

# KANE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

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## Kane County Council of Mayors

February 16, 2005  
Minutes

### Members in attendance:

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## **I. OPENING OF MEETING / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All meeting attendees introduced themselves. Mayor Michelini moved and Fran Klaas seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2004 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **A. Director / Planning Liaison Update**

Tom Rickert and Heather Tabbert gave the update.

#### **FY2006 CMAQ Program**

Submittals for the FY 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program for northeastern Illinois were due on January 28th, 2005. Kane County Division of Transportation submitted project proposals to CATS for the following projects: intersection improvements for Big Timber Road at IL 72, Main Street at IL 47, Route 20 at Foothill Road and Weld Road (Randall Road frontage roads), and Randall Road at Bolcum Road; interconnect proposals for Randall Road from Silver Glen Road to Red Haw and Randall Road from IL 72 to Binnie Road. County Staff also assisted with municipal submittals and coordinated with IDOT and transit agencies on regional priorities. Approval of an FY 2006 program is contingent on congressional reauthorization and appropriations for the program.

#### **Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council**

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#### **Bicycle / Pedestrian Planning**

The Kane County Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is currently working on updates to both the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Map and public Kane County Bicycle map. Committee members will be forming a sub-committee to explore the possibility of completing trail counts and / or user surveys on one or several regional trails in the county. DuPage County performed a similar trail count in 2004.

#### **Northwest Kane County Planning Area Study**

The Kane County Board adopted the Northwest Kane County Planning Area Study on February 8, 2005. Kane County Staff is currently coordinating with all involved local agencies to adopt the final plan. The final plan and executive summary can be viewed on the County's website at [www.co.kane.il.us/dot](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot).

#### **Kane County 2030 Transportation Plan**

Kane County Staff is currently developing the Executive Summary of the 2030 Transportation Plan. The foldout out, full-color map will include a map of the Recommended Transportation Plan with project descriptions of the primary roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects. There is also additional panel information on financing, the planning process, socioeconomic forecasts, land use and transportation planning coordination, and the goals and strategies of the plan. The Executive Summary will also include a CD-ROM containing electronic copies of the full 2030 Transportation Plan as well as the 2030 Land Resource Management Plan. The Executive Summary will be distributed to all municipalities and will be available on the county's website by mid-March.

#### **Fox Valley Southwest DuPage County Transit Initiative**

This initiative is one of several restructuring projects that Pace is undertaking as part of their Vision 2020 Plan. The purpose of the study is to comprehensively reevaluate the current Pace bus service and identify demand to determine where current and potential users are and where they need to go, resulting in restructured transit services that will be more efficient and effective. The Technical Advisory Committee met jointly with the Community Advisory Group to review the revised plan service recommendations. A public forum will be held on February 21, 2005 at the Aurora Community Center (501 College Avenue) from 2pm-4pm.

### **B. Executive Committee**

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday February 28, 2005.

### **C. Transportation Sub-Committee Report**

Heather Tabbert, Regional Planning Liaison, gave the report:

#### **Review of the Council's FY 2005 – FY 2009 STP Program**

Committee members recommended approval of the following changes to the current program: Pine Street construction was moved from FY05 to FY06, Oak St. E2 was moved from FY05 to FY06 and had a cost increase from 97,000/48,500 to 143,650/71,825, IL 31 at Wing St. was moved from FY08 to FY07, Highland Ave. E2 and ROW was moved from FY06 to FY08 and Construction was moved from FY07 to FY09.

#### **A Resolution Requesting Advanced Funding from the CATS Council of Mayors, for the Kane County Council of Mayors for Randall Road and Illinois Route 64**

Committee members agreed unanimously to recommend approval of the resolution to the Full Council.

### **D. Surface Transportation Program Update**

Chad Riddle reviewed the project status sheets with Council members.

### **E. CATS Report**

Joy Schaad gave the CATS update. Schaad reviewed the agenda items for the upcoming Executive Committee meeting. Items include discussion of the "carryover" funds that will be paid back to the individual councils, an Advanced Funding request from the Kane County Council of Mayors and UWP proposals. Also, committee members will discuss adding Kendall County and portions of Grundy County to the CATS planning area. Schaad reported that CATS received 147 CMAQ applications for the FY2006 program, totaling \$227 million. Also, the FRA missed the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to announce the final rule for train whistles.

