



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of October 31, 2018 Lake County Council of Mayors Meeting
at the Lake County Division of Transportation

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Leon Rockingham	Mayor	North Chicago
Glenn Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Daniel MacGillis	Mayor	Mundelein
Terry Weppler	Mayor	Libertyville
Kerry Martin	Trustee	Bannockburn
Rita O'Connor	Trustee	Long Grove
Marty Neal	Township Highway Commissioner	Libertyville Township
Anne Marrin	Village Administrator	Fox Lake
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Clay Johnson	Village Administrator	Lindenhurst
Maria Lasday	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Beth McAndrews	Village Administrator	Deer Park
Karen Daulton Lange	Village Administrator	Lake Barrington
Pamela Newton	Chief Operating Officer	Hawthorn Woods
Darren Monico	Village Engineer	Buffalo Grove
Bob Ells	City Engineer	Lake Forest
Bob Phillips	Director of Public Works	Deerfield
Manny Gomez	Village Engineer	Highland Park
Ray Roberts	Director of Public Works	Zion
Ed Wilmes	Director of Public Works	North Chicago
Taylor Wegrzyn	Village Planner	Mundelein
Linda Soto	Pace Board/ Executive Director	Pace Bus/LCTA
Rick Mack	Community Relations Representative	Metra
Katie Renteria	Community Relations Representative	Metra
Kevin Carrier	Dir. Of Planning and Programming	LCDOT
Barbara Zubek	Associate	CMAP
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
John Beissel		Consultant
Joel Christell		Consultant
Steve Cieslica		Consultant

1. & 2. Call to Order

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order at 9:02am.
Those in attendance gave self-introductions

Approval of the Minutes

With a First from Mayor MacGillis and a second from Ms. Marrin, on a voice vote the minutes of the August 2, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.



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3. Transportation Committee Reports

Bob Phillips gave the report on the Transportation Committee which met on September 27th. The committee heard reports from various transportation agencies. IDOT Programming gave the committee handouts on the status of IDOT led projects and highlighted the ongoing construction projects in the county. IDOT Local Roads handed out current federal aid project sheets and folks can reach out to IDOT if they have any questions about the projects. IDOT Local Roads also informed the committee that related to environmental survey requests and cultural clearances, if google street view is up to date, IDOT Central Office will use that to document 40-year-old structures in place of pictures of each structure being submitted to obtain cultural clearances. Historic areas will still need to be documented though. The Tollway informed the committee that due to materials issues the Bradley Road bridge of I-94 will remain closed through the winter. CMAP staff informed the committee that the region had obligated over \$112 million in CMAQ funding and \$165 million in Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L) funding in FY2018. Pace informed the committee that the City of North Chicago has submitted an application for the RTA access to transit program to make improvements in front of James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Facility.

The committee received two requests from the Village of Round Lake for changes to functional classification for Wildspring Road/Amarias Drive and Townline Road. After discussion the committee approved sending the requests to the full council, they are included later on today's agenda for approval.

Staff gave an update on the Council's STP program, recapped federal fiscal year 2018 and discussed the outlook for Fiscal Year 2019. Staff also discussed the recently approved STP Regional Shared Fund and Active Program Management policies. Links to the approved documents and a summary of the comments received by CMAP, including the Lake County Council's letter were included in the email sent out for today's meeting.

Staff also gave an update on the Transportation Committee's STP Sub-Committee which is meeting to discuss and revise the proposal for the councils funding policy and scoring system. The Sub-Committee's proposal will be brought to the Transportation Committee for discussion and revision and then be brought to the full council for discussion and revision before approval is requested. A timeline for approval of the council's funding policy and scoring system is included later on today's agenda.

The Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet again on January 24, 2019.

4. Round Lake Functional Classification Requests

Mr. Klemens informed the committee that the Village of Round Lake submitted to requests for functional classification requests. The first roadway is Wildspring Road/Amarias Drive 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. 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. The Transportation Committee discussed both of the requests and after consideration recommended approval to the Council. Mr. Klemens informed the committee that the action requested was to approve a resolution to forward the requests on to IDOT and FHWA for final consideration.

