



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of February 6, 2020 Full Council Meeting
at the Lake County Division of Transportation

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mayor Leon Rockingham	Mayor	North Chicago
Mayor Glen Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Robert Phillips	Director of Public Works/Engineering	Deerfield
Kerry Martin	Village Trustee	Bannockburn
Anne Marrin	Village Administrator	Fox Lake
David Kilbane	Village Administrator	Round Lake Beach
Denise Kaufkis	Village Administrator	Green Oaks
Ed Wilmes	Director of Public Works	North Chicago
Mike Brown	Director of Public Works	Lake Zurich
Marty Neal	Township Highway Commissioner	Libertyville Township
Kevin Carrier	Director of Planning & Programming	Lake County
Bob Ells	City Engineer	Lake Forest
Russell Pietrowiak	Senior Planner	CMAP
Rick Mack	Community Affairs	Metra
Katie Renteria	Community Affairs	Metra
Mary Donner	Community Affairs	Pace
Emily Karry	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Joe Surdam	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Greg Ellwanger		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Those in attendance gave self-introductions.

2. Approval of the Minutes

With a first from Mayor Ryback and a second from Bob Phillips, on a voice vote the minutes of the November 7, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 02062020LCC-01

Ms. Karry presented the resolution for Unified Work Program funds to the committee. Each of the Council of Mayors in the Chicago region has planning liaison staff. Planning liaison staff is charged with assisting municipalities and local public agencies with navigating the federal/IDOT process, being a liaison between CMAP and municipalities/townships, keeping local projects in CMAP's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) database up to date with all of the federally and state funded projects for our council, sharing funding opportunities with municipalities/townships, assisting municipalities/townships with IDOT paperwork related to funding access, and sharing information from various transportation agencies with council members.



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Mike Klemens, Emily Karry and our new Planner Joe Surdam, are employees of LCDOT, but also serve as the planning liaison staff to the Lake County Council. Each of the Councils in the Chicago CMAP region receives federal transportation planning funds that are used to offset salaries of liaison staff, and in the cases for some of the Councils connected with Councils of Government, these funds cover rent, office space, utility costs etc. In Lake County, these funds are primarily used to cover portions of our salaries.

In order for LCDOT to continue to provide the planning liaison services to the Lake County Council, there needs to be a resolution every year from the Council authorizing this to occur and asking for the funds to be directed to LCDOT. You may recall in the past Emily Karry (or Bruce in earlier years) coming to the Council to ask for your approval on a resolution to direct these funds to Lake County. The item on the agenda is to recommend the resolution for approval by the Council to allow CMAP to distribute approx. \$170k of feds funds to Lake County for Planning Liaison staff assistance. The County contributes approximately \$87k in matching funds to the grant and the balance of our salaries/benefits.

A motion to approve the resolution for the disposition of federal transportation planning funds was made by Mike Brown and seconded by Bob Phillips, the motion was approved via voice vote.

5. Lake Council STP Program

Mr. Klemens presented the status of the Council's current FFY2020 program and how it will impact the Council's program from 2021-2025. A copy of the current program was sent out with the meeting materials. In the first part of this agenda item staff discussed FFY2020.

All of the Councils, the City of Chicago and CMAP have been working under regional fiscal constraint for STP funding over the past few years during this transition period. As you can see on the 2020 program, there are a few projects from our Council that are targeting lettings in 2020. The region as a whole (Chicago and suburban councils) is projected to receive about \$133 million in STP funds for 2020. In FFY20 the dollar value of projects currently programmed for the entire region targeting lettings in 2020 is more than the funding that is currently available to the region.

Right now, Phase 2 design projects targeting fed authorization by March 2020 (which meant they would have been sent in to IDOT several months ago) and construction/CE for projects through the March 2020 letting are lined up to go with 2020 funding in CMAP's TIP (transportation improvement program database). Beginning with the April letting and for any Phase 2 design projects targeting fed authorization after March 2020, Councils will be going letting by letting with CMAP to confirm if projects can be moved into 2020 in the TIP, meaning CMAP will determine based on regional fiscal constraint if there is enough funding available to cover these projects when they are approaching a letting.

In past recent years, CMAP has been able to secure additional access to funding from IDOT. This year, CMAP has been also working with IDOT to seek additional programming authority to try to avoid having to delay projects until additional federal dollars for the region become available next year in 21. IDOT informed CMAP with a letter from the Secretary that additional funding cannot be made available to the region. The Lake Council has agreed to grandfather in projects that are already in the LCCOM program and so any projects that didn't make a letting in FFY20 would then be pushed into 21, 22, etc... dependent on project readiness and funding availability. This means that the projects on our Council list for 2020 will still get built, but that they may not be built on exactly the schedule that was originally anticipated.