### **F. NIPC Report**

Holly Hudson gave the NIPC update. Hudson discussed the Regional Policy Board that is looking into the possible NIPC / CATS merger. NIPC, CATS, and the Metropolitan Mayors Conference passed a resolution forming a Transportation / Land Use Coordinating Committee to help further the integration of the planning activities of NIPC and CATS. Mayor Schielke also stressed the importance of having these two independent agencies work closely together.

### **G. Transportation Improvement Program Update**

- **IDOT Program Report**

Roger Vallente reviewed IDOT's management monitoring schedule. There were not any changes since the last meeting. Copies are available upon request.

- **Illinois Tollway Report**

No report.

- **RTA Report**

Andy Plummer discussed several issues pertaining to the RTA.

- **Metra Report**

Demetri Skoufis gave the Metra report. The Elgin / National Street Station improvements have been completed, including additional parking spaces, a new station shelter, and roadway improvements. Additional parking spaces were added to the Big Timber Station parking lot. The pedestrian tunnel at the Aurora station has been completed. The UP-West Line extension is about 52% complete, while the LaFox station is approximately 70% complete. Ridership on the BNSF and UP lines is up 1% from 2003, while ridership on the MW-Line is down 2.5%.

- **Pace Report**

Bryce Word announced that there are several public forums being held next week regarding the Fox Valley Southwest DuPage Transit Initiative in the Aurora / Naperville area. Mayor Schielke added that this study is very important to the county, as it proposed service along the Randall Road corridor, something that has been supported for a long time.

- **Kendall County**

Fran Klaas reported that Kendall County will be joining the MPO, however, they will not be forming their own council, and will continue to work with the Kane County Council of Mayors.

- **Kane County Report**

Steve Pasinski reviewed the county construction projects for FY2005. Copies are available upon request.

- **Municipal Reports**

Sue McLaughlin gave an update on the IL 25 / IL 56 intersection improvement project in North Aurora. The lights should be up and running by February 28, 2005.

## **VII. COUNCIL APPROVAL / RESOLUTION**

- **Approval of FY05 – FY09 STP Program**

Carl Schoedel moved to approve the FY05 – FY09 STP Program. Mayor Michelini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of a Resolution Requesting Advanced Funding from the CATS Council of Mayors, for the Kane County Council of Mayors for the Randall Road and Illinois Route 64 Project**

There was some brief discussion regarding the Advanced Funding Request. Carl Schoedel moved to approve the resolution requesting advanced funding from the CATS Council of Mayors, for the Kane County Council of Mayors for Randall Road and Illinois Route 64. Mayor Keller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tom Rickert announced the departure of Heather Tabbert as the Regional Planning Liaison with the Kane County Council of Mayors.

## **IX. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pickett moved and Carl Schoedel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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## **II. Welcome**

T. J. Ross of PACE welcomed the members of the council and discussed the new legislation in Springfield regarding Paratransit services. Ross stated Pace would be responsible for all Paratransit services throughout Chicagoland.

## **III. RTAP Call for Projects**

Heather Tabbert of the RTA conducted a power point presentation stating the RTA is having a call for RTAP projects. The presentation discussed what type of projects are eligible for RTAP funds. Tabbert also showed examples of projects with completed construction or underconstruction that used RTAP funds. Pre-Applications for RTAP grants are due by July 15, 2005.

## **IV. Roundabouts**

Steve Pasinski of Kane County Division of Transportation showed a presentation on Kane County's initiative to begin using roundabouts. The presentation included statistical information on the decreased cost, decrease in accident rates, and the pedestrian friendly design.

## **V. General Business**

- a. Executive Committee Report** – Chairman Scheilke discussed the executive committee meeting held in Franklin Park on May 23, 2005 to honor and farewell the mayors who were defeated in the April 2005 election, or retired. He stated the main topic of discussion was the NIPC and CATS merger. He discussed the relocation of both organizations into the Sears Tower. He also stated CATS has managed to maintain the distribution of the STP money and retained municipal zoning. There will be a creation of a fifteen member regional board for the NIPC & CATS merger.
- b. Director / Planning Liaison Update** – Tom Rickert gave the update:

### **STP Workshop**

The Kane Council of Mayors will be holding a STP Workshop on June 22, 2005 from 9:00 AM till 11:30 AM at the Batavia Council Chambers. The Workshop will discuss the STP Methodology as well as other federal funding opportunities.

