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# KANE KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS



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

January 16th, 2025 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
Tim Weidner	Engineering Coordinator	City of Aurora
Rahat Bari	City Engineer	City of Batavia
Scott Marquardt	Project Manager	Village of Campton Hills/HR Green
Phil Cotter (online)	Director of Public Works	Village of East Dundee
Mike Pubentz	Public Works Director	City of Elgin
Rich Babica (online)	Director of Public Works	City of Geneva
Chris Ott	Village Engineer	EEI/Village of Montgomery
Brandon Tonarelli	Village Engineer	Village of North Aurora
Curt Cassidy	Public Works Director	Village of Oswego
Martin Shanahan	City Administrator	City of Plano
Todd Latham	Mayor	City of Sandwich
Chris Gottlieb	PW Engineer Manager	City of St. Charles
Brian Schiber	Public Works Director	Village of Sugar Grove
Carl Schoedel	County Engineer	Kane County
Fran Klaas	County Engineer	Kendall County

### Others in attendance

Jackie Forbes	Executive Director	KKCOM
Heidi Lichtenberger	Council Director	KKCOM
George Kandathil	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Gretchen Klock	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Alex Nugent	PE	City of Aurora
Jeffery Schielke	Mayor, Executive Chair	Batavia, KKCOM
Jason Fluhr	Vice President of Transportation	Baxter & Woodman
Jon Haadsma	Program Analyst	CMAP
Chris Ott	Engineer	EEI
Ken Anderson	Environmental Project Manager	ERA, Inc
Chris Lirot	Client Services-- Construction	HR Green
Amy McSwane	Corporate Treasurer	HLR
Troy Strange	Project Manager	HLR
Kelsey Passi (online)	Community Relations Corridor Manager	IL Tollway
Kurt Nika (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County
Adam Kucharski	Project Manager	Kimley-Horn
Chris Rose	Community Relations Representative	Pace Bus
Zach Braun	Associate, Government Affairs	RTA
Matt Baldwin	Senior Project Manager	TranSystems
Andy Sikich (online)	Vice President of Civil Engineering	WBK

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

Chairman Mike Millette called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Gretchen Klock called the role.

**II. Remote Attendance Requests**

Mayor Todd Latham representing the City of Sandwich, Scott Marquardt representing the Village of Campton Hills, and Mike Pubentz representing the City of Elgin requested permission to participate remotely. This request was approved by the committee.

**III. Approval of October 17th, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Latham of Sandwich made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. General Business**

**A. Planning Liaison Update**

George Kandathil of KKCOM delivered the update.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

KKCOM Full Council: TBD Spring 2025

KKCOM Transportation Policy: April 17th, 2025

KKCOM Bike/Ped: TBD Spring 2025

**Funding Opportunities:**

**USDOT FY 2025 RAISE Grant Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. Funding minimums for RAISE grant awards are \$5 million for projects in urban areas and \$1 million for those in rural areas. There is no minimum award amount for planning grants. The maximum award size for both capital and planning grants is \$25 million. More information about this opportunity can be found here: [RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Complete instructions on how to register and apply can be found at Grants.gov: [RAISE Grant](#). Application for Round 2 are due **January 30th** and awards are expected to be announced by June 28, 2025.

**FHWA PROTECT Grant Opportunity**

Information for the 2024 – 26 cycle of the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program, is now available online. This grant program was created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. This funding cycle offers a total of up to \$876 million in funding through two application periods, including up to \$576 million for FYs 2024 and 2025, and up to \$300 million for FY 2026. The FY 2024-2025 application period will remain open through **February 24th**. To assist potential applicants for this funding opportunity, CMAP has released new climate vulnerability assessment data that may support PROTECT applications See [Climate Vulnerability Assessment Data](#) or email Kate Evasic ([kevasic@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:kevasic@cmapp.illinois.gov)) for more information.

**IDOT Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) Highway Safety Program Grant Opportunity**

To meet its goal of zero fatalities on Illinois roadways, IDOT's BSPE has posted six Highway Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for the grant year of October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. These NOFOs are for local agencies and organizations. Visit [IDOT BSPE Safety Grants](#) for links to the NOFOs and application information. All NOFO applications must be submitted through the State of Illinois' grant management system. Applications for FY26 are due by **March 3rd, 2025. at 4:00 p.m.**

### **Partner Updates:**

#### **Illinois Tollway Board Approves New 7-Year, \$2 Billion Capital Plan**

Illinois Tollway's \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan establishes a path for infrastructure modernization and maintenance needs for 2025-2031 across the five roadways on the Tollway system. Funding for the Bridging the Future capital plan is not expected to require any adjustments in the Illinois Tollway's current tolling structure nor any additional debt financing beyond that already planned for the Move Illinois Program. More information is on the Illinois Tollway website: [Illinois Tollway Capital Plan](#).

