

# KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

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MAYOR JEFFERY D. SCHIELKE, Council Chairman  
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HOLLY SMITH and ERIN WILLRETT, Regional Planning Liaisons

## Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

April 25, 2007

Minutes

### Members in attendance:

Jeffery Schielke	Mayor	Batavia
Sue McLaughlin	Administrator	North Aurora
David Morrison	Administrator	Elburn
Mike Pubentz	Director of Public Works	Montgomery
Jason Elias	City Engineer	Geneva
Francis Klaas	Kendall County Engineer	Kendall DOT
Daryl Devick	Assistant Director Public Works	Aurora
Greg Chismark	City Engineer	St. Charles

### Others in attendance:

Bunny Anderson	Liaison for Engineering Projects	Tollway
Camie Ferrier	Civil Engineer III	SEC Group
Glenn Tredinnick	Civil Engineer III	SEC Group
Chad Riddle	Federal Aid Program Engineer	IDOT
Heidi Files	Sr. Transportation Planner	KDOT
Holly Smith	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Erin Willrett	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Manny Gomez	Assistant Director	KDOT
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	Batavia
PJ Fitzpatrick	Sr. VP	RHA&A
Roger Valente	Area Programmer	IDOT
Ron Naylor	Sr. Project Manager	EEI
Steve Coffinbargar	Chief of Planning & Programming	KDOT
Sue Rushing	Gov't Affairs Representative	Pace
Tom Rickert	Deputy Director	KDOT
Demetri Skoufis	Metra Community Affairs	Metra
Carole Doris	Chairman	Metra
Amy Vanourek	Consultant	HLR
Jim Sparber	Project Engineer	Rempe Sharpe
William Roffensperger	Senior Project Engineer II	EEI
Bill Hannah	Finance Director	North Aurora
Craig Mitchell	Construction Manager	Baxter & Woodman
Paul Bednar	President	Paul Bednar Planning & Design, LTD
Salvatore Deberwardo	Vice President	CIORBA Group
Peter Stresino	Project Manager	Pavia Marting
Daryl Devick	Assistant Director Public Works	Aurora

### I. Opening of Meeting

Mike Pubentz called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of September 6, 2006 Minutes

Dave Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sue McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Approving 2007 – 2011 STP Program

Transportation Sub-Committee Chairman, Mike Pubentz, presented the 2007 – 2011 STP Program. Sue McLaughlin made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dave Morrison. The motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Approving Resolution for FY08 Regional Planning Liaison Services

Holly Smith stated that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors receives federal transportation planning funds to perform various planning and programming activities for Kane County and Kendall County. These funds are directed to the Kane County Division of Transportation in order that the County may provide transportation planning staff to the Council of Mayors and regional coordination activities. In FY2008, it is anticipated that Kane County will receive

\$125,096.02 in federal funding, with a local match of \$64,136.389 for a total contract amount of \$189232.4. Staff recommends Council approval authorizing the Council Chairman to execute a resolution reallocating the Fiscal Year 2008 Federal Transportation Planning Funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation to provide Professional Staff Assistance to the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors. Dave Morrison moved and Sue McLaughlin seconded the motion to approve the resolution approving the FY08 Regional Planning Liaison Services. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Presentations

##### A. "Ride in Kane" Program

Lynn O'Shea, Chairman of the Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council, gave an informative presentation to the Council on the "Ride in Kane" program. The program will give transportation services to the disables, seniors and low income individuals. It is a new transit program modeled after Ride DuPage. There will be a centralized dispatch center, the program will reduce redundancies and increase service. Eligibility is determined by sponsor agencies for their clientele. Agencies register clients by completing a standardized form and submitting to Pace via a special Ride in Kane email address. Service hours will be 24 hours 7 days a week. A standardized fee structure has been established. The launch for the Ride in Kane program will be in the summer of 2007.

#### V. General Business

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

Erin Willrett reported that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM) recently updated their website to reflect the newly created Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), resulting from the merger of CATS and NIPC. The website changes also allow for easier navigation and the ability to post more detailed program and event information. The website address remains: [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM).