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program scenarios, funding options, and administration of the program in Kane County. The next KCPCC is scheduled to meet June 2, 2005.

#### **Bicycle / Pedestrian Planning**

The Kane County Council of Mayors Bicycle map will be available for distribution early June.

#### **NIPC's Draft Regional Framework Plan**

Through its Common Ground Project, NIPC has developed the draft 2040 Regional Framework Plan to guide the region's future land use and development, by coordinating local land-use plans and regional-level decisions in response to projected population and employment growth between today and 2040. The draft is available at [www.nipc.org](http://www.nipc.org).

#### **Proposed MPO Area Boundary Changes**

The CATS Policy committee will vote to include all of Kendall County in the MPO boundary area. If approved, all of the municipalities in Kendall and the entire Kendall County area will be a part of the Kane and Kendall County Council of Mayors. Municipalities in Kendall County that are not already participating in the STP program will not be eligible for STP or other federal funds typically available to the non-attainment region, but will be voting members on all other issues.

#### **UWP Funding**

The UWP Committee asked the Kane Council of Mayors to accept additional funding of \$27,655.00 at a 50/50 match to expand its efforts to Kendall County.

#### **Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program**

IDOT has announced the FY 2006 IL Transportation Enhancements Program. Applications are due by August 1, 2005. Information is available at [www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html](http://www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html).

#### **CATS and NIPC Merger**

On May 27, 2005, Bill HB3121, in the Illinois Legislature passed in both houses. The bill deletes reference to 625 ILCS 5/1-101 and adds new language stating the creation of the Regional Planning Act. This act creates a regional planning board that is responsible for developing and adopting a funding and implementation strategy for an integrated land use and transportation planning process. For more information visit [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov).

#### **Swift Rail**

The FRA published their final rule effective June 24, 2005. Chicago land will be exempt until development of a new rule for the specific area. For more information visit [www.fra.dot.gov](http://www.fra.dot.gov).

#### **Prairie Parkway**

There have been two public meetings and newsletters have been distributed for continuation of the project. For more information visit [www.prairie-parkway.com](http://www.prairie-parkway.com).

#### **State Bicycle Plan**

The State of Illinois is currently gathering information for a statewide bike plan. Informational meetings held in May stated information was still being collected for an inventory of the current bike facilities throughout the state. For more information visit [www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/statebicycleplan.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/statebicycleplan.html).

#### **Transport Chicago**

Transport Chicago formally known as Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research is holding its annual conference on June 3, 2005 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. To register and for more information visit [www.transportchicago.org](http://www.transportchicago.org).

#### **Kane County Division of Transportation Staff**

Rickert stated Kane County Division of Transportation has hired two new transportation planners and they will begin on June 16, 2005.

**C. Transportation Sub-Committee Report** – Mike Pubentz stated he was appointed to be the new Transportation Sub-Committee Chairperson and thanked Joe Evers for his time and dedication to the position. Pubentz stated two changes that were made to the STP Program were moving Douglas Rd. (FY07) from fiscal year 2008 to fiscal year 2007 and adding 20% to a total of \$3,420,000 because of the increase in total cost. Pine St. in FY06 was moved into FY05 because of project readiness. Marilyn Michelini made a motion to approve the changes to the FY2005 through FY2009 STP Program. Larry Keller seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Surface Transportation Program Update** – Chad Riddle gave a brief synopsis of the current STP Program projects.

**E. CATS Report**

Ross Patronsky gave the CATS update. He discussed the House and Senate thirty-day extension of the reauthorization bill and that the House and Senate will begin a joint debate.

**F. NIPC Report**

Holly Hudson gave the NIPC update. She stated the 2040 regional plan public comment was closed and NIPC is considering and reviewing public comments at this point. NIPC plans to vote on the plan on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Transportation Improvement Program Update**

**i. IDOT Program Report**

Roger Vallente reviewed IDOT's management monitoring schedule. There were not any changes since the last meeting. Copies are available upon request. He stated IDOT is beginning to focus monies and time on rehabilitation projects and not capacity projects. He reviewed the projects in the Kane Council of Mayors area that IDOT was planning to focus on.

**ii. Illinois Tollway Report**

Bunny Anderson gave the Illinois Tollway Report. She distributed updated reports on I-355 South Extension and I-88 Rebuilding and widening from Naperville Rd. to IL RT 59.

**iii. RTA Report**

There was no report.