#### **2023 IDOT National Highway System (NHS) Pavement and Bridge Data**

IDOT collects condition data on Interstate pavements annually and on non-Interstate pavements on a two-year cycle. Bridges receive a routine visual inspection at least every 2-4 years, depending on their condition. The results of the most recent NHS pavement condition assessments and bridge inspections, along with performance measures and targets, may be accessed here: [IDOT Pavement and Bridge Performance Data](#).

#### **2023 IDOT Statewide Crash Data**

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2024-15](#) announcing that 2023 statewide crash data is available. This information can be accessed by logging into "IDOT's Safety Portal" via this [link](#). If you are a first-time user, please select "Create a New Account" and enter the required information.

#### **RTA Board Approves 2025 Regional Operating Budget**

RTA Board of Directors voted to adopt the [2025 regional transit operating budget and 2025-2029 capital program](#), the last one supported by federal COVID relief dollars. The 2025 budget includes \$4.147 billion in operating expenses, and a 2025- 2029 Regional Capital Program of \$9.469 billion: [RTA Budget](#).

#### **CTA Launches Long-Term Strategic Planning Process**

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) announced the launch of a planning process to determine the strategic direction for the agency over the next several years. As part of the process, the public is invited to share their opinions as well as receive updates on other opportunities to engage through the webpage [Powering our Transit Future](#). Additional community forums and listening sessions will be scheduled through spring 2025. The CTA aims to release the Plan in the second half of 2025.

#### **ReVision: Pace's Network Restructuring Project**

Pace is seeking to update the region's bus network to reflect how travel patterns have changed, building on the principles of accessibility, equity, and productivity. As part of this effort, Pace is gathering public input through open houses and a short survey. This project is developing a proposal for a reimagined fixed route and on-demand network, which will lead to major service changes in 2026. A recently released [public survey](#) regarding Pace's transit concept maps can be filled out online. The Pace team will propose a Draft Plan for public comment in mid-2025 with a Final Plan developed for implementation in late-2025. More information including the Driving Innovation strategic plan, signing up for email updates, and a recording of the virtual open house are available online: [Pace ReVision Project](#).

### **Kane/Kendall Counties Updates:**

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

Work continues on the Kane County Safety Action Plan and the team is working on engaging the public through

pop-up events, open houses, and the interactive website. The online [survey](#) and [map](#) are available through February and we encourage partners to take the survey and drop pins on the map to identify areas of concern. If you would like to share the survey and map information on your social media accounts and websites, staff can send copy and graphics upon request. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd and details will be available on CMAP’s Kane County Safety Plan [website](#) once the event is finalized.

**B. CMAP Report**

Jon Haadsma of CMAP delivered the CMAP report. Jon said that the 2024 CMAP Annual Report has been released and is available online. The 2024 Call for Projects for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ/CRP, and TAP-L programs closed back in December and CMAP staff are in the process of determining eligibility of applications. The staff recommended program will be shared in April, then there will be a public comment period before the program is voted on by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Award letters for selected projects would be sent out at the end of June or early July. Jon added that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of CMAP’s Regional ADA Coordinator’s group will meet on February 11<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged local ADA coordinators to attend in person.

**C. Nominations for Transportation Policy Committee Chair**

Jackie Forbes of KKCOM asked anyone with a nomination for Transportation Policy Committee Chairperson to reach out to planning staff.

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

**A. Sub-regional Priority Points—CMAP STP-SF 2024 Applications**

Gretchen Klock presented the methodology for awarding the council’s priority points for CMAP’s STP-Shared Fund Call for Projects. The council can award points to five priority projects and received five STP-Shared Fund applications. The projects receiving priority points are below.