Ms. Willrett indicated that CMAP has partnered with the Census Bureau for the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program. LUCA is a decennial census geographic partnership program that will allow the U.S. Census Bureau to benefit from local knowledge in developing its master address file for the 2010 Census and yearly ongoing household surveys. The LUCA process is also directly correlated with the amount of funding received by the region. Thus, it is very important that communities support this effort to ensure the highest accuracy in census addresses. In the coming months, CMAP and the Census Bureau will host hands-on workshops for local governments to show how to update the address list and return to their comments to the Census Bureau. The Kane/Kendall regional LUCA workshop is scheduled for **April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Kane County Government Center, Building A – Ground Level Auditorium, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee members have begun to make updates to the Kane County Bicycle Map. The updated Public Map, which includes existing local and regional trails and proposed regional trails, will be ready for spring in the spring and distributed to municipalities, park districts, chamber of commerce, tourism agencies, and local bike shops. This year in addition to having the Public Map available we will also be producing a Planning Map that will be available on the Bicycle and Pedestrian website at [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/BikePed/). The Planning Map will include existing and proposed regional and local trails. To request a copy of the map, contact Erin Willrett at 630-444-3142 or [willretterin@co.kane.il.us](mailto:willretterin@co.kane.il.us).

In order to access funding from 5310 Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities, 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC), and New Freedom Initiative (NFI) programs, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has embarked on a planning process, which will result in the first regional Human Services Transportation Plan. The Plan will include an inventory of services and resources, travel needs, gaps, and redundancies, and will recommend a policy for human services planning efforts and initiatives, such as the Kane County Paratransit Coordination Study and Ride in Kane program. The Plan will seek to gain input and participation from the general public – particularly from the targeted populations – to ensure their voices are heard. This will be accomplished through a series of workshops and focus groups to take place during the spring of this year. The Plan is anticipated to be complete in early fall of this year. For more information visit, <http://hstp.rtachicago.com/>.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Board recently approved their Moving Beyond Congestion 5-year Strategic Final Report, which calls for a \$10 billion investment in state and local dollars over the next five years to maintain, enhance and expand the region's transit system. The RTA's plan proposes to better serve the mobility needs of the region's growing population and to combat increasing traffic congestion. The plan also seeks another \$400 million in annual operating funds, but does not specify a particular funding source. Instead, the plan offers various funding options for consideration during the current legislative session. For more information visit, [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com).

Ms. Willrett urged council members to review CMAP's Regional Snapshot at [chicagoareaplanning.org/snapshot/](http://chicagoareaplanning.org/snapshot/). The report includes data and analysis that describe where the region stands regarding population, the economy, land use, natural resources, transportation and housing. The Regional Snapshot is not intended as an all-encompassing overview of northeastern Illinois. It is instead a short encapsulation of selected data points and trends that shed light on issues that have been identified as priorities in the region.

**B. Executive Committee Report**

Chairman Schielke reported that the Executive Committee met on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Committee approved a submittal to the Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee requesting a 5% increase totaling \$1.2 million dollars for the Planning Liaison (PL) Program for fiscal year 2008. The Committee also approved the submittal for the competitive round which requests an additional 15% increase for the PL program totaling \$182 thousand dollars to assist the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) with projects throughout the region. A simplified PL Scope of Services which encompasses eligible activities for federal UWP funding was also approved. Additionally at the Executive Committee meeting, Gerald Bennett, Chairman of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board, along with Don Kopec from CMAP gave an update on the status of the vision, governance, and funding for the agency. Joy Schaad provided an overview to the Committee on the status of FRA's Final Rule on the Use of Train Horns in Illinois.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee was tentatively scheduled for late May; the tentative date has been scheduled for May 21, 2007 at CMAP. This meeting will be a joint meeting between the Council of Mayors and the Transportation Sub-Committee Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. At the meeting Congressman Lapinski will talk about concerns in Washington with regards to the lack of local match by the State of Illinois. Also, Acting Transportation Secretary Sees will address the Council of Mayors with transportation funding issues that IDOT is experiencing. The RTA will also speak about their new plan to address funding issues. The Chairman encouraged all interested parties to attend.

**C. Transportation Sub-Committee Report**

Mike Pubentz indicated that there was no further report beyond the action item approved earlier in the meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for May 17, 2007.

**D. Surface Transportation Program Update**

Chad Riddle provided the Council's STP program status sheets, which detailed the current status of each project and estimated dates for the completion of design approvals, construction lettings, etc. Mr. Riddle indicated that the sheets reflect updated information resulting from a February meeting with the Council's Regional Planning Liaisons.

**E. CMAP Board Report**

No Report

**F. CMAP (CATS/NIPC) Report**

No Report

**G. Transportation Improvement Program Update**

IDOT Program Report

Roger Valente provided an updated Management Monitoring Schedule, which indicated changes in the program since the Council's September 2006 meeting. Mr. Valente discussed each of the changes. Following his presentation, Mayor Schielke thanked IDOT for working with us on a number of issues. The Mayor believes that IDOT is doing the best they can with what funds they have available.

