



# LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of July 25, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting  
at the Lake County Division of Transportation

## Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Robert Phillips	Director of Public Works/Engineering	Deerfield
Mayor Leon Rockingham	Mayor	North Chicago
Shane Schneider	County Engineer	Lake County
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Anne Marrin	Village Administrator	Fox Lake
Jon Kindseth	Village Administrator	Beach Park
Mike Brown	Director of Public Works	Lake Zurich
Karen Daulton Lange	Village Administrator	Lake Barrington
David Kilbane	Village Administrator	Round Lake Beach
Maria Lasday	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Denise Kafkis	Village Administrator	Green Oaks
Clay Johnson	Village Administrator	Lindenhurst
Michael Talbett	Chief Village Officer	Kildeer
Adrian Marquez	Director of Public Works	Beach Park
Kevin Carrier	Director of Planning & Programming	Lake County
Erika Frable	Dir. of Public Works/Village Engineer	Hawthorn Woods
Tom Maillard	Special Projects Manager	Waukegan
Taylor Wegrzyn	Village Planner	Mundelein
Heather Galan	Village Engineer	Gurnee
Jeff Hansen	Village Engineer	Lake Bluff
Ryan Horne	Asst. Finance Director	Lake County
Manny Gomez	City Engineer	Highland Park
Alex Househ	Field Engineer	IDOT BLRS
Tom Briggs	MFT Auditor	IDOT District 1
Rick Mack	Community Affairs	Metra
Katie Renteria	Community Affairs	Metra
Mary Donner	Community Affairs	Pace
Vicky Czuprynski	Community Relations Representative	Illinois Tollway
Andy Plummer	Community Affairs Consultant	RTA
Jen Maddux	Associate Planner	CMAP
Nora Beck	Associate Planner	CMAP
Emily Karry	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Stephanie Brown	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Jon Vana		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
Lee Fell		Consultant
Mark Buwen		Consultant
Clint Ferguson		Consultant
Jarrold Cebulski		Consultant



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Duane O’Laughlin  
John Ambrose  
Mark Kozlowski  
Chris Bouchard  
Joel Christell

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## **1. Call to Order**

Bob Phillips called the meeting to order. Those in attendance gave self-introductions

## **2. Approval of the Minutes**

With a first from Michael Talbett and a second from Mike Brown, on a voice vote the minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

## **3. Agency Reports**

- a. **IDOT Bureau of Programming-** IDOT’s Management and Monitoring Schedule for Lake County was provided. Katie Herdus sent a written report since she could not attend the meeting. Emily Karry read the report and informed the committee members that anyone with questions should contact Katie Herdus. IDOT has not published its Multi-Year Program and while there has been a lot of talk, they still do not know what exactly is included in the capital bill. The report also gave status updates on various IDOT projects in the County as follows:

### **Construction Update**

- IL 132 resurfacing: Project Complete
- IL 132 Munn to Deerpath: Stage 2 is progressing; contractor should be ready to switch to stage 3 by end of August
- US 45: Millburn Bypass: keeps progressing. 2 mainline PCC pours remaining (both on south end of project). Contractor has poured most of the turn lanes and curb and gutter as well.
- US 12 Bridges at Pistakee Lake Channel and Nippersink Lake Channel: Contractor working on NB lanes with next round of deck pours coming up in about 2 weeks or so.
- IL 137 Resurfacing on the Amstutz is complete.
- IL 120 Bridges: PCC Patches are done, and traffic control should be removed later this week. There will still be daily lane closures, but no permanent traffic control after this week. Resurfacing between the decks will commence next week as well.
- IL 21 Crack Sealing: Proposed to start in next week or two.
- IL 22 Resurfacing: Scheduled to begin by the end of July
- IL 43 over IL 120: Traffic has been staged and contractor is working on removals for stage 1
- IL 120 resurfacing: Proposed start date of August 12th
- IL 131 at Kenosha RD: Possible utility delays.
- IL 137 Crack Sealing: Started work last week and should be completed no later than mid-August.