**iv. Metra Report**

There was no report.

**v. Pace Report**

Doug Sullivan gave the Pace report. He stated Pace is pleased to accept the new responsibilities the current legislation has offered PACE.

**vi. Kendall County**

There was no report.

**vii. Kane County Report**

Steve Pasinski reviewed the county construction projects for FY2005. Copies are available upon request.



**viii. Municipal Reports**

There was no report.

**VII. COUNCIL APPROVAL / RESOLUTION**

- **Planning Liaison Resolution** – Larry Keller moved to approve the planning liaison resolution, Carrie Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Designation of Kane County Impact Fee Advisory Committee Members and Alternates** – Chairman Schielke stated new Impact Fee Advisory Committee members would be Mayor Scheilke (alternate: Mayor Michelini); Mayor Keller (alternate: Stephen Pickett) and Mayor Willey (alternate: Dave Morrison).
- **Nominating Committee for Appointments to the Council of Mayors Executive Committee** – Chairman Schielke stated it would be preferred to create a nominating committee for appointments to the Council of Mayors executive committee. He stated the committee should include Mayor Willey from Elburn as well as the County Board Chairman and the County Engineer.

**VIII. Pace's Fox Valley Southwest DuPage Initiative**

Mike Bolton of Pace gave a presentation regarding the planned changes in the Fox Valley Southwest DuPage area. He discussed the processes used to determine which changes were most beneficial to the community and Pace.

**IX. Web Watch, IBS and Garage Tour**

Melinda Metzger gave a tour and displayed the IBS features of the Pace Bus Facility for those who wished to participate.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

XXXXXXXXXXXXX made a motion to adjourn the meeting. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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## **I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Tom Rickert called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and informed members of Mayor Jeffery Schielke's absence due his involvement in the first meeting of the Regional Planning Board. All meeting attendees introduced themselves.

## **II. APPROVAL OF KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

As a result of the Kendall County joining CATS and Kane County Council of Mayors, Tom Rickert recommended the Council approve the following modifications to the Council of Mayors Administrative Policies: 1) change the name of the Council from the Kane County Council of Mayors to the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, 2) add new municipalities, namely Plano, Sandwich, Big Rock, Lisbon, Millington, Millowbrook, and Newark, to the member listing 3) utilize official 2000 US Bureau of Census information, 4) designate the County Board Chairmen to vote for their respective counties, and 5) consider the Council Planning Liaison and Executive Director as non-voting ex-officio members. (Individual?) moved and (blonde lady by Karen Young) seconded the motion to approve the by-law changes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. APPOINTMENT OF KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR**

Tom Rickert stated that at the June 1, 2005 meeting, the Council designated a Nominating Committee to explore candidates for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair. Mayor Willey spoke for the Committee, nominating Mayor Jeffery Schielke of the City of Batavia as Chair and President Larry Keller of the Village of West Dundee as Vice-Chair. (Individual?) moved and (Individual?) seconded the motion to approve the nominations. The motion passed unanimously. With the offices of the Council appointed, President Keller presided over the remainder of the meeting.

## **IV. KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD CONSIDERATION**

The Kane County Board Chairman, the Kendall County Board Chairman, and the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Chair considered nominations for the Regional Planning Board representative. Tom Rickert reported on their recommendation of President Marilyn Micheline of the Village of Montgomery to this position. No additional nominations from the Council were expressed. (Individual?) moved and (Individual?) seconded the motion to approve the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Director Rickert stated that a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted between Kane County, Kendall County, and the Council of Mayors. After this document is adopted by all parties, President Micheline's appointment will be confirmed.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Carl Schoedel moved and (Individual - Carpentersville?) seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. **Director / Planning Liaison Update** – Holly Smith provided the update:

### **FY2006 CMAQ Program**

The CATS Policy Committee adopted the proposed program at their October 13, 2005 meeting. The FY 2006 CMAQ program includes: 1) intersection improvements for Randall Road at Route 20/Foothill Road and Randall Road at Bolcum Road/Ridgewood Drive; 2) signal interconnects for Randall Road from Silver Glen Road to Red Haw and Randall Road from IL 72 to Binnie Road; 3) bicycle facilities for the Geneva North Central Trail and a bike/pedestrian bridge over Randall Road at Silver Glen Road; and 4) the Third Street Commuter Parking Deck in Geneva. For further information, visit [www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq](http://www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq).