	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
• Farnsworth Ave – City of Aurora	5	37
• US 20 – City of Elgin	4	31
• Kimball St Bridge– City of Elgin	3	30
• Main St – City of Batavia	2	26
• Chicago St Bridge – City of Elgin	1	13

Carl Schoedel of Kane County made a motion to approve the points, Chris Gottlieb seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. City of Aurora Cost Increase Request (09-24-0046)**

Before presenting the six cost increases, Heidi Lichtenberger of KKCOM gave a recap of the council’s cost increase process and the status of the regional redistribution fund. Heidi stated that KKCOM is on-track to fully obligate its STP-L mark at the March 2025 letting. Currently, CMAP has a large balance of regional distribution funds that councils can access upon fully obligating their mark. Heidi presented a chart that shows the projects that are using the STP-L council mark and the projects that are planning to use funding from the regional redistribution funds. The cost increases presented are planning to use this regional redistribution funding. Heidi recapped the cost increase schedule and the thresholds at which council approval is required for an increase.

Heidi answered questions regarding cost increases. Jon said that approximately \$176 million is in the regional distribution fund with \$160 programmed, but it may not all be used. Heidi clarified that the STP-L policies states a not to exceed amount, but that can be exceeded since

there are plenty of funds to accommodate that. Heidi confirmed that only FY25 letting dates can qualify so November 2025 is the last letting that can currently request a cost increase. Jon stated that CMAP is tracking the planned use of redistribution and it is fiscally constrained.

Heidi presented a cost increase request from the City of Aurora for the Stonebridge Boulevard Resurfacing project. This project is on target for the June 2025 letting and is requesting an increase of \$937,500 for a total award of \$1,687,500. The council will hear all 6 cost increases and then vote on all of the cost increases together as one item.

**C. City of Aurora Cost Increase Request (09-24-0048)**

Heidi presented a cost increase request from the City of Aurora for the Diehl & Molitor Road Resurfacing project. This project is on target for the June 2025 letting and is requesting an increase of \$1,500,000 for a total award of \$2,500,000.

**D. Kane County Cost Increase Request (09-21-0019)**

Heidi presented a cost increase from Kane County for the Randall at IL 72 project. This project also has STP-Shared Funding and is on target for the April 2025 letting. The County is requesting an increase of \$3,496,000 for a total award of \$4,896,600.

**E. City of Plano Post-Obligation Cost Increase Request (09-22-0007)**

Heidi Lichtenberger presented a cost increase request from the City of Plano for the Hale Street rehabilitation project. This is a post-obligation cost increase. The city is requesting an increase of \$175,300 for a total award of \$972,900.

**F. City of Sandwich Post-Obligation Cost Increase Request (09-20-0055)**

Heidi Lichtenberger presented a cost increase request from the City of Sandwich for the Latham Street reconstruction project. This is a post-obligation cost increase. The project has experienced unforeseen delays and additional costs due to utility work. The city is requesting an increase of \$452,725 for a total award of \$2,267,725.

**G. City of Aurora Post-Obligation Cost Increase Request (09-20-0002)**

Heidi Lichtenberger presented a cost increase request from the City of Aurora for the Indian Trail reconstruction project. This is a post-obligation cost increase. The city is requesting an increase of \$2,500,000 for a total award of \$3,851,103.

Mark Rennels of Plano made a motion to approve the cost increases (Items V. C-G) with Mike Pubentz of Elgin seconding. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**H. Current FFY25-29 STP-L Active and Contingency Programs**

Chairman Mike Millette asked for a motion to approve the current FFY2025-2029 STP-L Active and Contingency programs. A motion was made by Scott Marquardt of Campton Hills and seconded by Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove. Heidi Lichtenberger asked municipalities to look over their projects and to contact herself and George Kandathil if there are any errors. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**I. IDOT STP Report**

IDOT was not present to give the STP report.

**VI. Other Business—Project Updates**

Mike Millette gave project updates for South Elgin. IL 31 by the trolley Museum culvert is reopened. McLean Road will remain closed through July/August.

Chris Gottlieb gave a project update for St. Charles. The 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue culvert under Route 25 just north of Geneva will be closed in March through mid-April.

**VII. Public Comments**

Jackie Forbes of KKCOM recognized the retirements of Jen Hughes, Public Works Director of Oswego, and Carl Schoedel from Kane County. Jackie thanked both for their contributions to the council and presented a certificate for each of them. Jen was not able to attend, but Carl was present and gave some reflections on his career, highlighting the completion of Longmeadow Parkway and the Stearns Road Corridor as major achievements.

