



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Bob Minutes of August 1, 2019 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	Round Lake
Billy McKinney	Mayor	Zion
Anne Marrin	Village Administrator	Fox Lake
David Kilbane	Village Administrator	Round Lake Beach
Maria Lasday	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Moses Amidei	Village Administrator	Wadsworth
Michael Talbett	Village Administrator	Kildeer
Ray Roberts	City Engineer	Zion
Bob Phillips	Director of Public Works	Deerfield
Paul Kendzior	Director of Public Works	Libertyville
Bob Ells	City Engineer	Lake Forest
Taylor Wegrzyn	Village Planner	Mundelein
Ramesh Kanapareddy	Director of Public Works	Highland Park
Rick Mack	Community Relations Representative	Metra
Kevin Carrier	Dir. Of Planning and Programming	LCDOT
Barbara Zubek	Associate	CMAP
Ian Warren	Associate	CMAP
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Emily Karry	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Geoff Perry		Consultant
Jon Vana		Consultant
John Beissel		Consultant

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the Minutes

With a motion from Mayor MacGillis and a second from Bob Phillips, on a voice vote the minutes of the May 9th, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Transportation Committee Reports

Bob Phillips gave the report on the Transportation Committee which met on July 25, 2019. The Transportation Committee met on July 25th and had a very well attended meeting with 19 communities in attendance and nearly 50 attendees. Most importantly at the meeting, the committee unanimously voted to recommend the Full Council approve the STP Methodology and Guidebook. Final Action by the Council is next on the agenda today.



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The committee also heard updates from the transportation agencies. The overall theme of those updates was gratitude that the legislature had passed a capital bill in June. The RTA reported the region should see about \$227 million in annual transit capital funding and there is additional bonding authority for transit projects. Metra reported that new rail cars, and locomotives would be the top priority with their new capital bill funding. Pace reported their top priority would be expanding the bus on shoulder program which has seen huge growth in the last few years and has been limited by parking availability. IDOT Bureau of Programming reported that the Multi-Year Program is still in development and they are not yet sure what new projects would be included as a result of the capital bill. The committee heard information from IDOT about new quarterly reporting required by GATA for MFT distributions and federally funded projects.

The committee also had a presentation from CMAP on the recently developed regional water demand forecast. CMAP has put together planning level water demand through 2050 for each municipality in the region. All of the individual community data is available on CMAP's data hub on their website.

4. LCCOM STP Guidebook

Mr. Klemens informed the Council that the STP Guidebook was put out for a 30-day public comment period. During that period only one comment was received, from a LCCOM community that was concerned that small communities would lose out on funding. Council staff went and met with the Mayor and Administrator of that community and discussed the proposed changes and rules for the STP program. At the end of that meeting there were not any recommendations made to change the proposed guidebook. Mayor Rockingham asked if there were any additional comments or concerns regarding the proposal before the request to approve it was made. A question was asked if a model ordinance on complete streets could be sent to the communities. Staff responded that they would send out a link to complete streets materials for council members. A motion was made to adopt the LCCOM STP Methodology and Guidebook by Mayor Ryback and seconded by Mayor MacGillis. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. CMAP Call for Projects Public Comment Letter

Mr. Klemens informed the Council that CMAP staff has released a recommended program for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ and TAP program for a 30-day public comment period. Mr. Klemens informed the committee that at the STP Project Selection Committee meeting the City of Chicago raised concerns about the way the program was built, specifically that projects were not awarded partial funding. The City was requesting comments on partial funding as well as the staff recommended program. Mr. Klemens told the Council that staff had drafted a letter to submit for public comment that stated the staff recommended program be adopted as presented. The rules the region agreed to did not allow for partial funding, the intent of the program was to close funding gaps for larger projects and get those projects completed. The staff drafted public comment letter also opposed partial funding of projects during this call for projects cycle and stated that any changes should be vetted through the STP project selection committee prior to the next call for projects. Mayor Rockingham stated that he agreed with the letter and that the rules should be followed as they were adopted. A question was asked if the LCCOM methodology allows for partial funding of projects. Staff responded that if the project could be completed within the five year window of the active program then partial funding would be allowed, but staff would not include phases of projects in the active program that won't have all phases authorized within the five year program so as not to put communities in a situation where they are forced to pay back federal funds. A motion was made to submit the public comment letter to CMAP on behalf of the Lake County Council of Mayors by Mayor Ryback and seconded by Bob Phillips, the motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

6. LCCOM Current Council Program



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Ms. Karry updated the council on current status of the program. There are a few projects from the 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.

Staff wants to make sure that they 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 sort of situation for next year. In the last couple months, there have been a couple communities or their consultants reaching out about funding increases for projects. Unfortunately, our Council does not have any additional STP funds to allocate to projects. Staff have 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, in this federal fiscal year our council alone has obligated about \$30M of federal STP funds in construction so far and 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. So that is a good thing, there are some great projects getting accomplished.

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. The Council 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). Staff also wants the Council to know that there are a few projects on our program still waiting for Phase 2 approval that are targeting 2020 lettings. Depending on when the projects receive approval on their engineering agreements, 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 just adopted STP methodology these projects would be grandfathered into the new LCCOM program for 2021-2025.

13. Other Business

Mr. Klemens informed the Council that there would be an STP Pre-Call for Projects workshop held on Friday September 6th, at 9am. More information will be sent out soon.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for November 7, 2019.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Ryback and seconded by Mayor MacGillis, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.