Illinois Tollway Report

Bunny Anderson provided summary sheets detailing current Tollway activities. Of particular interest to the Council was the I-88 rebuilding and widening improvement project from Orchard Road to Aurora Toll Plaza. Ms. Anderson also highlighted the new Illinois Tollway map which was provided to members.

RTA Report

No Report

Metra Report

Metra Chairman, Carole Doris, reported that Metra is currently enhancing the platforms at the Aurora Transportation Center and also creating a new commuter lot, these enhancements are possible through CMAQ dollars. In Geneva 3 new platform shelters were installed and also ADA tactile surface was installed. Construction continues on the new parking deck which should be complete in summer 2007. The Chairman attended the dedication ceremony for the Elburn Station

last month. The Chairman has recently been to Washington to talk about state matching funds. Metra's current revenue sources are not enough. Mayor Schielke thanked the Chairman for coming out the meeting and for her obvious leadership solidifying what we need as a region. Dave Morrison also thanked the Chairman and Metra for such a smooth process in the extension of the UP-W line.

Pace Budget Report

Sue Rushing reported that Pace had an increase in rides by 4.2% from March 2006 – March 2007. They are expanding their services with the Ride in Kane Program. She encouraged municipalities to send in their Moving Beyond Congestion Resolutions and to send it on to their legislators. From May 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> surveys will be available on Pace buses. The results of those surveys will be shared with the Council at a later date.

Kendall County Report

No report.

Kane County Report

Manny Gomez provided the following project updates: 1) McLean Boulevard, all ROW parcels have been secured and a June letting is expected, 2) IL 56 at Kirk Road Phase 2 plans are 100% complete, ROW is underway hoping for a June letting 3) Orchard at Jericho all lanes should be open to traffic by November, 2007.

Municipal Reports

No Report

**VI. Other Business**

None

**VII. Proposed 2007 – On-Call Meeting Schedule**

Holly Smith stated that the proposed on-call meeting schedule should be a better approach to scheduling meetings. Meeting notices will be sent out prior to the meetings, with exact dates, times and locations.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mayor Schielke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Dave Morrison. The motion passed unanimously.

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September 6, 2006

Minutes

### Members in attendance:

Brent Eichelberger  
Carl Schoedel  
Craig Weber  
Dan Dinges  
Francis Klaas  
Greg Chismark  
Jeffery Schielke  
Joe Evers  
John Crois  
Larry Keller  
Marilyn Michelini  
Sue McLaughlin

Administrator  
County Engineer  
President  
Dept. of Public Works  
County Engineer  
City Engineer  
Mayor  
City Engineer  
City Administrator  
President  
President  
Administrator

Sugar Grove  
Kane County  
Oswego  
Geneva  
Kendall County  
St. Charles  
Batavia  
Elgin  
Yorkville  
West Dundee  
Montgomery  
North Aurora

### Others in attendance:

Andrew Plummer  
Brad Sanderson  
Bunny Anderson  
Camie Ferrier  
Chad Riddle  
Heidi Files  
Holly Smith  
Janet Bright  
Laura Jibben  
Manny Gomez  
Mike Pubentz  
Nan Newlon  
Noel Basquin  
PJ Fitzpatrick  
Roger Valente  
Ron Naylor  
Steve Coffinbargar  
Sue Rushing  
Tom Rickert

Municipal/Regional Consultant  
Consultant  
Liaison for Engineering Projects  
Civil Engineer III  
Federal Aid Program Engineer  
Sr. Transportation Planner  
Regional Planning Liaison  
Technical Analyst  
VP  
Assistant Director  
Director of Public Works  
Project Manager  
City Engineer  
Sr. VP  
Area Programmer  
Sr. Project Manager  
Chief of Planning & Programming  
Gov't Affairs Representative  
Deputy Director

RTA  
EEI, Hampshire  
Tollway  
SEC Group  
IDOT  
KDOT  
KKCOM  
CMAP  
Benesch  
KDOT  
Montgomery  
EEI  
Batavia  
RHA&A  
IDOT  
EEI  
KDOT  
Pace  
KDOT

### I. Opening of Meeting

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

### II. Approval of May 3, 2006 Minutes

President Marilyn Michelini made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joe Evers. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Approving 2005 STP Call for Project Programming Recommendation