Jackie Forbes presented flyers for Pace's ReVision survey. She stressed the importance of the survey as it will inform big changes to Pace's routes. The survey will be open until January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Schielke thanked everyone for coming.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

**April, 17th, 2025.** || STP, CMAQ, & TAP Quarterly Status Updates due March 31st, 2025.

**IX. Adjournment**

Carl Schoedel of Kane County made a motion to adjourn, Fran Klaas of Kendall County seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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## KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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
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Steve Coffinbarger (online)	Assistant Director of Transportation	Kane County
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Jason Fluhr	Vice President of Transportation	Baxter & Woodman
Sarah Stolpe	TIP Analyst	CMAP
Brian Davids	City Engineer	City of Geneva
Amy McSwane (online)	Corporate Treasurer	HLR
Randy Newkirk	Municipal Manager	HLR
Moe Kawash	Assistant Field Engineer	IDOT
Dan Di Santo	Village Administrator	Village of Oswego
Jarrold Cebulski	Director of Business Development	RINA
Tom Gill	President	Thomas Engineering Group
Matt Baldwin	Senior Project Manager	TranSystems
Vince DiPrima	Municipal Practice Manager	WBK Engineering



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

Chairman Mike Millette called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Gretchen Klock called the role.

## **II. Remote Attendance Requests**

Phil Cotter of East Dundee and Steve Coffinbargar of Kane County requested permission to participate remotely. A motion was made by Mayor Schielke of Batavia and seconded by Chris Gottlieb of St. Charles. The request was approved unanimously by voice vote.

## **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Schielke of Batavia made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Tim Weidner of Aurora seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **IV. General Business**

### **A. Planning Liaison Update**

George Kandathil of KKCOM delivered the update.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

KKCOM Full Council:	May 1st, 2025
KKCOM Transportation Policy:	July 17th, 2025
KKCOM Bike/Ped:	TBD Summer/Fall 2025

### **Funding Opportunities:**

#### **FY 2024-26 PROTECT Grant Opportunity \*UPDATE\***

FHWA is reviewing the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation and has removed it from its grants website. Any re-opening or re-posting of this opportunity will be available on its grants website and will include any updates made as a result of this review. Visit [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to see the latest update as well as the [PROTECT](#) webpage for a description of the funding opportunity.

#### **Section 5310 Program Call for Projects**

The [Section 5310 Program](#) Call for Projects is currently open. This is a federal program that aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Total funding available for FYs 2024 & 2025 is \$15,363,179. Applications must be received by the RTA no later than **April 24, 2025, at 12 p.m.** via the online application form. Applicants are encouraged to directly consult with the appropriate Service Board(s) on proposed projects that could affect existing transit operations or transit facilities.

### **Training Opportunities:**

#### **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. District 1 dates and locations are available below:

- June 5 & 6 – Schaumburg, IDOT District 1 Office
- June 10 & 11- Hillside / Bellwood, Exact location TBA
- June 12 & 13 – Woodstock, McHenry County Administration Building



- June 23 & 24 – Matteson, Matteson Village Hall

### **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 can be found [here](#).

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

### **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) webinars**

The Chicagoland Complete Streets Coalition along with Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is hosting a series of webinars to support 2025 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant applications. 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.

#### **SRTS 2025 Grant Preparation**

- Creating Action Plans & Building Stronger Programs - **Tuesday, April 29, 11 a.m. to noon**
  - Resources and concrete steps to engage your school and city, develop an action plan, and create a program that ensures students can walk and bike to school safely will be provided. Registration is here: [SRTS Webinar](#).

#### **SRTS Grant Webinar Series – Save the Dates (we’ll send out registration links soon)!**

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

### **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.

#### **IDOT Releases STP Allotments**

On February 21, 2025 IDOT released allotments for the state FY 2026 federal Surface Transportation Program - Rural (STR), Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STU), Local Bridge Formula Program (LBFP, formerly STP-Br), and State Matching Assistance (SMA). The federal funding is based on 2020 Census data. More details are included in the circular letter: [Circular Letter 2025-04](#).

#### **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. Those interested in attending can register with the link above. Contact [info@rideillinois.org](mailto:info@rideillinois.org) with any questions.

#### **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](mailto:rtp@cmmap.illinois.gov).

### **Kane County Updates:**

#### **Staff Announcements**

It is with bittersweet sentiment that KKCOM 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!

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

Sarah Stolpe of CMAP delivered the CMAP Report. Sarah highlighted the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Survey available online for residents to participate in throughout the year. She added that as a part of the RTP process, CMAP released an Emerging Priorities Report available online. Sarah encouraged communities to contribute to updating CMAP's Northeastern Illinois Development Database. CMAP has maintained this database since the 1980s and uses it for planning purposes. Sarah mentioned the next meeting of CMAP's ADA Coordinators group is May 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue last meeting's discussions of ADA Self Evaluation and Transition plans. CMAP's PART report is being discussed for implementation. CMAP and partners recently released the Modernizing Illinois Sales Tax report in support of the PART report. Finally, Sarah noted that the staff recommended programs for the CMAQ, STP Shared Fund, and TAP-L call for projects were approved by the project selection committees and are available for public comment through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Full approval of the projects is anticipated in June.