### **Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council**

The Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council continues to explore the potential of a user-side taxi subsidy program in Kane County. Currently, the Council is exploring potential funding sources for this program.

### **Bicycle / Pedestrian Planning**

Staff continues to distribute Kane County Council of Mayors Bicycle maps and will begin the process for the 2006 update at the next committee meeting on Thursday December 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kane County Auditorium.

#### **Kendall County Official Member of CATS**

Kendall County officially became a member of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) on June 9, 2005, with unanimous support of the CATS Policy Committee. As a result of Kendall County's CATS membership, the Kane Council of Mayors will now be known as the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors. Municipalities in Kendall County that are not already participating in the STP program will not be eligible for STP or other federal funds typically available to the non-attainment region, but will be voting members on all other issues.

#### **Illinois Commerce Commission: Transportation Division / Rail Safety Section**

The ICC is considering projects as part of the Crossing Safety Improvement Program (CSIP). Applications are due by January 1, 2005. Information and applications are available at [www.icc.illinois.gov](http://www.icc.illinois.gov) or by calling 217-782-7660.

#### **SAFETEA-LU BILL**

On August 10, 2005 President George W. Bush signed the new \$286.5 billion-dollar SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act) Transportation Bill at Caterpillar Inc., in Montgomery, IL. Overall, the bill allocates more than \$1.2 billion a year for Illinois road projects over the next five years. Chad Riddle noted that individuals should be mindful that the allocated money has not yet been appropriated. For further information visit [www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov).

#### **Restructuring of PACE Routes**

Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transit Authority, is implementing bus route service changes as determined by their Fox Valley/Southwest DuPage Initiative Preferred Alternative. The Aurora area changes are effective Monday, October 24, 2005. To help passengers understand the changes, new yellow-colored schedules will be issued. New schedules and further information is available at [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com) or call 708-339-4065.

#### **Metra UP-West Line Extension Update**

In December 2005, Metra is scheduled to begin providing passenger rail service from Elburn to Chicago on the Union Pacific West Line. The completed UP-West Line Extension will ultimately balance commuter service and freight traffic and resolve existing scheduling and reliability issues. Improvements in operation could mean the addition of more trains to the corridor, including express service, similar to that of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Line.

#### **Prairie Parkway**

IDOT has announced a shortlist of Prairie Parkway Alternatives, which best address the diverse travel demands, purpose, and need of the study area. On October 4 & 5, IDOT hosted a Prairie Parkway Open House in Yorkville to discuss the shortlist and solicit comments from the public for this stage of the process. Comments may be submitted by November 7, 2005. For further information, visit [www.prairie-parkway.com](http://www.prairie-parkway.com).

In addition to these items, Director Rickert alerted members to the release of the Council's fall newsletter, Transportation Quarterly. He also made mention of an introductory packet of Chicago Area Transportation Study distributed to each member, that would help new members become acquainted with the Council of Mayors program and regional transportation activities. Chad Riddle also reminded members that while the SAFETEA-LU bill has passed, monies will not be available to agencies until an appropriation is realized.

- b. **Executive Committee Report** – Vice-Chairman Larry Keller discussed the executive committee meeting held on September 26, 2005, stating that two new Vice-Chairs of the Executive Committee were selected, Mayor Arlene Mulder (Arlington Heights) and Mayor Dan Podgorski (Lansing). The committee also received an update on the 2006 United Work Program process, specifically clarifying the definition of core elements. The next meeting is on-call, likely occurring in November or December.
- c. **Transportation Sub-Committee Report** – Mike Pubentz, Chairman of the Transportation Sub-Committee, provided the report. The Transportation Sub-Committee held a call for new STP projects in September. At the