Transportation Sub-Committee Chairman, Mike Pubentz, presented the recommendation for programming new projects for the Fall 2005 Call for Projects. The process began with a request for proposals in August 2005, followed by application analysis during early 2006, and program selection in May 2006. The Sub-Committee utilized a conservative 5-year total programming mark of \$20 million to select projects. Mr. Pubentz referenced a copy of the recommended additions, outlined in an updated STP program spreadsheet. The new LAPP projects include: Spring Street (South Elgin), River Street (Montgomery), State Street (Hampshire), Hanks Road (Sugar Grove), and Wheeler Road (Sugar Grove). Other new projects include: Indian Trail (Aurora), Main Street (Batavia), Red Gate Bridge (St. Charles), Anderson Road (Elburn/Kane Co.), Golfview (Carpentersville), Cross (Sugar Grove), Stearns (South Elgin/Kane Co.), and Longmeadow (Multiple Municipalities/Kane Co.). Temporarily, the new LAPP projects are listed in FY2011 and all other new projects are listed in the multi-year program. The Transportation Sub-Committee plans to assign the new projects to specific, appropriate fiscal years at their September 21, 2006 meeting. The resulting programming changes will be presented to the Full Council for approval at their next meeting. President Marilyn Michelini made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Greg Chismark. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. General Business**

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

Council Director, Tom Rickert, reported that the FY2007 CMAQ Program was released for public comment and will be considered for final approval by the Policy Committee on October 12, 2006. In the Council's region, the following six projects, with CMAQ funding from FY07-09 totaling approximately \$3 million dollars, are included in the recommended program: 1) North Aurora's Oak Street Bike/Pedestrian Bridge, 2) Aurora's Transportation Center Expansion of Lot 3 Commuter Parking, 3) KDOT's Burlington Road at IL 47 intersection improvement, and 4) three signal interconnect projects – Aurora's New York from Farnsworth to IL 31, Aurora's IL 25 from North Ave to Illinois, and KDOT's Randall Rd from Main to Orchard. The proposed FY2007 program is available on-line at [www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq-fy2007](http://www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq-fy2007).

Mr. Rickert indicated that the 2006 edition of the Kane and Northern Kendall Counties Bicycle Map is available. A digital version of the map is available at [www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/Bicycle](http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/COM/Bicycle). Please contact Erin Willrett to request a copy of the map via email at [willretterin@co.kane.il.us](mailto:willretterin@co.kane.il.us) or by phone at 630-584-1170.

In the coming months, a number of conferences and workshops are planned. Mr. Rickert pointed out the following upcoming offerings: 1) Long Range Planning for Commuter Rail Workshop hosted by Kane County on September 27, 2006 at Walter Payton's Roundhouse, Aurora, for municipalities with Metra stations in the comprehensive plans, 2) APA Upper-Midwest Four State Conference, October 4-6, 2006 at Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, 3) IDOT Fall Planning Conference, October 19 & 20, 2006 at the Four points by Sheraton Fairview Heights, Fairview Heights, Illinois, and 4) Rail-Volution, November 5-8, 2006, at Marriott Magnificent Mile Hotel, focusing on TOD development.

Regional Planning Liaison, Holly Smith, reported that the RTA has issued a call for projects for the FY06 JARC/NFI programs, due November 1, 2006. The RTA is also taking the lead on the development of a Regional Human Services Transportation Plan, which will proceed concurrently with the FY06 program development activities. The Plan will serve as a project selection guide for programming JARC/NFI dollars in forthcoming years, FY07 and beyond. The Regional Transit Authority also recently requested pre-applications for the 2007 Regional Technical Assistance Program. The goal of the program is for preliminary transit planning and technical assistance. One pre-application was submitted by staff - Randall Road Route 529 Plan to Improve Access to Bus Service. The study will prepare a plan to improve access and ridership through infrastructure and service enhancements.

Ms. Smith also indicated that Metra is utilizing an Alternatives Analysis process to determine the Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPA) that best meets the needs of the Suburban Transit Access Route (STAR) line and the UP-West Line. The final LPA recommendations will be identified and forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration for evaluation in late 2006. PACE has received funding from SAFETEA-LU to develop a Regional TSP Deployment Plan and to design, demonstrate and evaluate TSP on the Halsted Street corridor in southern Cook County. PACE has selected the Randall Road/Orchard Road corridor throughout the County to be included in the development of the Regional TSP Deployment Plan. The Regional TSP Deployment Plan will collect data and prioritize routes based upon a cost benefit analysis. TSP technology gives buses an automated "conditional" priority at signalized intersections should it be needed in order to maintain their bus schedules.

Council Staff is currently involved in the North Central Planning Area Study to develop land use and transportation recommendations for the area bounded by I-90 to the north, Silver Glen Road to the south, IL Rte. 47 to the west, and Randall Road to the east. Staff continues to work with the Villages of South Elgin, Hampshire, Pingree Grove, Gilberts and the City of Elgin to complete the data collection required for the Place's model. A charrette is planned in the Fall to model land uses for the 4 Priority Places located in the planning area, which will be incorporated into the final plan.

