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Kane County  
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# KANE KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS



## COUNCIL STAFF

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Troy M. Simpson  
Planning Liaison

## Kane Kendall Council of Mayors

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9:30 a.m.  
Hybrid – Batavia City Council Chambers & online via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

### Members in Attendance

Mayor Jeffrey Schielke  
President John Skillman  
Corinne Pierog  
Fran Klaas  
Tim Weidner  
Scott Marquardt  
Jeffrey Walter  
Mike Pubentz  
Ron Rudd  
Chris Ott  
Jennifer Hughes  
Todd Latham  
Mike Millette  
Ken Jay

Chairman  
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County Engineer  
Engineering Coordinator  
Project Manager  
Village President  
Public Works Director  
City Engineer  
Project Manager  
Public Works Director  
Mayor  
Public Works Director  
Public Works Director

City of Batavia  
Village of Carpentersville  
Kane County  
Kendall County  
City of Aurora  
Village of Campton Hills / HR Green  
Village of Elburn  
City of Elgin  
City of Elgin  
Village of Montgomery (EEI)  
Village of Oswego  
City of Sandwich  
Village of South Elgin  
City of St. Charles

### Others in Attendance

Steve Coffinbargar  
Mike Zakosek  
Tom Rickert  
Jackie Forbes  
Heidi Lichtenberger  
Marilyn Solomon  
Mary Weber  
Kelsey Passi  
Demetri Skoufis  
Martin Sandoval  
Rahat Bari  
Amy McSwane  
Chris Lirot  
Fred Mullard  
Brad Sanderson  
Jim Bibby  
Chris Ott  
Greg Chismark

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Assistant County Engineer  
Executive Director  
Council Director  
Planning Liaison  
West Division Field Engineer  
Associate Analyst  
Community Relations Coordinator  
Community and Legislative Affairs  
Community and Government Relations  
City Engineer  
Traffic Engineering Manager  
CSM  
Project Manager  
COO  
Principal  
Project Manager  
President

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KKCOM  
KKCOM  
KKCOM  
IDOT  
CMAP  
Illinois Tollway  
Metra  
Pace Suburban Bus  
City of Batavia  
HLR  
HR Green  
Chastain & Associates  
EEI Engineering  
Rempe-Sharp & Associates  
EEI  
WBK Engineering

## **I. Opening of Meeting**

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

## **II. Approval of November 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

John Skillman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Fran Klaas seconded, and the meeting minutes passed unanimously.

## **III. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comments were received.

## **IV. Action Items**

### **A. Adoption of the FY21-25 Council STP Active and Contingency Programs**

Mike Millette explained that the Active and Contingency Programs have been presented to and approved by the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee and he recommends approval from the Full Council. Jackie explained a few more details about the Programs and clarified this vote is for the current Programs, Active and Contingency, and not the 2022 STP-L CFP. She also mentioned the next time Full Council will vote on the Programs will be in August. Heidi went over the current council marks for FY2023 – FY2027 set by CMAP. Mayor Schielke gave an overview regarding how federal funds are allocated in Illinois; 45% goes to Chicago and 55% to the suburbs.

Mike Millette made a motion to approve the Active and Contingency Programs, John Skillman seconded, and it passed unanimously.

### **B. FY 2023 Planning Liaison Resolution**

Jackie Forbes gave an update on the FY23 PL Resolution. The Kane Kendall Council of Mayors received federal transportation planning funds to perform various planning and programming activities for Kane County and Kendall County. CMAP directs these funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation in order that Kane County may continue to provide transportation planning staff to the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors for regional coordination and planning activities. The primary staff includes Tom Rickert, Jackie Forbes, Heidi Lichtenberger, and Kaci Crowley. KKCOM regional planning staff facilitates strategic participation by local officials in the region's transportation process as required by the FAST Act and the Regional Planning Act. Staff also supports the Council of Mayors by providing STP and CMAQ program development and monitoring, general planning liaison services, technical assistance and communications assistance. An agreement will be executed with CMAP for Planning for the FY2023 Planning Liaison Scope of Services. Staff recommends Council approval authorizing the Council Chairman to execute a resolution re-allocating the Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Transportation Planning Funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation to provide Professional Staff Assistance to the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors. Jackie Forbes asked for approval of the resolution to approve the work on the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors. Jackie Forbes recommended approval and called the roll. John Skillman made a motion to approve, Mike Millette seconded and the PL Resolution passed unanimously.

## V. General Business

### A. Review of STP-L Call for Projects Application Process

Heidi Lichtenberger reviewed this topic with the following highlights:

- This year is KKKCOM's STP-L CFP for FFY23 –27. FFY26 & 27 will have new federal funding while unprogrammed balances and any additional pandemic relief funding will go to FFY23-25.
- Call opened January 17th and closed March 15<sup>th</sup>. 55 applications received; 19 for Roadways & Intersections, 36 for Asset Management.
- Council staff scored all projects and presented the results at the April 21<sup>st</sup> KKKCOM TPC meeting, followed by a 30-day public comment period. A total of 38 comments were received, 33 of which were regarding a project that applied to the call; Anderson Road & RT 38. A Facebook post was released shortly after the scores were released. Although KKKCOM appreciates public comments, the comment period was specifically for the scores and not the proposed program.
- Approximately half of those 33 comments received also mentioned the poor condition of Anderson Road between RT 38 & RT 64. Heidi explained that this project is in our current Program, it went to letting in April 2022, and will be resurfaced this summer.
- Public comments will be evaluated and adjustments will be made this week or next. The draft recommended program will be posted in June and reviewed for approval at the July 21<sup>st</sup> KKKCOM TPC meeting.

