



LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

Minutes of July 29, 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>
Mayor Leon Rockingham	Mayor	North Chicago
Mayor Glenn Ryback	Mayor	Wadsworth
Mayor Nancy Rotering	Mayor	Highland Park
Mayor Tom Hood	Mayor	Gurnee
Mayor Billy McKinney	Mayor	Zion
Marc Huber	Village Administrator	Beach Park
Steve Shields	Village Administrator	Round Lake
Stephanie Hannon	Village Administrator	Bannockburn
Michael Talbett	Village Administrator	Kildeer
Clay Johnson	Village Administrator	Lindenhurst
Bob Phillips	Director of Public Works	Deerfield
David Brown	Director of Public Works	Vernon Hills
Darren Monico	Village Engineer	Buffalo Grove
Byron Kutz	Superintendent	Lake Forest
Erika Frable	Public Works Director/Village Engineer	Hawthorn Woods
Scott Hilts	Director of Public Works	Round Lake Beach
Russell Pietrowiak	Senior Planner	CMAP
Alex Househ	Field Engineer	IDOT BLRS
Mike Klemens	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Joe Surdam	Council Liaison	Lake Council
Dan Brinkman		Consultant
Dave Kreeger		Consultant
Joel Christell		Consultant
Steve Cieslica		Consultant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Mike Klemens did a roll call of those in attendance.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the May 6th, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously via roll call vote.

3. Functional Classification Request – Lindenhurst

- a. **Country Place**
- b. **Resolution 07292021LLC-02** – 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 first motion from Mayor McKinney and a second from Mayor Ryback, the motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.



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4. Planning Liaison Funding Resolution for FY2022

a. Resolution 07292021LCC-01

Mr. Klemens introduced to the committee the resolution for FY2022 for regional funds for the LCCOM which direct those federal funds to Lake County. The resolution is an item that is brought to the Transportation and Full Council committee annually for directing the regional United Work Program funds that contribute to the staff time for Planning Liaisons (Mike Klemens and Joe Surdam). Each Council in the region receives funds from CMAP. Mr. Klemens added that the resolution is seeking to grant those funds to the Council.

A motion for the approval of the resolution was first made by Mayor Brown and a second by Mayor Rotering. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

5. Project Scope Change Request

a. City of Lake Forest – Everett @ Waukegan

Mr. Klemens noted to the committee that the City of Lake Forest – Everett @ Waukegan project is currently programmed in FY2023 in the Active Program. There is ongoing discussion with the City Council on the status of the project due to coordination being required with Metra involving signals. Based on the traffic studies conducted, the City of Lake Forest's Council would like to add a right and left bound turn lane which was not included in the original scope of the project. Mr. Klemens noted the project needing to add Phase II work as well. The City of Lake Forest is requesting to reprogram the project from FY2023 to FY2025 and a scope change approval to the project.

Mayor Rockingham asked about the impact the request would have on other projects. Mr. Klemens noted that the request would result in the need to move around some projects in the Council program but that this shouldn't have a negative impact on any projects in the program nor would it lead to moving projects back in the program.

Marc Huber asked about the details of the project's funding request. Mr. Klemens responded that the City is not requesting additional funding, rather they are just asking for an additional scope change to the project and a scheduling change.

Bob Phillips asked if Right-of-Way (ROW) is cleared on the project or if there is time available for ROW Acquisition. Mr. Klemens answered that ROW is not cleared meaning the City would have to a Phase 1 Amendment to get design approval in order to get to ROW acquisition.

Mayor Rockingham asked for a motion on the project change request. A first motion was made by Bob Phillips and a second by Mayor McKinney. The motion was approved unanimously via roll call vote.

6. Lake Council STP Program

Mr. 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. Mr. Klemens 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



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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. 2022 Call for Projects

Mr. Klemens informed the committee on the potential changes taking place for the upcoming Call for Projects. Every two years the Council does a Call for Projects, with the next one occurring January. Rule changes can occur in between Call for Projects that have a direct impact on the Council's scoring methodology, which sometimes results in the need for the Council to update the process on how projects are scored. Mr. Klemens added that the Council has a sub-committee in place that has been discussing the scoring methodology. It's anticipated that another sub-committee meeting will take place before bringing any proposed changes to the scoring methodology to the next LCCOM Full Council meeting for approval. With the rule changes that been placed into effect, two items that impact the scoring discussed requiring change is the Contingency List and CMAP Planning Factors. Under the current scoring methodology, projects on the contingency list receive 15 points for just being on the list. This scoring metric is in place to incentivize projects for staying on the list. Mr. Klemens noted that the latest Call for Projects saw all projects wanting to remain on the contingency list which leads to this specific scoring metric not being useful in distinguishing projects from one another in scoring. Mr. Klemens 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. Regarding 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. Mr. 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.

Marc Huber asked about the new contingency list having a September timeframe. Mr. Klemens confirmed that the September timeframe is accurate and anticipates having the scoring methodology updated at the next LCCOM Full Council meeting in September which would be prior to the Call for Projects in January. Mr. Klemens noted that the Call for Projects is due at the end of March, which would be followed by the scoring and ranking of projects.

8. Other Business

Mr. Klemens gave an update on the latest developments with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF) Summary. The BIF Summary is a proposed \$1 trillion dollar infrastructure program. There is still a lot of debate going on in Congress and amendments that will be taking place before the BIF Summary is finalized. The latest information shows that approximately \$550 billion in spending over the next 5 years including reauthorization will be made available with surface transportation. Mr. Klemens noted that the FAST Act expires September 30th of this year as well.



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Mr. Klemens gave an update on the SB1697-GATA Exemption for MFT. The Illinois General Assembly bill passed this past spring and the purpose of the bill is to exempt Motor Fuel Tax funds from the requirements of GATA. With the bill being passed, the Council is just waiting for it to be signed by the Governor. Once signed, the bill would result in not having to complete the GATA forms that is currently required.

Mr. Klemens informed the committee that LCDOT is working on a project that expands paratransit service to a Countywide borderless service for seniors (60+) and individuals with a disability. A public information meeting is being held on August 4th that will feature a presentation on the proposed project. Following the meeting, residents will have a two-week window to provide comments and feedback related to the project. Mr. Klemens concluded that the goal is to have to the new Countywide borderless service launch in the Spring of next year. Mayor Leon Rockingham added that the paratransit program becoming a countywide service would be an excellent program and that any funding the Council can obtain from the BIF Summary would be of great assistance.

9. Public Comment

No public comments were received prior to the meeting.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council Transportation Committee is scheduled for September 30th, 2021 at 9:00am.

11. Adjournment

With a first motion made followed by a second, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51am.