Ms. Smith also updated the Council on current paratransit activities. The Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council (KCPCC) is holding special meetings to discuss potential Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Initiative (NFI) funding applications. The Council's two ideas for submission for funding include: 1) the extension of the Randall Road Route 529 service north to Algonquin and 2) a centralized dispatch center and taxi subsidy program. The Council is preparing a formal request to Pace to be the lead on both funding applications. The Kendall County Paratransit Working Group is pursuing a partnership with the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) of DeKalb, which will improve the likelihood of securing 5311 funding. Currently, staff is working with the VAC to prepare grant proposals (including 5311, JARC and NFI) and to further define the potential service and implementation strategy. Next steps for the Kendall Group include meeting with local government officials to discuss the possible service scenarios and funding participation.

##### **B. Executive Committee Report**

Chairman Schielke reported that Executive Committee met on August 22, 2006. The Committee approved new FFY 2006 to 2012 Surface Transportation programming marks. There was also a discussion regarding the Flex Match Initiative Program. This program would allow councils to use a wide variety of public and private contributions of funds, land, materials and engineering to be counted toward the non-federal match (local match). The Committee decided that each council will determine how they want to proceed to provide input to the development of a policy. Meetings will be held with all stakeholders to produce a policy that will be in the best interest of the councils.

Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the new name for the merged agencies formally known as the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC); gave an overview of the draft strategic report on vision, governance, and funding for the agency. The Committee engaged in a lively discussion and offered suggestions for the report. The report was submitted to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly on September 1, 2006. The next meeting of the Executive Committee was tentatively scheduled for mid- November.

**C. Transportation Sub-Committee Report**

Mike Pubentz indicated that there was no further report beyond the action item approved earlier in the meeting.

**D. Surface Transportation Program Update**

Chad Riddle provided the Council's STP program status sheets, which detailed the current status of each project and estimated dates for the completion of design approvals, construction lettings, etc. Mr. Riddle indicated that the sheets reflect updated information resulting from an early August meeting with the Council's Regional Planning Liaisons. Since the Council's last meeting in May, no projects were awarded over the summer months. The following projects within the Council's area are on the November letting: 1) Orchard at Jericho in Montgomery, 2) Stearns Road Wetland Mitigation in South Elgin, 3) Illinois Route 31 and Route 38 contract in Geneva, 4) Wilson Street in Batavia, and 5) Illinois Avenue in Aurora.

**E. CMAP Board Report**

President Marilyn Michelini indicated that the CMAP Board submitted a report outlining the agency's vision and funding strategy to the General Assembly in early September. The Board received great response and input from multiple agencies in the development of the report. The Board unanimously approved the document at their August 30, 2006 meeting. President Michelini believes that the CMAP is moving in the right direction, and the agency's new name – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – is reflective of CMAP's role in the northeastern Illinois area.

**F. CMAP (CATS/NIPC) Report**

Janet Bright indicated that there was no report beyond the information provided in Mayor Schielke's COM Executive Committee Summary and President Michelini's CMAP Report.

**G. Transportation Improvement Program Update**

IDOT Program Report

Roger Valente provided an updated Management Monitoring Schedule, which indicated changes in the program since the Council's May 2006 meeting. Mr. Valente discussed each of the changes. Following his presentation, members inquired about the Illinois 47 bridge over I-88, which Mr. Valente clarified was strictly a rehabilitation project of the existing structure. Mr. Valente also addressed questions about the Illinois 56 and Kirk project, indicating that KDOT was the project lead and it was on target for a June 2007 construction letting. He concluded by stating that IDOT would begin the next MYB process within the next two months. The funding marks, not yet received, along with a review of the status of all projects currently in the program will dictate future programming decisions.

Illinois Tollway Report

Bunny Anderson provided summary sheets detailing current Tollway activities. Of particular interest to the Council was the I-88 rebuilding and widening improvement project from Washington to Finley. In conjunction with this project, the Naperville Road interchange improvement will start soon. Ms. Anderson also highlighted the Tollway's Open Toll Plazas program and the I-355 project, which is on budget and on schedule for opening in late 2007. Members inquired about the I-88 widening project from Farnsworth to Orchard Road. An update on the status of this project is not yet available, but it will be included in future Tollway reports to the Full Council and also posted on the agency's website.

RTA Report

At the May 2006 Full Council meeting, Andy Plummer introduced the RTA's strategic planning effort, Moving Beyond Congestion. Mr. Plummer indicated that the agency is still recruiting Partners in Transit to help with the sharing and collecting of information. To date, only three local governments in the Council area have committed to being partners in the process: Kane County, Aurora Township, and the Village of Gilberts. Mr. Plummer encouraged members to become involved in the process. He distributed sign-up sheets, and also indicated that interested parties could sign-up on the RTA's website. A resolution template is also being developed and will be available soon.

