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# KANE KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS



## COUNCIL STAFF

Jacqueline L. Forbes  
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Council Director

## Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM) Transportation Policy Committee

January 18th, 2024 1:00 pm  
Hybrid – Kane County Government Center & online via Zoom  
**Meeting Minutes**

### Voting members in attendance

Mike Millette	Chairman, Public Works Director	KKCOM, Village of South Elgin
Fran Klaas	County Engineer	Kendall County
Tim Weidner	Engineering Coordinator	City of Aurora
Rahat Bari	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Scott Marquardt	Project Manager	HR Green/Village of Campton Hills
Mike Pubentz	Public Works Director	City of Elgin
Brian Davids	City Engineer	City of Geneva
Phil Cotter	Public Works Director	Village of East Dundee
Chris Ott	Village Engineer	EEL/Village of Montgomery
Brandon Tonarelli	Village Engineer	Village of North Aurora
Martin Shanahan	City Administrator	City of Plano
Mike Zakosek	Assistant County Engineer	Kane County
Todd Latham (online)	Mayor	City of Sandwich
Brian Schiber	Village Engineer	Village of Sugar Grove
Chris Gottlieb	PW Engineer Manager	City of St. Charles

### Others in attendance

Jackie Forbes	Executive Director	KKCOM
George Kandathil	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Heidi Lichtenberger	Council Director	KKCOM
Amy McSwane (online)	Corporate Treasurer	Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick, Inc.
Alex Nugent	PE	City of Aurora
Ken Anderson	Environmental Project Manager	ERA, Inc.
Jason Fluhr	Vice President, Transportation	Baxter & Woodman
Justin Benham	PE	RS&H
Matt Baldwin	Senior Project Manager	TranSystems
Thomas Gill	President	Thomas Engineering Group
Randal Newkirk	Design Engineer Manager	Hampton, Lenzini, & Renwick, Inc.
Phil Cotter (online)	Public Works Director	Village of East Dundee
Jon Haadsma (online)	Assistant Analyst	CMAP
Niko Gyori (online)	Community Relations Representative	Pace Suburban Bus
Kurt Nika (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County
Jonathan Trent (online)	Asst. Dept. Mgr. Transportation Group	Baxter & Woodman
Ron Rudd (online)	City Engineer	City of Elgin

**I. Opening of Meeting and Roll Call**

Chairman Mike Millette called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, George Kandathil called the role.

**II. Approval of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Rahat Bari made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Mike Pubentz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment was made about the agenda.

**IV. General Business**

**A. Planning Liaison Update** – Heidi Lichtenberger delivered the update.

**Upcoming Meetings**

KKCOM Transportation Policy: **Friday, April 12, 2024**

KKCOM Full Council: TBD April 2024

KKCOM Bike/Ped: TBD Winter/Spring 2024

**Council Staff Change**

George Kandathil has joined KKCOM and KDOT as a Regional Planning Liaison and Transportation Planner, welcome George!

**Funding Opportunities**

**FHWA Transportation Innovation NOFOs**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) issued [Circular Letter 2023-31](#) announcing two FHWA Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for the [Accelerated Innovation Deployment \(AID\) Demonstration Program](#) and the [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#).

The AID Program provides funding as an incentive for eligible entities to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation. The award amount may be up to the full cost of the innovation in the project, up to a maximum of \$1 million. Additional information, including the prior year selections, successful projects, a recorded webinar, and innovation examples are available on the [AID Demonstration website](#). Applications are due **January 23, 2024**.

The ATTAIN Program provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Up to \$60 million for both FY 2023 and FY 2024 will be funded. Applications shall be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) and are due on **February 2, 2024**.

**Federal RAISE Grant Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced \$1.5 billion in [RAISE discretionary grant funding](#) available to help state and local governments complete locally and regionally important transportation projects. [Recently awarded projects](#) include planning and infrastructure to construct bike and pedestrian facilities, as well as first and last mile connections to transit. Applications are due **February 28**.

**IDOT Section 130 Program – FFY 2025 & 2026 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program**

The Department (IDOT) is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing

Safety Program (Section 130 Funds), which is federally funded. A list of the eligible work scopes can be found in [Circular Letter 2023-34](#). IDOT continues to place a strong emphasis on crossing closure, warning device, and circuitry related projects as opposed to crossing surface and roadway approach projects. The Section 130 Program will match up to \$100,000 of a Railroad's incentive for a crossing closure. The overall initiative will work with the ICC crossing closure program and provide incentives where possible. Applications are due **February 2**.  
**Partner Updates**

### **IDOT's FFY 2025 STR, STU, and Local Bridge Funding Allotments**

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-33](#) showing the FFY 2025 allotments for Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STR), Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STU), and Local Bridge Formula Program (formerly STP-Br).

- STR: Kendall County - \$737,728
- STU: Chicago/Northeastern Illinois - \$217,207,395
- Local Bridge: Kane County - \$1,663,128
- Local Bridge: Kendall County - \$337,972

### **2023 Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment: Measuring Progress toward Zero Traffic Fatalities**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released the 2023 Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment. The report documents the federally required process of identifying safety trends, policies, and procedures related to safety for vulnerable travelers like pedestrians and bicyclists. The VRU Safety Assessment is also a resource for stakeholders in Illinois to help identify high-priority areas for project selection and safety improvements. Check out the [2023 VRU Safety Assessment here](#).

