



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of July 26th, 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting
at the Lake County Division of Transportation

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Glenn Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Dan MacGillis	Mayor	Round Lake
Shane Schneider	County Engineer	Lake County
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Anne Marrin	Village Administrator	Fox Lake
Michael Talbett	Chief Village Officer	Kildeer
Thomas Maillard	Mayors Office	Waukegan
Bob Phillips	Acting Dir. of Public Works/Engineering	Deerfield
Paul Kendzior	Director of Public Works	Libertyville
Erika Frable	Director of Public Works/ Engineering	Hawthorn Woods
Marty Neal	Township Highway Commissioner	Libertyville Township
Jeff Hansen	Village Engineer	Lake Bluff
Robert Ells	Village Engineer	Lake Forest
Darren Monico	Village Engineer	Buffalo Grove
Mike Brown	Director of Public Works	Lake Zurich
Ron Milanesio	Civil Engineer	Highland Park
Tim Dilsaver	Community Relations Representative	Pace Bus
Gerardo Fierro	Assistant Field Engineer	IDOT BLRS
Katie Herdus	Area Programmer	IDOT Programming
Vicky Czuprynski	Community Relations	Illinois Tollway
Kevin Carrier	Dir. Of Planning and Programming	LCDOT
Barbara Zubek	Associate Planner	CMAP
Emily Karry	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Jon Vana		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
Peter Stoehr		Consultant
Clint Ferguson		Consultant
Lee Fell		Consultant
John Ambrose		Consultant

1. Call to Order

Bob Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:03am.
Those in attendance gave self-introductions

2. Approval of the Minutes

With a first from Mr. Brown and a second from Mr. Talbett, on a voice vote the minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.



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3. Agency Reports

IDOT Programming Report- Ms. Herdus from IDOT Programming in District One had a handout for the committee that has been updated to reflect the current status of projects. Ms. Herdus informed the committee that IDOT programming is going to be looking at projects in 2019 that Local Roads, and the County are planning to try and minimize the number of parallel roads under construction in 2019 so that the construction season is less painful for motorists. Ms. Herdus also updated the committee on the status of ongoing projects in the county. The IL 120 bridges should be completed in 2018. IL 120 resurfacing, eastbound paving is complete, westbound paving should be done in the next two weeks and pavement markings and shoulder work should be complete in October. Regarding the project at US 41 and Grand Avenue, the northbound entrance ramp and southbound exit ramp from Grand Avenue to US 41 should be open in about 2 weeks. The contractor is working to complete the structure work this year if possible. The Grand Avenue resurfacing from US 45 to I-94 is about halfway complete; west of Hunt Club to US 45 should be finished at the end of September. The section from Hunt Club to I-94 should be completed by the end of October. For the resurfacing of Grand Avenue between I-94 and Green Bay Road, contractor currently working on concrete repairs and the resurfacing work will carry into next year. IL 176 resurfacing work is finishing up this week/next week. The US 12 bridge over IL 59 should be completed and open by mid-November. Work on the Millburn Bypass has now begun.

Mr. Schneider asked about the status of the Metra retaining wall that collapsed onto US 45, Ms. Herdus said she would look into it and would follow up after the meeting.

IDOT Local Roads Report- Gerardo Fierro presented the Local Road project handouts to the committee. Mr. Fierro discussed changes to the status sheets that had changed since the committee's last meeting.

Mr. Fierro reported to the committee that when doing environmental survey requests, cultural clearances require pictures of all buildings that are 40 years old and older. Central Office in Springfield informed the District that if Google Maps street view is up to date, then actual field pictures would not need to be submitted. Designated historic areas will still require pictures for documentation, but non-historic areas can use google street view.

A question was asked on what up to date means for street view, Mr. Fierro did not have additional guidance from Central Office on that but said he would try to follow up after the meeting.