Metra Report

No report.

Pace Budget Report

Sue Rushing reported that Pace has submitted their 2007 budget to the RTA. Funding marks have not yet been received, but are expected mid-September. The 2007 budget operating expenses will exceed the 2006 budget primarily due to the high cost of diesel fuel. System revenues will finish \$3.3 million unfavorable in the 2006 budget largely due to Pace's acceptance of CTA's 7-day/visitor/U-pass. RTA has capped reimbursement to Pace at \$2.0 million for acceptance of these passes resulting in the loss. Pace proposes a \$165 million suburban service budget for 2007. For 2007, a majority of 5307 funding will support operations due to a lack of adequate operating funds. A backlog of capital needs is growing as Pace has deferred capital investments since 2003 due to shortfalls in operating financial assistance. Pace expects to fund a limited capital program in 2007 largely based on CMAW and discretionary grants. The proposed capital program includes paratransit vehicles, vanpool vehicles, and traffic signal priority projects. Effective July 1, 2006 Pace assumed operation of paratransit service for the entire region, making Pace's paratransit system one of the largest in the nation. The Kane County budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2006 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Kane County Government Center.

Kendall County Report

No report.

Kane County Report

Manny Gomez provided the following project updates: 1) Design Approval for the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Environmental Mitigation expected in November, 2) Anderson Road Phase I expected in December 2007, 3) McLean Boulevard ROW issues are under review and staff is working on developing new construction options, 4) IL 56 at Kirk Road comprehensive plans were submitted in August with a June 2007 target letting, 5) Orchard at Jericho has a November 11 target letting, 6) Randall at Illinois 64 Stage 1 construction is on target for completion in Fall 2006, Stage 2 will commence next Fall, and 7) Kirk at Illinois 38 has run into unexpected utility delays, possibly delaying Stage 1 completion until next year.

Municipal Reports

Sue McLaughlin reported that the Village of North Aurora will likely closeout the Illinois Route 25 and 56 intersection project very soon by accepting the water main.

**V. Other Business**

A. Local Agency Federal Flexible Match (FFM) Program

Chairman Schielke referred to the handout detailing the proposed program. There are some benefits, but it might negatively impact the total amount of federal money available to locals. Council Director Rickert indicated that the CMAP Work Program Committee has discouraged IDOT from moving forward with the program due to the potentially damaging funding outcomes.

**VI. Next Meeting**

The Full Council is on-call for the next meeting, likely to occur in late 2006/early 2007.

**VII. Adjournment**

Carl Schoedel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m., seconded by Joe Evers. The motion passed unanimously.



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Bob Rodney	President	Kaneville
Chuck Behm	Director	South Elgin
Sean Michels	President	Sugar Grove
Brendan McLaughlin	Administrator	Yorkville
Joe Evers	City Engineer	Elgin
Chris Minick	Administrator	Plainfield
Brent Eichelberger	Administrator	Sugar Grove

### Others in attendance:

Linda Chapa LaVia	State Representative	83 <sup>rd</sup> District
Bunny Anderson	Liaison for Engineering Projects	Tollway
Michael Plant	Project Manager	Baxter & Woodman
Greg Chismark	Manager Public Engineering	CBBEL
Brian Fairwood	Associate	Tran Systems
Akram Chaudhry	Principal	Smith Engineering
Andy Plummer	Consultant	RTA
Tony Speciale	PW Director	Sugar Grove
Mike Pubentz	PW Director	Montgomery
David Stoiser	Engineer	St. Charles
Chad Riddle	Federal Aid Program Engineer	IDOT
Marilyn Solomon	Field Engineer	IDOT
Rick Boehm	Vice President	McDonough Assoc.
Ylda Pineyro	Planner	CMAP
Don Kopec	Dir. Of Planning and Programming	CMAP
Patti Bex	Vice President	Postl-Yore
Holly Smith	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Erin Willrett	Regional Planning Liaison	KKCOM
Noel Basquin	City Engineer	Batavia
Roger Valente	Area Programmer	IDOT
Ron Naylor	Sr. Project Manager	EEI
Sue Rushing	Gov't Affairs Representative	Pace
Tom Rickert	Deputy Director	KDOT

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Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

### **II. Action Items**

#### **A. Approval of April 25, 2007 Minutes**

Chuck Behm made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brent Eichelberger. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Approval of Chairman for Transportation Subcommittee**

Transportation Sub-Committee Chairman, Mike Pubentz, presented the recommendation of Mr. Tony Speciale, Public Works Director of Sugar Grove, to serve as the Transportation Sub-Committee Chair. Mr. Pubentz made a motion to approve that Tony Speciale obtain the seat of Transportation Subcommittee Chairman, seconded by Brent Eichelberger. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Schielke presented Mr. Pubentz with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council for serving as the chair for the past two years.