- September 29, 2005 meeting, sponsors presented overviews of their new STP project proposals. Projects will be considered for programming at the November 10, 2005 meeting. The Sub-Committee is also reviewing the project methodology to incorporate elements of IDOT's new spend-down policy. The methodology changes will be further discussed at the upcoming meeting. Chairman Pubentz concluded by stating that the Sub-Committee has established regular meeting dates for 2006. Beginning in November, they will meet on the second Tuesday of every other month at 1:00 p.m. at the Kane County Government Center.
- d. **Surface Transportation Program Update** – Chad Riddle gave a brief synopsis of the current STP Program projects. Mr. Riddle highlighted two projects that have been let or completed since the last update: Pine Street and Randall Road at IL Route 64. A question was raised by the United City of Yorkville as to why the construction year for Game Farm Road was reflecting a later fiscal year. Mr. Riddle and Director Rickert explained the fiscal constraints of the Council's STP program, but advised all project sponsors to move projects forward as quickly as possible. In some cases, projects that are "shelf-ready" can move forward in the program because other projects are unable to move forward in their designated fiscal year.
- e. **CATS Report** – Joy Schaad gave the CATS update. She discussed the new marks table adopted by the Council of Mayors Executive Committee on September 26, which reflects marks escalated by 25% to spend down the STP balance over the next four years – fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. The Executive Committee's is focusing its attention regarding the STP spend down policy on obtaining the State Appropriation. They are developing a regional message that local government elected officials may utilize for conversations with their legislatures. Ms. Schaad also informed the Council that the State of Illinois was now accepting applications for the \$3 million Illinois Tomorrow program, with applications due December 16, 2005. CATS is also starting their regional TIP conformity modeling process, which will require sponsors to submit all roadway projects that increase capacity, including those not receiving federal funding. Project information is due to CATS by November 14, 2005. Director Rickert announced that Council staff is available to assist municipalities with project submission.
- f. **NIPC Report** – Sam Santell provided a brief overview of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) 2040 Regional Framework Plan. The 2040 Plan defines three basic elements—Centers, Corridors, and Green Areas—to establish a framework for the region's communities to plan more effectively to deal with growth. Mr. Santell stressed the need for partnership and support from the region's 270+ municipalities to implement the plan. Copies of the plan will be mailed out soon. For additional copies of the plan, please visit [www.nipc.org](http://www.nipc.org) to download the document or call 312-454-0400.
- g. **Transportation Improvement Program Update**
- i. **IDOT Program Report** – Roger Vallente reviewed IDOT's management monitoring schedule. Copies are available upon request. He stated that the IDOT Multi Year Program now provides more detail on projects initially introduced in June, and the last page of the document details projects that have let.
  - ii. **Illinois Tollway Report** – Bunny Anderson gave the Illinois Tollway Report. She distributed updated reports on I-355 South Extension, I-88 Rebuilding and widening from Naperville Rd. to IL RT 59, and the IPASS System conversion to open tollway. Ms. Anderson stated that efforts to alert municipalities of construction projects in their respective geographic areas will continue.
  - iii. **RTA Report** – There was no report. Director Rickert noted that RTA has prepared an Annual Capacity Analysis which was submitted to the FOA.
  - iv. **Metra Report** – There was no report. Director Rickert noted that Metra would present their annual budget to the Kane County Transportation Committee in October and the Kane County Board in November.
  - v. **Pace Report** – Sue Rushing gave the Pace report. Sue Rushing of Pace announced that Pace will host a Public Hearing on Pace's Proposed 2006 Budget at the Kane County Government Center on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. In July 2006, Pace will assume Paratransit Services in the City of Chicago, which is expected to increase the Pace budget by 20%. No fare increases or service expansion is expected, with the exception of new service in Kane County.

- vi. **Kendall County** – There was no report.
  - vii. **Kane County Report** – Carl Schoedel reviewed the primary construction activities. Director Rickert reminded members that at the last Full Council meeting, committee members were selected to participate on the Impact Fee Advisory Committee: members are Mayor Scheilke (alternate: Mayor Michelini); Mayor Keller (alternate: Stephen Pickett) and Mayor Willey (alternate: Dave Morrison). The Advisory Committee’s next meeting is scheduled on November 1.
  - viii. **Municipal Reports** – Greg Chismark of the City of St. Charles announced the first public information meeting for the Red Gate Bridge on November 16 from 6-9 p.m. at St. Charles North High School. Mr. Chismark asked for the support of the members and encouraged those who are unable to attend to visit the project website, [www.redgatebridge.org](http://www.redgatebridge.org).
- VII. Other Business** – Director Rickert requested feedback from members regarding the time of Full Council meetings. Some had requested consideration of evening meetings, to accommodate the schedule of part-time mayors. Members preferred to continue with the regular 9:30 a.m. meeting time and have one annual event that would be held in the evening and include a social component.
- VIII. Next Meeting** – The Full Council is on-call for their next meeting. In order to complete the Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Planning Board appointment, the meeting will likely occur in the near term.
- IX. Adjournment** – Vice Chairman Keller adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.