### **July Letting**

IDOT had 4 projects on the Special July letting in Lake County:

- US 45: Woodlawn Dr to IL 83 / Designed Overlay
- IL 43: US 41 to McGaw Rd/ Pulaski Dr/ Designed Overlay
- IL 60: IL 176 to CN Railroad /Standard Overlay
- IL 176 Hilltop Terrace to IL 60/83 /Standard Overlay



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- b. **IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets-** Alex Househ informed the committee of the changes related to the Local Roads status sheets.
- c. **Illinois Tollway-** Vicky Czuprynski informed the committee that the Tollway sent out letters to the stakeholders of the Tri-County Access projects informing them that the study is being stopped. The Tollway will be providing the deliverables produced as a part of the study to the County and IDOT. While this current study is being stopped, the Tollway remains willing to work with any local government partners in the future.
- d. **CMAP-** Jen Maddux informed the committee that the region has obligated \$241 million in CMAQ funds so far this fiscal year, which will help the region avoid a costly rescission of funds. For STP-L funds so far, the region has obligated \$141 million all from the suburban councils. CMAP is seeking public comment on the staff recommended programs for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ and TAP-L programs. Ms. Maddux also informed the committee of CMAP's Fall Event Series, Small Plans, Big Ideas, including one event in North Chicago. The series will conclude with an all-day symposium in Chicago on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- e. **RTA-** Andy Plummer gave the committee an update on the recent Capital Bill and what it will mean for transit in the region. He informed the committee that the RTA is pleased with the capital bill, it provides ongoing capital revenues for transit for the first time but does not include any new operating funds. The capital bill also provides for \$2.7 billion in bonding for transit capital improvements.
- f. **Metra –** Katie Renteria informed the committee that as a part of the Capital Bill, Metra should see about \$1.5 billion in revenue over the next 6 years. She also informed the committee that the new Libertyville train station will be dedicated on July 26 at 10:30 am.

A question was asked about freight interference on Metra lines and if anything can be done to improve crossing delay. Metra responded that while they own the line on the Milwaukee District North, the sale of the infrastructure did not include switching and scheduling, which is controlled by Canadian Pacific. Any change would have to come from federal agencies or the Illinois Commerce Commission.

- g. **Pace –** Mary Donner of Pace informed the committee that the agency is very pleased with the newly passed capital bill and it will allow them to grow their bus on shoulder program and upgrade their facilities throughout the region.

#### **4. LCCOM STP Program**

Ms. Karry presented the update of the Council's current program to the committee. A copy of the current program was included in the materials for the meeting. There are a few projects from our council coming up to lettings this fall. Libertyville Township Road District – Rockland Road and Weiland Road – LCDOT/Buffalo Grove are targeting the September 2019 letting. The region typically receives about \$135 million per year in STP funds and in FFY19 there is approximately \$246 million programmed for the entire region. This year, CMAP staff has been able to honor their commitment to fund projects in all of the Council's programs by seeking additional programming authority from IDOT. Rather than having to delay projects, CMAP has been able to get access to additional federal dollars for the region with IDOT's assistance.



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Staff wants to make sure we are sharing the message with everyone that STP funding through the Council of Mayors in the region is very tight this year and is looking to be the same situation for next year. In the last couple months, there have been a couple communities or their consultants reaching out to LCCOM staff about funding increases for projects. Unfortunately, the Lake Council does not have any additional STP funds to allocate to projects. The Council has submitted cost increase requests to CMAP, but they also have not been able to provide any additional funding for the reasons and limitations stated above and to maintain regional fiscal constraint.

On the bright side, the Lake Council alone has obligated about \$30M of federal STP funds for construction so far in this federal fiscal year, and we have about another \$10M targeting construction on the September letting. The Lake County Council of Mayors has spent more STP funds than any other council including the City of Chicago and has been able to take advantage of far more funding during the past couple years than the Council could have ever advanced funded under the old system of rules. This is a good thing for our area - there are some great projects getting accomplished up here.