Our Council has 2 projects targeting the April 2020 letting, Fox Lake's Nippersink Blvd project and Long Grove's N. Krueger Rd project. The City of Highland Park's Park Ave West and Green Bay Road projects are also targeting Phase 2



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design authorization later in spring/summer of this 2020 FFY. For these projects they will be grandfathered into the Council's new program and will be first in line in 2021.

Mr. Klemens presented on how the Council's program from FFY2021-2025. Now that we know that the region will not receive any more funding in FFY2020 and the remaining projects in the Council program will have to be grandfathered into the new program from FFY2021-2025. The Council currently has about \$17 million programmed in 2020 that would get pushed into 2021, however the Council will only receive \$8.1 million in funding in 2021, so the 2020 projects will end up getting pushed into 2022 as well. There are also projects that were already planned to be grandfathered into the new program that were targeting 2021 and 2022, would then have to get pushed back into FFY2023, 2024 and 2025. If no more money is found for the rest of FFY2020, then the Council would nearly fill up the program from 2021-2025 with grandfathered projects and there would only be about \$1.5 million available to add new projects.

This represents a worst-case scenario, to see projects pushed back throughout the 2021-2025 program. Through the Council's active program management rules, the program will change constantly, and the Council will have the opportunity to seek additional funding through the STP-Shared Fund if other Councils don't spend all of their funding.

The Council had a robust discussion on the funding splits of 80% federal funding versus 70% federal funding for the next program. There was also a lengthy discussion if the Council should freeze cost increase requests for the new program. The committee talked through the active program management rules that have been adopted to understand the options for programming projects in the new program and how cost increases could be accommodated. The Council discussed the new active program management rules that will be in place for the FY2021-2025 program and how projects will be moved around in the program.

6. 2020 STP Call for Projects

Ms. Karry walked the committee through the timeline for developing the Call for Projects, and the timeline document was displayed on the screen. Staff informed the committee that the Call for Projects has open on the website on January 30th with all applications being due by March 30th. Council staff discussed the resources that will be available on the Council's website. All of the data sources that will be used to score projects that don't come from the application will be on the Council website.

7. 2020 LCCOM Workplan

Mr. Klemens presented the Council's 2020 workplan which was included in the meeting materials. The workplan lays out a basic outline of the items that are expected to be covered at Council meetings throughout the year. This is mostly an internal staff document for staff to track agenda items and will be updated as other items come. As soon as the new Council program gets approved staff intends to have a discussion of lessons learned from the first call for projects, while it is still fresh in everyone's minds.

8. Other Business

Council staff discussed upcoming changes to the STP-Shared Fund, the project selection committee is currently considering two new additions to eligible project types, those are Bike/Ped Project and Access to Transit Projects. CMAP will be working to develop draft scoring metrics for those project types over the coming months to present to the Project Selection Committee for discussion and eventual approval.



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Staff discussed several funding opportunities that are available. The first is INFRA grants, which is a nationwide competitive program through USDOT focuses on freight projects. There is \$900 million available nationwide, minimum award size is \$5 million for small projects and \$25 million for large projects. INFRA projects are funding with 60% federal funds and 40% local funds.

The second grant program discussed was TARP grants from IDOT. The Truck Route Access Program has \$7 million available statewide and is intended to improve routes that would then be designated as truck routes. More information is available in IDOT's circular letter.

The final grant program that was discussed was Statewide Planning and Research Grants that are available through IDOT to fund planning studies, these grants are not for infrastructure projects. There is \$20 million available statewide for SPR funding and more information is available through IDOT's circular letters.

Staff also gave the Council a brief overview on the US House Democrats Infrastructure framework that was recently released in advance of a new long-term transportation bill. The Moving Forward Framework was a joint release from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. There are also 4 committee's in the Senate that would be needed to pass a new long term transportation bill and so far only 1 of them has taken action, the senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved a bill in the summer of 2019. The Moving Forward Framework is not a bill, it is rather a set of principles put forth by the House Democrats for reauthorization. The Framework has more details for expenditures that it does for pay fors and there is a lot of work that will happen before it becomes legislation.

Kevin Carrier from Lake County DOT also informed the Council that this meeting would be the last for Emily Karry as a Council Liaison. Emily has accepted a position with Lake County Public Works and will be leaving Lake County DOT at the end of February. Kevin thanked Emily for her 13 years of service to Lake County DOT and all her efforts on behalf of the Lake County Council.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council is scheduled for May 7, 2020 at 9am.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made Kevin Carrier and seconded by Bob Phillips, the meeting adjourned at 10:27am.