



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of June 25, 2020 Transportation Committee Meeting
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

A recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6Vsvol2R0Y>

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mayor Glen Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Mayor Billy McKinney	Mayor	Zion
Kerry Martin	Trustee	Bannockburn
Shane Schneider	County Engineer	Lake County
Maria Lasday	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Michael Talbett	Village Administrator	Kildeer
David Kilbane	Village Administrator	Round Lake Beach
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Clay Johnson	Village Administrator	Lindenhurst
Karen Dalton Lange	Village Administrator	Lake Barrington
Thomas Maillard	Mayors Office	Waukegan
Kealan Noonan	Director of Public Works	Fox Lake
Marty Neal	Highway Commissioner	Libertyville Township
Ed Wilmes	Director of Public Works	North Chicago
Heather Galan	Village Engineer	Gurnee
Wally Dietrich	Assist Public Works Director	Lincolnshire
Adrian Marquez	Director of Public Works	Beach Park
Kevin Carrier	Director of Planning & Programming	Lake County
Bob Ells	City Engineer	Lake Forest
Alex Househ	Field Engineer	IDOT BLRS
Lauren Platt	Community Affairs	Tollway
Katie Herdus	Area Programmer	IDOT District 1
Katelyn Renteria	Community Affairs	Metra
Rick Mack	Community Affairs	Metra
Tim Dilsaver	Community Affairs	Pace
Linda Soto	Exec. Director/ Board Member	LCTA/ Pace
Russell Pietrowiak	Senior Analyst	CMAP
Mary Weber	Associate	CMAP
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Joe Surdam	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Jon Vana		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
Jason Fluhr		Consultant
Jon Bisell		Consultant
Duane O'Laughlin		Consultant
Greg Ellwanger		Consultant
Chris Bouchard		Consultant
Lee Fell		Consultant
Mark Buwen		Consultant
Joel Christell		Consultant



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1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryback called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Mike Klemens did a roll call of those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Minutes

With a first from motion from Shane Schneider and a second from Mayor McKinney, the minutes of the April 23, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously via Zoom poll voting.

3. Agency Reports

- a. **IDOT Bureau of Programming-** Katie Herdus gave the IDOT Bureau of Programming report. Ms. Herdus informed the committee that IDOT is currently working from home, and that the easiest way to get in touch with her is via e-mail. Ms. Herdus gave updates on the current status of projects in Lake County. Ms. Herdus informed the committee that IDOT is working on the new Multi-Year Program, but it does not yet have a publication date, once the MYP is published the IDOT status sheets will be updated.
- b. **IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets-** Alex Househ informed the committee of the changes related to the Local Roads project status sheets, a copy of the current Local Roads status sheets was included in the meeting packet as attachment 2.
- c. **Illinois Tollway-** Lauren Platt from the Tollway provided the update to the committee. Ms. Platt informed the committee that the tollway is currently using only electronic toll collection, and that service centers are currently closed. The tollway has suspended late fees for missed tolls and drivers without an I-Pass can pay online. Ms. Platt also updated the committee on several projects in the Lake County area.
- d. **CMAP-** Russell Pietrowiak gave the CMAP report. Mr. Pietrowiak informed the committee that CMAP staff is working remotely and they are able to keep all functions operating remotely. CMAP staff will not be back in the office at the Willis Tower, they are currently building out space at the Old Post Office and won't be in person until the move is completed at the earliest. Mr. Pietrowiak also mentioned the Future Leaders in Planning program. CMAP is tracking ridership and revenue projects as the pandemic plays out.
- e. **RTA-** There was no RTA report.
- f. **Metra** – Rick Mack from Metra gave the report for Metra. Metra has seen a large decrease in ridership. Metra is projecting a loss of about \$600 million through 2021. Metra did receive about \$400 million in CARES Act funding which should help the agency through around mid-2021 at which time the funding will run out. Metra is hearing from business partners that daycare will be key hurdle in people returning to work and commuters to return to transit.
- g. **Pace** – Linda Soto presented Pace's report. Pace is in a similar situation with CARES Act funding to Metra, but the agency is still expecting a major shortfall in funding. Director Soto gave the committee information on re-opening more transit service. Pace is expecting to begin collecting fares next week June 22, which will stop the rear door boarding procedure, but rigorous cleaning will still take place. Routes that are currently suspended will remain suspended until there is increased demand, but it will accommodate additional buses on lines with demand to allow for social distances. Pace just did a soft launch of their new website and everyone is encouraged to view the new webpage.



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4. Lake Council STP Program

Mr. Klemens gave the committee a report on the current Lake County STP program. As the region has used up the available funding for the remainder of FFY2020 there have not been any project changes.

Mr. Klemens then walked the committee through the FFY2021-FFY2025 Recommended STP program. Included in the meeting packet was the recommended program for both the active and contingency list as well as spreadsheets that show how each project scored in every category and how all projects were ranked once the scoring was completed. Mr. Klemens walked the committee through the process of building out the 5 year program beginning with the grandfathered projects. Each project was added to the program based on project readiness and the availability of funding, due to the fiscal constraint on the program there are not many grandfathered projects that are programmed where the sponsor was originally targeting. After the grandfathered projects were added to the program there was approximately \$2.7 million across the entire 5 fiscal years to program for new projects. Staff worked with the sponsors of the highest-ranking projects and was able to accommodate the top 3 highest scoring projects, although as before they were not able to be programmed according to the sponsors original schedule due to fiscal constraint.

A question was asked if the state budget that reduced operational funding for IDOT would impact their ability to review and approved projects. Mr. Klemens responded that at CMAP's MPO policy committee IDOT's Secretary Osman did state that his request for additional personnel to improve agreement review had been approved, but there was no indication given on the timing of those new positions.

A question was asked if projects targeting FFY2021 are on track or if there was a possibility that contingency list projects could get moved up and be funding. Mr. Klemens stated that right now the Council's projects are on track and all of the projects should be on the November and January lettings, which means that by early in the new year the council could request additional funding to advance ready to go projects.

A motion was made by Heather Galan and seconded by Kevin Carrier to recommend that the full council release the recommended program for a 30-day public comment period. The motion was approved via unanimous poll voting.

Mr. Klemens also informed the committee on the upcoming steps for the program, which includes a 30-day public comment period and then approval in August. Any sponsor that is on the active or contingency program is also required to attend a training on the Council's active program management as well and the date for that training will be announced soon.

5. Other Business

Mr. Klemens gave the committee a few updates during other business. CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning Program is open and accepting applications, information is available on CMAP's website.

DCEO also has several funding opportunity open through the Rebuild Illinois, those funding opportunities were included in the Council e-mails.



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6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 9am.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made Heather Galan and seconded by Mayor McKinney, the meeting adjourned at 10:16am.