### **Kane County Update**

#### **Kane County Safety Action Plan**

In January 2024, Kane County DOT is kicking off the Kane County Safety Action Plan project. With funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, the project will create a Safety Action Plan for all of Kane County, not only on KDOT roadways. Traffic data shows that traffic deaths have sharply increased since COVID-19. In the United States, fatalities are up 18%, while fatalities in northeastern Illinois jumped 42% between 2019 and 2021. An increasing number of those killed are people walking or riding a bike. Recognizing this trend, CMAP applied for planning funding on behalf of several counties and local agencies and was awarded \$3.9M to complete locally-focused Safety Action Plans and support their Safe Travel for ALL Roadmap (STAR) initiative.

CMAP, as the direct recipient of the federal funding, held a competitive process to select a consultant and H.W. Lochner will lead the Kane County plan. The project scope includes:

- identifying low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wide geographic area;
- establishing equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved and historically excluded communities, by incorporating evidence-based projects and strategies;
- providing coordination between agencies;
- and aligning with the Federal Highway Administration's mission and priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness.

Once a Safety Action Plan is completed and includes the FHWA-required elements, local agencies may apply for SS4A funding to implement the plan. The plan will include extensive stakeholder engagement and staff will reach out to Kane County communities for input and information in the coming year. To learn more about the overall project, visit the [STAR website](#).

#### **B. CMAP Report**

Jon Haadsma delivered the CMAP update. As for the MPO Policy Committee, they approved a new Public Participation Plan at its January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The PPP is a plan that CMAP creates every four years to serve as a guide for the public on how to participate in CMAP's committees and initiatives, as well as a guide for CMAP staff in planning public engagement processes. CMAP

has also released its annual report which highlights the region's significant achievements over the past calendar year, and the progress made toward the region's shared vision. Both the Public Participation Plan and the Annual Report can be found on the CMAP website. CMAP is also planning to provide additional accessibility trainings in spring of this year, which is for Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and for ADA self-evaluation plans and transition plans. Recordings can be found on the CMAP website and training dates will be released soon.

## **V. Surface Transportation Program (STP)**

### **A. KKCOM STP-L FFY 2025 – 2029 Call for Projects Update**

Heidi mentioned that a total of 56 applications had been received. Of these, 21 were roadway and intersection projects with four from the current contingency list and 17 new projects. The remaining 35 were asset management projects with 17 from the current contingency list and 18 new projects. Of the 35 asset management projects, five are targeting the 2024 letting. Since this year's call for projects will be filling FFYs 2028 and 2029, five will be put in FFY 2024. The total amount of requested federal money for 2028 was \$26 million, which was \$14 million in roadways and intersections and around \$12 million in asset management. For 2029, we received requests totaling \$23.5 million, with around \$15 million for roadways and intersections and around \$8 million in asset management. The current marks for 2028 and 2029 are around \$13 million per year. This most likely will slightly change. Lastly, Heidi mentioned that KKCOM is currently scoring the projects and the goal is to be finished by February 23. On February 29, KKCOM will post the staff recommended program on its website. This will be followed by a 30-day public comment period. On Friday, April 12 the TPC will meet to vote on the program. The KKCOM Full Council Meeting will be in late April where the program will be voted on, before moving to the CMAP Transportation Committee for a vote on May 31 and finally to the CMAP MPO Policy Committee for a final vote. Rahat Bari asked if the funds cover both roadways and intersections and asset management. Heidi mentioned that they conventionally allocate 95% for roadways and intersections and 5% for asset management.

### **B. City of Elgin Cost Increase Request**

Heidi mentioned that the City of Elgin has a Lillian-South-Walnut resurfacing project and are asking for an additional \$264,500 for FFY 2024. Mike Pubentz added that the City of Elgin wants to maximize their funding for our current projects and are not asking for another project. Tim Weidner made a motion to approve the request, and Chris Gottlieb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Current FFY 2023 – 2027 STP-L Active and Contingency Programs**

Heidi mentioned that the only changes are in FFY 2024 and the program distributed to the participants contains the City of Elgin's cost increase. The planned use of redistribution is currently at \$1,159,087. Heidi also mentioned that if local agencies needed additional funds for 2024 to contact her immediately. Chairman Millette asked for a motion to adopt the program; Scott Marquardt of Campton Hills made a motion which was seconded by Brian Davids. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. IDOT STP Report**

Marilyn Solomon was not available. Jackie Forbes also mentioned that someone was hired to take over Chad Riddle's previous job at IDOT.

## **VI. Other Business**

Brian Davids mentioned that barricades were removed on Routes 25 and 38. Mike Zakosek mentioned that Kane County was close to receiving \$17.5 million for Longmeadow Parkway from the General Assembly in lieu of a previously planned tollway facility.

**VII. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

Friday, April 12, 2024.

**IX. Adjournment**

Brian Schiber made a motion to adjourn, Brandon Tonarelli seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.