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

##### **A. FY 25 Regional Redistribution Fund Update**

George Kandathil of KKCOM gave an update on the Regional Redistribution Fund. Unspent STP funds in the region are transferred in the Regional Redistribution Fund. Funds can be used by any of the councils, CDOT, and the STP Shared Fund. The amount of funding from the Redistribution Fund that will be available in FY26 is unknown. Currently Redistribution Funds can only be programmed in FY25. In total there is \$180 million in the Regional Redistribution Fund. KKCOM is on target to use \$52 million in FY 25. This is the most of any council. CDOT is planning to use \$23 million and Northwest Council is planning to use \$22 million. Using the funds makes the regional look good as productive stewards of federal funds.

George answered questions from the audience and clarified.

##### **B. Village of Oswego Cost Increase Request (09-16-0013 – Seg. 3)**

Heidi Lichtenberger of KKCOM presented a cost increase request from the Village of Oswego. The

cost increase was previously presented via email vote as the project was targeting the June letting and need final information before this meeting. However, the request was denied via an email vote of 9-3 so per the committees' policies and procedures, the request has to be presented in person. Additionally, due to other delays the project is now targeting the August letting.

Rich Babica of Geneva made a motion to approve the cost increase, which was seconded by Chris Gottlieb of St. Charles. The motion passed unanimously by roll call.

#### **C. Active Program Management: Obligation Extensions**

Heidi Lichtenberger of KKCOM presented the process for requesting 6-month obligation extensions. Requests are accepted via US mail or email to [planningstaff@kanecountyil.gov](mailto:planningstaff@kanecountyil.gov) from April 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Sponsors must submit an updated QSU to determine qualifications. To qualify for a Construction and Construction Engineering extension, Phase 2 engineering and land acquisition (if needed) must be in progress with targeted pre-final plans submittal and ROW certification dates before the dates listed on the IDOT letting schedule for the April state letting. Details are in the STP Active Program Management document.

#### **D. FFY 2027-2031 STP-L CFP Anticipated Schedule**

George Kandathil presented the anticipated schedule for the KKCOM STP-L call for projects (CFP). The call is anticipated to be open for 8 weeks from October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The timeline is the same as the previous CFP.

#### **E. STP-L Methodology Working Group**

George Kandathil asked for three volunteers for the STP-L methodology working group. This group will meet 3 times before the July 17<sup>th</sup> TPC meeting to go over the CFP methodology and make any changes. The three volunteers are Chris Ott (Montgomery), Chris Gottlieb (St. Charles), and Mike Pubentz (Elgin).

#### **F. Nominations for Transportation Policy Committee Chair**

Heidi Lichtenberger announced that it was the last chance to make a nomination for Transportation Policy Chair. There were no other nominations made so Chairman Mayor Schielke will reappoint Mike Millette as the Transportation Policy Committee Chair at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Full Council meeting.

#### **G. Current FFY 2025-2029 STP-L Active and Contingency Programs**

##### **WHO**

Mayor Schielke of Batavia made a motion to approve the update programs which was seconded by Tim Weidner of Aurora. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **H. IDOT STP Report**

Moe Kawash of IDOT presented the IDOT status sheets. He also gave a reminder that Rebuild Illinois Bond funds must be authorized by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **VI. Other Business**

#### **A. Project Updates**

Mike Millette shared that in South Elgin, the McLean Boulevard project is waiting on utilities work. Concrete work is expected in May with the roadway being fully open around September.

Rich Babica of Geneva shared that a bid was accepted for East State Street (IL 38). Utility relocation is beginning this year with road reconstruction taking place in 2026 and 2027 for a total project length of 3 years.

Mike Pubentz of Elgin noted that the Dundee Avenue project had a bid approved but construction

is waiting on utility relocation.

Mayor Schielke of Batavia spoke about issues at the national level and commended CMAP for keeping a good watch on national matters and providing important updates. He has been speaking with congressmen on funding concerns for the region.

**VII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. || STP, CMAQ, & TAP Quarterly Status Updates due June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Schielke of Batavia made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Brian Schiber of Sugar Grove. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:37p.m.