) and encouraged High School students to apply to attend the week long camp this summer. Erin also announced that there would be an LTA call for projects in May.

Erin then went on to explain to the group CMAP's Fund 2040 initiative. Fund 2040 will follow models around the country to fund freight, transit, parks, open space, and water resources with a ¼ cent sales tax generating about \$300 million per year. Performance based measures would be used to select projects around the region.

Chairman Schielke explained that projects would be limited to the RTA sales tax area as this is the taxing body the measure would use to collect the tax. This means that Kendall and DeKalb County communities would not be included.

President Ritter explained that he does not have an issue with the concept, but does have a problem with open space being included because it is not a regional issue.

Erin explained that open space would also mean funding things like regional trails. She also told the committee that the RTA sales tax is being used because CMAP is against creating more taxing bodies as outlined in the 2040 plan.

Chairman Schielke also clarified that this fund can be used to fund things like freight and help fund programs like CREATE which solves regional freight train issues in the region.

E. Transportation Improvement Program Update

IDOT Program Report: Marnie Hooghkirk, IDOT Area Programmer, updated and distributed the State's construction program and highlighted the 2015 Capital Bill projects in the KKCOM area. She highlighted work planned for IL 47 at several intersections and also Dugan Rd at US Route 30.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report: Bunny Anderson reported that the Tollway is in the middle of its largest and most ambitious construction season in ISTHA history with \$1.6 billion being spent. \$840 million is being spent on I-90 alone which will feature active traffic management and Pace Bus on Shoulder from Elgin to the Kennedy Expressway. Other updates included I-88 resurfacing from Dixon to Rochelle and speed limit increases proposed along the Tollway system.

RTA Report: Andy Plummer informed the group on an initiative called "Stand Up 4 Transportation". This event will bring transportation officials from around the region and service boards together to raise awareness about the need for consistent, long-term federal funding for the nation's transportation and transit systems.

Tom Rickert and Chairman Schielke were both concerned about some of the language in the letter provided and suggested removing the content in question. Tom said that staff would draft a letter to share around.

Metra Report: Demetri Skoufis reported that Metra's on time performance was 94.3% system wide and just short of their goal of 95%. The BNSF recorded 89.7%, the UPW 94.4%, and the MDW 93.5%. There were small improvements in ridership during the same period of 1.3% and Metra provided 84.4 million passenger trips, the second highest in Metra History. Demetri also informed the committee that mobile ticketing is coming to Metra in the form of an app and testing will begin soon, the Geneva Parking Deck expansion is nearing completion, and design of the UPW third main line started earlier this year.

Pace Report: Chris Rose reminded the committee to use Pace's Transit Development Guidelines to make sure projects are pedestrian and transit friendly. She also let the committee know that Pace had no cuts in 2015 even after seeing a slight decrease in ridership due to weather. Pace has a number of improvements to the area coming that include a continuing roll-out of Ventra, bus arrival time info at bus stops, notification email for agencies to send construction updates, Park-n-Rides on the Tollway, and expanding bus on shoulder service.

Kane County Report: Tom Rickert presented an update for Kane County. The update included information on Stearns Road, Anderson Road, Plank Road, and IL 47 at Burlington Road. Tom also provided a handout on the Longmeadow Parkway which will be letting later this year.

V. Other Business / Announcements

Patrick Knapp, Planning Liaison, opened a call for STP projects. Projects applications will be due on June 26th at the end of the day. This call will not include LAFO projects and the \$2.5 million cap will be lifted as long as the federal funding ratios are still met. Projects already in the STP Program can reapply for additional funds. Required items to be eligible for funding include a project application, project map, proof of local commitment to fund phase 1, and resolution from agency supporting scope of project.

The next meeting of the Council will be on call. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:20 AM.