CMAQ Report- Barbara Zubek from CMAP gave the committee information on the local STP program for the region, FY2018 is continuing to be a banner year for the region. Ms. Zubek informed the committee that CMAQ has obligated \$112 million of the \$128 million goal for the region for federal fiscal year 2018. The next call for projects for CMAQ and TAP will be in January of 2019. In FY2018, \$165 million for the local STP program was obligated so far in the year and it looks like FY2019 will be an even bigger year. It is very important for project sponsors to stay in communications with their Planning Liaisons to keep project schedule information accurate in the TIP. The STP Project Selection Committee approved the Active Program Management Rules and the STP Shared Fund Scoring System and application book. CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and the RTA's Community Planning call for projects is now open with applications due October 26th. The CMAP ON TO 2050 launch event will be held in Millennium Park on October 10th and is currently standing room only with over 1,000 registered attendees. CMAP is also conducting a My Daily Travel survey and participants will receive \$50, information on the survey are on the CMAP website.

Pace Report- Tim Dilsaver from Pace informed the committee that the City of North Chicago is applying for an RTA Access to Transit grant to improve a pedestrian crossing and bus pad on IL 137 in front of the Lovell Federal Health



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Care Facility. Pace will be rescheduling a fleet dedication for the new fleet of buses in the Waukegan garage in the second week of October. Pace has dedicated the first inline park and ride facility on I-90 at Barrington Road. Pace is looking at all options for “greening the fleet” including electric and CNG buses. In July Pace dedicated the Markham Garage to a CNG fleet. Mr. Dilsaver informed the committee that there is a soldier field express bus from Rolling Meadows and it is \$4.50 each way.

Metra Report- no report today

Illinois Tollway Report- Vicky Czuprynski from the Tollway provided an update to the committee. Ms. Czuprynski informed the committee that the Bradley Road bridge is now expected to be closed through the spring because of materials issues. The Edens Spur is down to one lane in each direction and is expected to be that way through 2020 while bridges are reconstructed. The Tri-County Access project is currently scoping to identify the issues to be addressed as a part of the EIS process. There is a stakeholder group and website set up for feedback and public comment to be provided. A question was asked about the timing of bridges on the Edens Spur. A comment was made for coordination with the Illinois 68 project in Northbrook which will be closed in 2019 east of Waukegan Road, combined with the Edens Spur bridges there will be a large strain on Lake-Cook Road.

4. Functional Classification Change Request-Village of Round Lake

Mr. Phillips and Ms. Karry presented the Village of Round Lake’s request to the committee. Mr. Phillips gave the committee background on the roadways where the changes are being requested. The first roadway is Wildspring Road from IL Route 120 to Cedar Lake Road about 2.1 miles in length, it is currently classified as a local road and is being requested to be classified as a minor collector. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and a second by Mr. Monico. The motion passed on a voice vote with the Village of Round Lake abstaining.

The second request is for Townline Road from Cedar Lake Road to Wildspring Road, it is roughly a half a mile long. It is currently a local road and is proposed to be a minor collector. A motion was made by Ms. Marrin with a second by Mr. Talbett. The motion passed on a voice vote with the Village of Round Lake abstaining.

5. Lake Council STP Program

Mr. Klemens discussed the current status of the Council’s program and highlighted that on the updated status sheets the construction and construction engineering line items have been separated so they can be tracked as individual expenditures. The program sheets are updated with the latest status information, but as new status updates come in the program is being updated to reflect them. Mr. Klemens informed the committee that the Lake County Council spent nearly 4 years’ worth of the Council’s previous annual allotment in FFY 2018, which is a banner year. The Lake County Council spent nearly 30% of the entire suburban region’s STP funding, which is great for the Lake County area. FFY 2019 looks to be an even larger year, however the region as a whole is spending STP funding at a faster rate than in previous fiscal years, so it will be a tight year for the region’s funding. It is possible that projects targeting a letting at the end of FFY2019 might get pushed back a letting or two if the region runs out of funding for FFY2019 until the new FFY2020 funding can be accessed.

