



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of January 28, 2021 Full Council Transportation Committee Meeting
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

A recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://youtu.be/ovsi1Ny7JVk>

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Bob Phillips	Director of Public Works	Deerfield
Mayor Glenn Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Mayor Sam Cunningham	Mayor	Waukegan
Karen Daulton Lange	Village Administrator	Lake Barrington
Marc Huber	Village Administrator	Beach Park
Stephanie Hannon	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Ray Roberts	Public Works Director	Zion
Darren Monico	Village Engineer	Buffalo Grove
Erika Frable	Public Works Director/Village Engineer	Hawthorn Woods
Kevin Carrier	Director of Planning & Programming	Lake County
Bob Ells	City Engineer	Lake Forest
Linda Soto	Exec. Director/ Board Member	LCTA/ Pace
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Joe Surdam	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Jon Vana		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
Luke Schumacher		Consultant
John Beissel		Consultant
Joel Christell		Consultant
Dan Schug		Consultant

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 Bob Phillips and a second from Stephanie Hannon, the minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously via voice vote.

3. Lake Council STP Program

- a. **FY2021 Active Program Management-** Mr. Klemens gave an update on the FY2021 Active Program Management. The Council has some available funding for FY2021 to be able to reprogram. As the Council rules allow, the reprogramming can be done at a staff level to make that change and submit the new TIP change to CMAP and post the new program on LCDOT's website. As this is the first time going through this situation under the new program Mr. Klemens brought a recommendation to the Committee and Full Council. LCDOT staff went through the process for Active Program Management and Mr. Klemens shared the LCCOM Reprogramming Hierarchy slide to show the process of actively reprogramming funds in the current year. Going through the reprogramming hierarchy and reviewing the quarterly status updates received in December 2020 revealed that other projects would not be able to use the funding. A request



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from the Village of Libertyville to program the additional funds on their Rockland Road project that was let in April 2019 was received. The project was not funded at 80%. The cost increase to the project currently would not bring the project up to being funded at 80% but would help spend the money down and help the Village as well. The request is to reprogram the \$441,000 that was made available to the Village of Libertyville's Rockland Road project. Mr. Klemens requested approval of this change.

Marc Huber asked if the request is asking to reprogram the dollars. Mr. Klemens confirmed that this is the case and explained that the Council has \$441,00 that is not programmed on a project in FY2021.

Mayor Cunningham asked whether we are anticipating any other situations like this to occur towards those funded dollar amounts. Mr. Klemens confirmed that we are anticipating this and stated that two projects in the November letting received favorable bids and is working with CMAP on the process of recapturing the savings that came from the low bid. The first step of the process is that FHWA must de-obligate the funds before the funds can be recaptured. After de-obligating staff will work with CMAP to determine how much can be made available to the Council because there are non-participating costs in both projects as well as construction and engineering that is federally funded. Once the funds can be reprogrammed in the Council, we will be able to carry them over into FY2022 giving the Council some more flexibility. The Council will follow the Reprogramming Hierarchy again with the additional funds

With a first motion from Marc Huber and a second from Stephanie Hannon, the request to reprogram the \$441,000 to the Village of Libertyville's Rockland Road project was approved unanimously via voice vote.

- b. **STP Sub-Committee-** Mr. Klemens gave an update on the latest developments of the STP Sub-Committee. In October the Transportation Committee discussed forming a sub-committee to review the Council Rules, STP methodology, and to propose any changes that may be needed for the upcoming Call for Projects. The Sub Committee's first meeting took place a couple weeks ago featuring a discussion on some scoring changes to the methodology. LCDOT staff is going to be working on text edits for the Council's current document which will be brought to the Sub Committee to review and discuss, followed by being brought to the Transportation Committee and Full Council Committee later in the year. The overarching goal is to approve a final version of whatever changes come about.

4. CMAP TIP and the NEPA Process

Mr. Klemens gave the committee an update on an enforcement of an existing federal regulation. For projects that are being processed as a Categorical Exclusion or above (EA or EIS), in order for the Phase I to be complete, design approval to be granted, and the PDR to be approved a subsequent phase of the project needs to be in the active years of CMAP's TIP. CMAP has placed a FAQ sheet on their website for more information on this enforcement. The regulation doesn't necessarily mean that Phase must be federally funded, it can have local funds with certain restrictions, which CMAP has placed guidance regarding this information on their website. If a project has federal funds for Phase II, in order for those funds to be placed into the TIP, an award letter with those federal funds need to be uploaded to show that the federal funds have been secured. The enforcement of this regulation will have a significant impact on processing projects and the timeline in processing projects, particularly for projects that need to have federal funding for Phase II to advance. One of the reasons on the enforcement of this regulation is that the Chicago-land region is a non-attainment area for air quality.



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5. Federal Infrastructure Priorities

Mr. Klemens informed the Committee that CMAP has put together a region wide list of priorities for a federal transportation bill reauthorization. The FAST Act initially expired last year on September 30th, 2020 but Congress enacted an extension. The extension is set to expire at the end of this Federal Fiscal year on September 30th. Information pertaining to the priorities will be sent out to the Committee once CMAP finalizes the priorities. The list of priorities CMAP has put together currently includes Sustainable Revenues, Strengthening Public Transportation, Passenger Rail, Performance-based Programming, Multimodal Freight, Safety, Innovation, and Resilient Transportation Systems.

6. Other Business

Mr. Klemens informed the Committee that IDOT typically does a Call for Projects for Statewide Planning and Research Funds involving planning (non-infrastructure) grants but are being postponed potentially up to 9 to 12 months. There has been no official announcement given but Mr. Klemens was informed of by IDOT staff.

7. Public Comment

No public comment was received prior to the meeting or raised during the meeting.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council Transportation Committee is scheduled for May 6th, 2021 at 9am.

9. Adjournment

With a first motion from Bob Phillips and a second from Mayor Cunningham, adjournment of the meeting was unanimously approved via voice vote at 9:32am.