**C. Approval of 2008 – 2012 STP Program**

Transportation Sub-Committee Chairman, Tony Speciale, presented the 2008 – 2012 STP Program. Mr. Speciale made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by President Michelini. Tom Rickert went on to explain that the Council is looking at spending all of the federal monies. Staff has been contacting all the municipalities in the program to see that the money is being spent. There are concerns that projects are being delayed. Mayor Schielke went on to say that at the CMAP Executive Committee Meeting, the STP distribution came up. Within the 11 Regional Councils in the area, several have significant unspent balance. The Federal Government can take action to have a Federal rescission. Currently, this region is under the watchful eye of the Federal Highway Administration. The Kane/Kendall Council has a little over \$6 Million left on the table. We need to help facilitate the spending of the monies. Rep. Hastert did acquire a large amount of Federal dollars for the region. We are in jeopardy of losing the dollars if we do not receive a capital bill. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. General Business**

**A. Director / Planning Liaison Update**

**FY2008 CMAQ Program**

The FY2008 CMAQ Approved Program is available at [www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq.htm](http://www.catsmpo.com/prog-cmaq.htm). From the KKCOM area, 10 projects totaling \$1.2 million are recommended for funding.

**Transit Service Cuts and Fare Increases Postponed**

Service cuts and fare increases have been postponed until January 2008, as a result of a \$27 million stopgap funding measure that was approved on November 2 by the service boards, state lawmakers, Governor Blagojevich, and the federal government. This is a short-term fix, and a long-term, comprehensive solution for transit service is still pending.

**“Ride in Kane” Target Implementation**

On October 10, 2007, the Pace Board approved a resolution for the implementation of "Ride in Kane" in January 2008. Sponsors will host a media kickoff event celebrating the implementation of "Ride in Kane" on January 25, 2008, which is also the date the call center opens and begins taking ride reservations. Service delivery will begin on January 26, 2008.

**New CMAP Website**

CMAP has launched a new website at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov>. The site is based on a powerful content-management system that will give us more flexibility than the old system. Weekly emails are now available in blog form, meaning you may post comments and engage in discussions. The site is in no sense finished, because CMAP will be adding content and interactive features, including wiki capabilities that will add a new dimension to our public engagement on the regional comprehensive plan and other projects.

**CMAP Vision Statement Survey**

As part of the region's comprehensive planning process, CMAP is asking partners to complete an on-line Vision Statement Survey located at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/survey.aspx>. The statements were revised following the September 12 visioning event. If you were unable attend that day, the survey is an opportunity for you to provide the same type of feedback as attendees did. If you were at the event, the survey allows you to check the revisions and make further comments. The survey will be available at least through December. See <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/plan/> for more about the regional comprehensive planning process.

**How to Seal the Deal: CMAP Workshop**

CMAP is hosting a panel discussion focusing on best practices in planning and economic development on Friday **November 30, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the ComEd Commercial Center, 1919 Swift Drive, Oakbrook, IL. This workshop is intended for planners, municipal managers and economic development practitioners. Discussions will focus on the achievements of successful developments highlighting how the individual roles of developers, municipal managers and planners can come together in a team approach. The discussions will emphasize best practice procedures and will address some of the problems and barriers that all practitioners face in implementing a successful or unsuccessful development. Your advanced non-refundable registration fee of \$25 includes lunch. Please RSVP by November 22 to Brian Rademacher ([brademacher@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:brademacher@cmap.illinois.gov) or 312-86-8668).

**CMAP Climate Change Summit**

CMAP's next summit on "Creating a Regional Agenda to Address Climate Change" is scheduled on **December 11, 2007, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The agenda will feature distinguished speakers assessing the risks and opportunities in terms of our energy future, human and natural resource health, infrastructure, commerce, and land-use and transportation planning. This event is designed for policy makers and advocates across the following areas: municipal, county and regional representation, land-use and transportation, economic development, health and human services, natural resources, developers, business and civic organizations, faith-based organizations, CMAP board committees. For more information, see <http://www.chicagoareapanning.org/summit/> or contact Kerry Leigh at 312-386-8704 or via email at [summit@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:summit@cmap.illinois.gov).