A question was asked if there is any carry over funding from FFY2018 into FFY2019. Mr. Klemens informed the committee that the region has spent through the unobligated balance from pre-2018 and the new 2018 allotment and so there is not carryover funding from 2018 to 2019.

6. STP Project Selection Committee



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Ms. Karry provided the committee an update on what was approved on September 26th, by the CMAP project selection committee (PSC). She thanked the committee for their feedback and participation in the process that led up to the approval of the policies. The PSC approved policies for the STP Shared Fund scoring system and for Active Program Management Rules. Ms. Karry informed the committee that the Council did submit a letter with comments in mid-September to CMAP staff. CMAP did respond to all of the comments that were received and put together a document summarizing all the comments that will be sent out to all the committee members. After reviewing all of the comments, CMAP staff did make around 5 changes to the proposal. 2 of the changes were based on comments included in the letter from the Lake County Council of Mayors. One of the changes made has to do with conformity projects, projects that add new capacity and need air quality conformity determination will be able to be placed on the contingency list if they are not selected for the active program of projects. Another issue raised had to do with complete streets. While the council is supportive of complete streets not every roadway is the right context for pedestrian facilities, so if a project has evaluated complete streets elements and decided not to include them for a justified reason, they will still receive complete streets points. There was also a small change to the Phase II project readiness scoring criteria for the shared fund. CMAP staff will review project plans for completeness to determine the points for scoring the project rather than a sponsor having to submit plans to IDOT for review when trying to seek funding.

Mr. Klemens also informed the committee that there was a small change made for granting projects extensions in the Active Program Management rules to account for delays in processing at IDOT. If a project receives a 6-month extension and the only reason the funds haven't been obligated at the end of the 6 months is because agreements are being processed at IDOT, an additional 3 months will be automatically added to the extension.

7. Lake Council of Mayors Draft STP Guidebook

Mr. Phillips informed the committee that the STP Sub-Committee has met twice since the last committee meeting. The group is working on the scoring system and funding rules and making sure to enable access for all in the scoring system. Mr. Klemens highlighted some of the issues that the group has been discussing at the sub-committee meetings. The committee is expected to continue to meet in the fall and later in the year to finalize a proposal before bringing the draft proposal to the full transportation committee.

Mr. Klemens also provided a handout with a proposed timeline for adoption of the new STP rules for the LCCOM. The sub-committee's draft recommendation will be presented to the Transportation Committee in January of 2019. Feedback and comments will be asked for. After the January meeting staff will revise the proposal based on comments and bring revisions back to the committee in April. Staff will present the revised proposal to the full council in May of 2019. Any further revisions can be made in late spring and early summer and then the Transportation Committee and Full Council will be asked to adopt the new policies and scoring system at their July and August meetings respectively.

Mr. Klemens also gave the committee a brief overview of how the active program management will work beginning in Federal Fiscal year 2021. A more detailed presentation on active program management and the council rules and methodology will be made at the January 2019 Transportation Committee meeting.

10. Other Business

a. 2019 LCCOM Transportation Committee Schedule: Included in the agenda packet was an attachment with proposed dates for 2019 meetings. A motion was made by Mayor Ryback and seconded by Mayor MacGillis.

Mr. Klemens informed the committee the FCC voted on September 26th to issue a final order and determination on new requirements for small cell wireless facilities that supersedes any local ordinances that may be in place. It sets



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limits on review time, costs and aesthetic requirements. More information can be found on the National League of Cities website under their Cities Speak Blog.

Mr. Klemens also informed the committee that staff will be sending out IDOT's new BDE PESA form which is now a fillable PDF and not an excel spreadsheet. It will be included as an attachment within an email in the email that goes out to the council.

Ms. Karry reminded the committee that the LTA and RTA Community Planning Call for Projects is open until October 26th. Ms. Karry also informed the committee that IDOT has announced a local rail safety grade crossing funding call for projects and details are available on IDOT's website and will be include in the council email.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for January 24, 2019 at 9am.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made Mayor MacGillis and seconded by Mr. Talbett, the meeting adjourned at 9:59am.