A motion was made by Ms. Newton and seconded by Ms. Marrin to approve both functional classification requests. After discussion it was decided to take each functional classification request individually because the Townline Road Project is contingent on the approval of the Wildspring Road project. The original motion was withdrawn.



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A new motion was made by Ms. Newton and seconded by Ms. Marrin to approve the change in functional classification of Wildspring Road/Amarias Drive. The motion was approved by voice vote with the Village of Round Lake abstaining.

A second motion was made by Ms. Newton and seconded by Ms. Marrin to approve the change in functional classification of Townline Road. The motion was approved by 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 (~\$30 million), 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. The region does have more projects targeting 2019 than there is available funding for, however it is likely that projects will be delayed and moved out of 2019. The region will have \$191 million for 2019 and there is about \$235 million worth of projects targeting 2019. If the region has another record year 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. This scenario doesn't mean that delayed projects would lose their funding it means they would need to be delayed until the region receives a new annual allotment of funding.

To accommodate the full fiscal year, projects in CMAP's TIP are being moved into FY2019 as they submit pre-final plans to IDOT, they are being moved into the current year of CMAP's TIP database. This system is how the Lake County Council has been operating throughout the transition period, but now all Councils in the region will be operating in this manner.

A question was asked about what will happen to projects currently in the Council's program if they get delayed beyond the transition period. Mr. Klemens informed the committee that for Fiscal Year 2020 the region will still be operating with a regional fiscal constraint and that the new rules will take effect starting in fiscal year 2021. It is ultimately up to the Council to decide how to handle projects that are being delayed into the new program but that the Sub-Committee is recommending that they be grandfathered in and not be required to apply and be ranked with the new projects.

6. STP Project Selection Committee Update

Mr. Klemens gave the committee an update of what the CMAP STP Project Selection Committee (PSC) approved at their meeting on September 26, 2018. The PSC approved policies for the STP Regional Shared Fund scoring system and for Active Program Management Rules. Mr. Klemens 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



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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.

The Lake County Council had a lot of discussion on the eligibility requirements for the STP Regional Shared Fund, a lot of the other Councils throughout the region also had similar comments. The eligibility requirements did not change in what was adopted, the programs intention was to be a regional program and so the PSC kept the threshold at a minimum of \$5 million total cost or a project with at least 3 sponsors if it is under that threshold.

Mayor Rockingham stated that he knows the new rules were difficult for communities around the region and thanked the committee for their feedback and participation throughout the process. He also informed the committee that the rules and policies will continue to be worked on through the PSC.

A question was asked about the \$5 million-dollar threshold, most of the Council's projects are below that amount and so would they not be eligible for funding under the new rules? Mr. Klemens stated that the new threshold applies only to projects applying to the STP Regional Shared fund, it does not apply to projects applying for the local Council program. Under the previous STP rules, the City of Chicago used to get 5% of the regions funding off the top to do a regional project. The new system created the STP Regional Shared fund which will take 15% off the top but will be open to all communities to apply for. It is this new Regional Shared fund that has the funding cap.

A question was asked if the Council would encourage projects that are over the \$5 million amount to apply to the shared fund because they are eligible rather than the Local Council program. Mr. Klemens said that they could be encouraged to apply but federal law would not allow requiring them to go to the Shared Fund instead of the Local Council. They have to have a path to funding through the local Council, there can be a cap on how much they can receive from the local council, but they have to be allowed to apply to the Council.

7. Lake County STP Program Update Approval Timeline

Mr. Klemens gave the committee an overview of the approval timeline to adopt new rules for the Council's Local STP Program. A timeline was included as an attachment to the agenda. The STP sub-committee's recommendation will be presented in January and feedback will be solicited. Approval will be requested at the July TC and August Full Council Meetings.



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8. Other Business

A list of the 2019 meetings was included in the meeting packet. A motion was made by Mayor Ryback and a second by Bob Phillips to approve the meeting schedule as presented. The motion was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled for January 31, 2019 at 9am.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor MacGillis and seconded by Mr. Monico, the meeting adjourned at 9:34am.