**Regional Water Supply Planning Group**

The November Regional Water Supply Planning Group meeting will focus on sustainability and water resources. The meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, **November 27, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Three expert speakers will address what sustainability means in the context of water resources: Mary Ann Dickinson, Executive Director, Alliance for Water Efficiency; Dr. Derek Winstanley, Chief, Illinois State Water Survey and Dr. William Shilts, Chief, Illinois State Geological Survey. For more information visit <http://chicagoareaplanning.org/watersupply>.

Mayor Schielke added that Ride in Kane seems to be coming together very nicely. However, when the \$2.4 million dollar JARC grant is used it will be a new challenge to the area to come up with the funding. Ride in Kane will significantly expand transportation to the handicapped and elderly populations.

**B. Executive Committee Report**

Chairman Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on November 6th where They approved the marks chart for the Surface Transportation Program. The total estimated mark for FFY08 is \$73.2 million. The Committee then engaged in a lively discussion on active program management. It was the suggestion of the Committee that CMAP staff and the Planning Liaisons identify why STP expenditures are not keeping pace with programmed projects. They were directed to look for possible solutions. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss active program management and advanced funding. A report on those findings will be given at the next Executive Committee meeting. The Committee then directed staff to draft a letter to congressional members of the House and Senate concerning the possibility of rescissions being applied against the Surface Transportation Program. This letter is to point out the devastating effect the loss of reduction of STP funding would have on the local transportation system. Updates were also given on the status of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Regional Comprehensive Plan and the Unified Work Program.

The next Executive Committee meeting is "On Call", probably early next year, given the volume of issues.

**C. Transportation Sub-Committee Report**

Tony Speciale indicated that there was no further report beyond the action item approved earlier in the meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for January 17, 2008.

**D. Surface Transportation Program Update**

Marilin Solomon provided the Council's STP program status sheets, which detailed the current status of each project and estimated dates for the completion of design approvals, construction lettings, etc.

**E. CMAP Board Report**

President Michelini reported that the Board's next meeting date is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Schielke also added that President Michelini does a great job in representing Kane and Kendall Counties. The Mayor is pleased to see that CMAP has kept the organization above the political fray.

**F. CMAP (CATS/NIPC) Report**

Ylda Pineyro is the outreach associate for the collar counties and wanted to thank the Council for its support with SB 1201. Thanks also to the Mayors and Mayor Schielke for getting letters of support to their Congressman. She also encouraged everyone to take the online website survey.

**G. Transportation Improvement Program Update**

**IDOT Program Report**

Roger Valente provided an updated Management Monitoring Schedule, which indicated changes in the program since the Council's April 2007 meeting. Mr. Valente discussed each of the changes.

**Illinois Tollway Report**

Bunny Anderson provided summary sheets detailing current Tollway activities. Of particular interest to the Council was the I-88 rebuilding and widening improvement project from Orchard Road to Aurora Toll Plaza. The east-bound portion should be complete in 2008, west-bound in 2009. Mr. Rickert also wanted to thank Jeff Dailey for all of his work over the past years, as he is moving onto the NorthTexas Toll Authority.

**RTA Report**

Andy Plummer provided an update regarding the various funding bills for transit in the region. He summarized SB 572. The RTA will not accept another bail-out. He will keep the Council updated on any reports.

**Metra Report**

No Report

Pace Budget Report

Sue Rushing reported that Pace will be \$32.9 million short in 2008. If there is no long-term funding guarantee, Pace will begin service cuts January 1, 2008. In Kane County 21 routes will be partially or completely eliminated.

Kendall County Report

No report.

Kane County Report

Mr. Rickert reported that construction at Kirk at IL 38, Orchard at Jericho, Randall Road at IL 64 are all wrapping up. Kirk at IL 56 and McLean Boulevard projects are moving forward. Stearns Road Bridge Corridor project is underway. Recently, the Longmeadow Toll Bridge Task Force was formed and began meeting, the task force, gave the County approval to proceed forward with the development of Statement of Interest.

Municipal Reports

Mayor Schielke reported that the total rebuild of the Wilson Street Bridge, this was partially funded with a BRRRP grant. IDOT is doing a great job at overseeing this project. It will hopefully be completed by the end of 2007. The Board is also in the process of forming a citizen task force to plan for a second bridge crossing in Batavia.

**IV. Other Business**

**A. Proposed Meeting Schedule**

Holly Smith stated that the proposed meeting schedule should be a better approach to scheduling meetings. Meeting notices will be sent out prior to the meetings, with exact dates, times and locations. Lunch will now be provided at Transportation Subcommittee meetings.

**V. Adjournment**

President Michelini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m., seconded by President Keller. The motion passed unanimously.