### B. Council Director's Report

- The Council Director's Report was given by Jackie Forbes.

#### Council Staff Change

Troy Simpson is officially a resident of Toronto! Kaci Crowley will be joining KKKCOM in early June as a Planning Liaison and Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator.

#### Upcoming Meetings

The next KKKCOM Bike Ped Committee meeting will take place **TBD summer 2022**.

The next KKKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting will take place on **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1pm**.

The next KKKCOM Full Council meeting will take place **TBD late-summer 2022**.

#### Funding Opportunities/Announcements

##### **KKKCOM FY23-27 STP-L Call for Projects Update**

All applications for the STP-L FFY23-27 CFP have been submitted and scored. The public comment period concluded yesterday, May 23. Upcoming milestones:

- June 2022: Staff publishes recommended draft program
- June TBD: 30-day public comment period for proposed program commences
- July 14: KKKCOM TPC agenda packet posts on KKKCOM website
- July 21: KKKCOM TPC meeting, vote to adopt program

- TBD Summer 2022: KKCOM Full Council considers recommended program
- Fall 2022: CMAP Transportation Policy Committee considers TIP for approval
- Fall 2022: CMAP MPO Policy Committee considers TIP for final approval

### **FY2024 Local Highway Safety Improvement Program**

IDOT is seeking applications for the FY 2024 HSIP program. Applications are due on **Friday, June 17, 2022 at 5:00pm**. Read more in IDOT [Circular Letter 2022-11](#). Applicants are directed to visit and explore the [HSIP website](#) which contains additional information on the IDOT HSIP policy and analysis tools which may be used to guide the applicant.

### **The Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program**

USDOT anticipates posting one or more Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO's) for the [Reconnecting Communities pilot Program \(RCP\)](#) in summer of 2022. The RCP was created under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will provide up to \$1 billion over the next five years. The program's funds can support planning, capital construction, and technical assistance to equitably and safely restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, and replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.

### **Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) – Call for projects**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Eastern Federal Lands Division has announced they will be accepting applications for funding from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) between **May 1 and August 1, 2022**. The FLAP provides funding for projects on transportation facilities located on, adjacent to, or that provide access to federal lands. FLAP funds must be used for transportation planning, research, engineering, preventative maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, or reconstruction of federal land access transportation facilities. More [information](#) can be found in Circular Letter 2022-12, along with FAQ's and tips for preparing an application.

### **IDOT Processing Updates**

#### **Local Agency Funding Agreements**

IDOT has split the BLR5310 Local Public Agency Agreement into two separate forms, one for PE and ROW (BLR5310PE) and one for State-Let Construction (BLR5310C). The BLR5311 Local Agency Amendment has also been updated. Please use these forms moving forward with all submissions to planning liaisons. Read more in [Circular Letter 2022-09](#) and find the forms on the IDOT [website](#), under Local Roads.

### **Kane County & CMAP Updates**

#### **Kane County Bike Plan Update**

KDOT has received UWP funding for State Fiscal Year 2023 to update the [2012 Kane County Bike Plan](#). KDOT completed QBS and Epstein of Chicago has been selected along with their sub-consultant, WSP to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the region.

The plan update will be underway on July 1, 2022 and it is requested that member municipalities prioritize attendance to the KKCOM Bike Ped Committee, where much of the outreach development and milestone updates will likely occur.

The scope for the plan update will continue to include the entire KKCOM region. With the anticipated funding levels available for the upcoming federal and state infrastructure cycles, staff are excited to explore the next possible outcomes for active transportation in the Fox Valley.

### **Why Improved Accessibility, ADA Compliance Matters for Northeastern Illinois**

A program is under development to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility and comply with [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#). Mandated by the federal government, ADA transition plans identify policies, programs, and infrastructure improvements like sidewalks and crosswalks to make communities easier to navigate. All local governments with 50 or more employees must create an ADA transition plan. [CMAP started its ADA initiative](#) to equip communities with the resources needed to comply and make infrastructure more accessible to everyone. Although the initiative is just the beginning, CMAP already has a list of resources, including a [toolkit](#) that can help guide municipalities.

### **Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Awards Announced**

Last summer, the Illinois Department of Transportation held a call for projects and received 102 applications requesting \$21.3 million. IDOT announced that 57 projects were chosen, with awards totaling over \$12.3 million. Among the 57 projects, four are in Kane and Kendall County. Congratulations to the City of Aurora, City of Batavia, Village of Hampshire, and Village of Oswego. IDOT anticipates the next application period will be in 2023.

