



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of July 22, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting

Meeting Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Bob Phillips	Director of Public Works	Deerfield
Mayor Glenn Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Shane Schneider	County Engineer	Lake County
Gregory Jackson	Village Administrator	Long Grove
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Clay Johnson	Village Administrator	Lindenhurst
Karen Daulton Lange	Village Administrator	Lake Barrington
David Brown	Director of Public Works	Vernon Hills
Darren Monico	Village Engineer	Buffalo Grove
Jeff Cooper	Village Engineer	Libertyville
Heather Galan	Director of Public Works	Gurnee
Erika Frable	Director of Public Works	Hawthorn Woods
Kealan Noonan	Director of Public Works	Fox Lake
Ray Roberts	Director of Public Works	Zion
Ed Wilmes	Director of Public Works	North Chicago
Thomas Maillard	Mayors Office	Waukegan
Jeff Hansen	Village Engineer	Lake Bluff
Manny Gomez	City Engineer	Highland Park
Byron Kutz	Superintendent	Lake Forest
Wally Dietrich	Assist Public Works Director	Lincolnshire
Laura Ditano	Assist Public Works Director	Libertyville
Kevin Carrier	Director of Planning & Programming	Lake County
Kelsey Passi	Community Affairs	Tollway
Rick Mack	Community Affairs	Metra
Katelyn Renteria	Community Affairs	Metra
Russell Pietrowiak	Associate	CMAP
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Joe Surdam	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Jon Vana		Consultant
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
John Ambrose		Consultant
Scott Drabicki		Consultant
Mark Buwen		Consultant
Tony Wolff		Consultant
Dave Kreeger		Consultant
Dan Schug		Consultant
Matt Smith		Consultant
Mark Kozlowski		Consultant
Chris Bouchard		Consultant



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1. Call to Order

Bob Phillips 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 Ed Wilmes and a second from Erika Frable, the minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously via roll call vote.

3. Agency Reports

- a. **IDOT Bureau of Programming-** There was no IDOT report.
- b. **IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets-** There was no IDOT report.
- c. **Illinois Tollway-** Kelsey Passi provided an update on ongoing Tollway operations. Ms. Passi gave an update on the Tollway's I-Pass Assist Program. The Tollway has also provided Tollway Violation Relief through the end of August 2021. The Tollway has moved to an all cashless system. Ms. Passi also provided an update on the Stearns School Road bridge, with the bridge deck being poured this week and construction scheduled to finish in the fall of 2021.
- d. **CMAP-** Russell Pietrowiak gave the CMAP report. CMAP is beginning to return to the office, they are anticipating transitioning back to in person meetings at CMAP in September. CMAP recently released the CMAQ, TAP and STP-SF recommended programs for public comments. Mr. Pietrowiak also informed the committee that CMAP is responsible for the transportation process in the region. During a regular review FHWA has informed CMAP that the region is falling fall short of the requirements for having and implementing ADA Transition Plans. CMAP will be working with communities to provide resources and guidance for ADA transition plans.
- e. **RTA-** There was no RTA report.
- f. **Metra** – Rick Mack gave the report for Metra. Metra ridership is at about 25% of pre-pandemic levels, which is up from about 10% last year. Metra is hoping for about 30% ridership level by the end of the year. Rick began with giving an update on the capital projects within Lake County.
- g. **Pace** – There was no Pace report.

4. Functional Classification Request - Lindenhurst

Mr. Klemens presented the Village of Lindenhurst request to change the functional classification of Country Place from Sand Lake Road to US45. The route meets the requirements of a functional classification change. The Council is required to adopt a resolution in support of the change. It will then get submitted to IDOT and FHWA for the ultimate approval. With a motion from Thomas Maillard, and a second from Mayor Ryback, the motion was approved via roll call vote.



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5. Planning Liaison Funding Resolution for FY2022

Bob Phillips introduced the resolution for FY2022 for regional planning funds for the Lake County Council of Mayors which direct those federal funds to Lake County. Mike Klemens informed the committee that the County does provide the local match the funds. With a motion from David brown and a second from Buffalo Grove, the motion was approved unanimously via roll call.

6. Current Lake STP Program

Mike Klemens gave the committee an update on the status of the Council program. In the big picture, the program is in very good shape and while there are a lot of project changes coming, the council has spent basically all of the FY2021 funding and is not at risk of losing funding at this time. Mike also thanks members for their assistance with Quarterly Status Updates. Joe Surdam will be coordinating those moving forward and will be more active in the council programming. Council Staff is still working through the updates and those will factor into the changes in the program.

There are several funding changes coming to the council program and Mike walked through them with the committee. COVID Relief funds are coming but not yet finalized. This is from the 2nd relief program package provided funds to IDOT and had a carved out for locals by formula. CMAP receiving about \$44 million, will use STP distribution formula to distribute them to the Council's. This means that some funds will be taken off the top for STP Shared Fund and then the remaining funds will be split between the City of Chicago and 11 Councils of Mayors. LCCOM is about 6% of the region based on the performance metrics formula and should receive around \$2.3 million. CMAP is developing guidance for programming of the funds.

The next change is the FY2022 Programming Marks. The actual amount of funding each council get varies slightly from year to year and in FY2022 the Council should see a small increase, we haven't been told exact amount as of yet.

The next set of changes are project changes that have been requested by sponsors. Lake Forest will be requesting a scope change and need to reprogram their project to a later year. Highland Park is requesting to reprogram their Park Ave West project from FY2022 to FY2023. Lincolnshire project is split between two years, would prefer to build project in a single year.

Once all of the changes have been made a new program will be distributed to the Council members.

7. FY2022 Call for Projects

Mike Klemens gave an update on potential changes to the Council scoring. One area that will have to change is the CMAP planning factors. Currently the council gives all the points for having a complete street policy or ordinance. CMAP will not allow the council to have that one planning factor be worth all 50 points in the next all for projects. Mike Klemens made two suggestions for this change, one is to include inclusive growth criteria using the IEPA Environmental Justice Layers and the other is to include points for a project receiving points for having complete streets elements in the scope.

The other area of change is the contingency list scoring, the current methodology gives 15 points for being on the contingency list, but since every project that could be on the contingency list is on it, if they all received 15 points that does not distinguish between projects. Mike suggested giving a small amount of points for being on the list and a higher amount of points for having completed milestones while on the contingency list.



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8. Other Business

Mr. Klemens informed the committee that LCDOT is having a public information meeting on August 4th to provide information on a new countywide paratransit program. Mike Klemens also asked the committee their preference on having future Council meetings in person or with a hybrid option. The consensus was that members like the idea of remote participation in future meetings.

8. Public Comment

No public comment was received prior to the meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for September 23rd, 2021 at 9am.

10. Adjournment

Bob Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02am.