On a somewhat related note regarding project schedules and funding, it seems that the agreement process with IDOT is taking several months longer than it has in the past. A LCCOM community has a project that submitted agreements for review in October of 2018 and that project still hasn't received authorization to execute agreements for IDOT approval. Council staff have been working with BLRS staff in District 1 and Central Office to try to help facilitate movement on this project (and others). LCCOM staff wants to let everyone know that there are a few projects on our list still waiting for Phase 2 approval that are targeting 2020 lettings. Depending on when the projects receive approval on their agreements from IDOT, these projects very likely will be slipping into 2021 or beyond for construction lettings (depending on their complexity) and this is not due to the community or lack of LCCOM staff efforts. Under the proposed rules to be voted on in the next agenda item and if approved as presented, these projects would be grandfathered into the new program for 2021-2025.

A question was asked if the long IDOT review time will risk the Council's funds once the new rules start? Staff responded that there is already a region wide rule put in place that grants an automatic extension to projects if IDOT agreement review is the reason projects are being delayed. If the review times continue to increase, that extension will be extended again. The Council's funds should not be in jeopardy solely because of IDOT's agreement review time.

## **5. LCCOM STP Guidebook**

Bob Phillips summarized the work that had taken place to get to this final draft of the STP Guidebook, including the formation of a sub-committee to review the drafts and make suggestions for changes. He also informed the committee that only one comment was received during the 30-day public comment period. The comment was from a Lake County community and that Council staff went and met with the Mayor and staff of that community to discuss their concerns. The concerns raised were similar to those discussed at the sub-committee and after the meeting there were no suggestions to make changes to the final draft.

The committee had no comments on the final draft of the STP guidebook. With a motion by Mike Brown and a second by Kevin Carrier, the LCCOM STP Methodology Guidebook was approved unanimously and sent to the Full Council for final adoption.

## **6. GATA Periodic Reporting Requirements**

Tom Briggs from IDOT Local Roads discussed the new GATA periodic reporting requirements with the committee. Mr. Briggs discussed the new rules as they are currently understood and informed the committee that this is an ongoing and dynamic process. He recommended that for federal projects communities fill out the quarterly reporting forms showing just the funding that passed through their local agency. For construction that would only be the 20% local match that the community is invoiced, as IDOT pays the 80% directly to the contractor. He gave



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committee members his e-mail. [Thomas.Briggs@Illinois.gov](mailto:Thomas.Briggs@Illinois.gov) and said they could reach out to him directly with questions and he will respond to them.

## **7. CMAP Regional Water Demand Forecast**

Nora Beck from CMAP presented on the new Regional Water Demand Forecast that has been developed. CMAP's study found that water demand is projected to increase for ground water dependent communities in the region, and there is a need to increase conservation estimates to be able to accommodate future demand. CMAP's new forecast has planning level water demand forecast for each community in the CMAP region. The data is available on CMAP's data hub and can be downloaded for each community into an excel file.

## **8. Other Business**

Ms. Karry informed the committee of some feedback on functional classifications that Council staff has received. Of the requests submitted lately by our Council, it seems that roadways that involve frequent stop control along the route requested for classification and/or multiple driveways along the route and/or low speed along the route requested for classification have all been reasons cited by IDOT as to why a higher classification above a local road or street has not been approved. If the road isn't rated for truck travel over its entire length also seems to be a reason for IDOT to keep the classification as a local road. Reclassification requests that link roadways together (such as linking a N-S and an E-W road together as the minor collector request) have not been approved as IDOT responded that the movement is not intuitive to drivers other than the local traffic. If the route mainly serves as access to a subdivision and is not attractive to other non-local drivers and discourages through-traffic, IDOT considers that a local route.

## **9. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **10. Next Meeting**

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

## **11. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made Mike Brown and seconded by Michael Talbett, the meeting adjourned at 10:17.