### **CMAP Staff Support Burlington with New Comprehensive Plan**

Over the past two years, CMAP staff has worked closely with the Village of Burlington to develop a plan for preserving and enhancing Burlington's high quality of life. Staff assisted Burlington officials and residents to identify opportunities and challenges, develop a consensus vision for the community's future, and establish steps for making that vision a reality. Read more [here](#).

## **C. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report**

Mayor Schielke presented the CoM Executive Committee report. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the CoM Executive Committee received a report from CMAP on the STP Project Selection Committee and IDOT Local Roads. They also received an update on CMAP's ON TO 2050 plan as well as the recent work from the local government network. The next meeting is slated for July 19, 2022.

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the CoM Executive Committee met and received updates on the STP Project Selection Committee, IDOT BLR, CMAP's safety action agenda, and zoning reforms. CMAP staff was given an update on the progress of the regional social economic forecast. Lastly, an update was given by CMAP's Legislative Affairs team and the local government network. The next CoM Executive Committee meeting is on April 19, 2022.

The Mayor thanked the Kane County DOT for their work in the region. He also spoke to the issue of MFT tax and EV's and believes that given the political nature of this topic, it will be set aside until after the election in November.

## **D. IDOT Local Roads Update**

Marilyn Solomon presented the IDOT Local Roads update, primarily referencing the status sheets she provided. She asked that if any municipality has an approved PPI but isn't on the status sheets presented, to get in touch with her. Marilyn also gave an update on behalf of IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment, or BDE, and explained that their manual has been revised.

## E. CMAP Report

Mary Weber presented the CMAP report. CMAP is currently preparing the federal required update to ONTO 2050. The draft plan will be available for public comment in June and July 2022. Secondly, CMAP is hosting a summer program for high school students interested urban planning called FLIP (Future Leaders in Planning).

## F. Transportation Improvement Plan Update

- **IDOT Program Report District 1** – Katie was absent but her status sheets were presented.
- **IDOT Program Report District 3** – absent
- **Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report** – Kelsey Passi reported that following the retirement of the Illinois Tollway Board Chairman, Governor Pritzker appointed Dorothy Abreu. Lanyea Griffin has been named Interim Executive Director effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. She also reported on their capital program which calls for investing \$1.49 billion.
- **RTA Report**  
Jackie Forbes reported on the RTA who are currently updating their strategic plan. They convene every other week to discuss mainly three topics; transit service, infrastructure investment, and financial responsibility. There are technical groups working on the 10- year financial plan and a list of priority projects in the transit system. RTA has launched a new campaign called Forward for All, a multi-year collaborative campaign designed to convey messages about how transit provides connection, momentum, evolution, community, and equity.
- **Metra Report**  
Demetri Skoufis reported on Metra starting with ridership which is slowly increasing. In April 2022, peak ridership hit 30% of pre-pandemic levels. He announced they are installing two ticket machines at all Metra stations that will roll out in 2023. UP-West line will start construction this year when they will triple-track from double-track starting at Kautz Road to Peck Road in Geneva.
- **Pace Report**  
Martin Sandoval reported on Pace Suburban Bus who is working on overall improvements to their system so that they are better than they were pre-pandemic. In April 2022, Pace carried 1.1 million riders on fixed routes, up 17% from April 2021. He announced Pace is giving \$200,000 grants for counties that Pace represents, including Kane, or Ride in Kane. Lastly, Pace will lower fares to entice more ridership and assist those who will benefit from lower fares.
- **Kane County Report**  
Steve Coffinbargar reported on Kane County starting with the Dauberman Road South Extension project which is currently in P2 and wrapping up land acquisition to target IDOT's September letting. This two-year project will build a grade separation over the BNSF railroad in the Big Rock area and

tie into Granart Road with a roundabout. He next spoke to the Bliss Fabyan Main project that is going to construction this year, building a roundabout that will realign Bliss Road to tie in with Fabyan Parkway. It is a two-year project aiming for a late fall 2023 completion (project not funded by KKCOM). Lastly, the Longmeadow Parkway project is over 90% complete, open to the public, and currently there is no toll. The unfinished portion, west of RT 25, is still on hold due to contaminated soil and high cost estimates for removal. KDOT is currently exploring other options. Once the contaminated soil is removed, a portion needs to be paved and it's set to be 100% complete late 2023.

- **Kendall County Report**

Fran Klaas reported on Kendall County starting with the Fox River Bridge project that is currently ahead of schedule and anticipating an open-to-traffic date by the end of CY2022. He also mentioned that there are only eight vehicular crossings over the Fox River in Kendall County and this project will add an additional four.

- **Municipal Reports**

Scott Marquardt, representing Campton Hills, thanked the council for assisting with four roadway classification requests in fall 2021. IDOT is in support of 3 / 4 with the fourth still under consideration.

**VI. Other Business** – no other business

**VII. Announcements** – no announcements

**VIII. Next meeting** – TBD (late summer)

**IX. Adjournment**

Mike Millette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Skillman, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:47am.