

KANE/KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

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Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

October 6, 2009, 9:35 a.m., Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance:

Brent Eichelberger
Carl Schoedel
Dale Berman
Dan Dinges
Daryl Devick
Fran Klass
Jeff Schielke
Joe Evers
Marilyn Michelini
Patsy Smith
Sandy Bell
Tony Speciale

Village Administrator
County Engineer
Village President
Dept. of Public Works
Assistant Director of Public Works
County Engineer
Mayor
City Engineer
Village President
Village President
Acting Village Administrator
Director of Public Works

*Village of Sugar Grove
Kane County Division of Transportation
Village of North Aurora
City of Geneva
City of Aurora
Kendall County Highway Department
City of Batavia
City of Elgin
Village of Montgomery
Village of Campton Hills
Village of Big Rock
Village of Sugar Grove*

Others in attendance:

Amy Vanourek
Andy Plummer
Bunny Anderson
Christine Rose
Demetri Skoufis
Diana Torres
Greg Chismark
Heidi Files
Holly Ostidick
James Fuller
James Shaw
Jan Ward
Kay Hatcher
Kevin Stallworth
Mike Sullivan
Mohammad Hassen
Omar Nashif
Pam Broviak
Philip Lewis
Ron Naylor
Scott Berger
Steve Coffinbargar
Sue Palmer
Tom Rickert
Tom Talsma

Associate
Consultant
Liaison for Engineering Projects
Community Relations Representative
Community Affairs Representative
Associate
Vice President
Senior Transportation Planner
Associate Planner
Staff Writer
Project Manager
Deputy Director
State Representative
Associate Field Engineer
Planning Liaison
Consultant
Vice President
City Engineer
Commissioner
Senior Project Manager
Program Manager
Council Director
Area Programmer
Executive Director
Vice President

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Pace
Metra
CMAP
WBK Associates
Kane County Division of Transportation
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Daily Herald
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State of Illinois
IDOT – BLR
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URS Corp.
Collins Engineers, Inc.
City of Geneva
County of Kane
Engineering Enterprises Inc.
Kane County Development Department
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IDOT
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I. Opening of Meeting

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Approval of June 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of FFY10-FFY14 STP Program

Tony Speciale, Transportation Policy Committee Chairman, noted the updates to the project listing sheets. Mr. Speciale made a motion to approve the FFY10-FFY14 STP Program as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Schielke noted the success of the northeastern Illinois process in programming transportation funds. On the local level, approximately \$4.4 M in STP funds is received annually, distributed fairly and programmed successfully. Mayor Schielke explained that some areas, like the city of Chicago, could not obligate their STP funds for various reasons and may be hurt by the recent rescissions. The Mayor applauded Kane County governments and the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors for their work in getting STP and ARRA funds obligated. The KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee held additional meetings to aggressively move ARRA projects forward and obligate funds by November 6, 2009. Another Transportation Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 14th.

IV. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update

Jan Ward, Deputy Director of the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors, provided the following update:

FY2010 CMAQ Program:

Five projects from the KKKOM area totaling over \$5M have been recommended for funding during FFY 2010-2011. These projects include signal interconnect, bottleneck elimination, and bike/pedestrian facility projects. CMAP staff has proposed a FY2011 program, using projects from the 2010 call for projects. Staff does not anticipate that there will be a 2011 call for projects.

RTA Grant Programs

In response to the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) call for projects for the Community Planning, Sub-regional Planning, Job Access Reverse Commute, and New Freedom funding programs, 19 planning, operating and capital projects totaling over \$11M were recommended for funding. Among the projects recommended were the Ride in Kane Phase III/IV Program, Geneva Downtown Station Area Master Plan, and the South Elgin Transit Improvement Plan.

2009-2010 Bike and Highway Maps: Maps currently are available in both paper and digital format. A digital version is available on-line at the Kane County website www.countyofkane.org.

Kane County Planning Project Updates: The projects that are underway are:

- Transportation Component of the Kane County Long Range Plan, funded through the RTA's Sub-regional Planning Program, addresses the County's transportation needs to the year 2040.
- IL 47 Corridor Planning Study, funded through the IL Transportation Enhancement Program and conducted in coordination with McHenry County DOT and the City of Woodstock, examines the IL 47 corridor in order to plan for the future population and land uses along this corridor.
- Randall Road Route 529 Improving Access to Bus Service Study, funded through the RTA's Sub-regional Planning Program, will result in a plan that coordinates land use, transit operations, and rider enhancements to improve access to transit and ridership on Pace Route 529.

Upcoming Events (see www.cmap.illinois.gov/calendar.aspx for additional CMAP meetings)

October 14-16	IDOT Fall Planning Conference Allerton Hotel, Chicago, IL
October 14 and November 18	CMAP Board and Executive Committee Meetings - 9:30 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
October 23 and November 20	CMAP Transportation Committee - 9:30 a.m. CMAP Offices, Willis Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL
October 28	Ride in Kane Sponsor Committee Meeting 8:30-10:00 a.m. and Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council Meeting 10:00-11:30 at Kane County Government Center, Auditorium
October 29	Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 2:00 p.m. Kane County Forest Preserve Offices, 1996 S. Kirk Rd, Suite 320, Geneva, IL
January 4	STP Milestone Update Due from Project Sponsors
January 14	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transportation Policy Committee - 1:00 p.m. Kane County Government Center, Auditorium

B. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report

Chairman Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on June 9th and September 15th. At the June meeting, USDOT staff provided an overview on the purpose and value of the Metropolitan Planning Organization certification review process. The Committee members informed USDOT staff that the process in northeastern Illinois works well. A discussion continued regarding the possibility of rescissions to all federal funding programs at the end of SAFETEA-LU. To help avoid rescissions, the Committee approved advanced funding requests for \$916,000 to expend the suburban Councils' unobligated balance. The status and programming of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects was discussed. The Committee discussed options regarding reprogramming funds if Councils were unable to expend their ARRA allocation by the March 5, 2010 deadline. The Committee directed the Planning Liaisons to develop a policy that would allow for the redistribution of ARRA funds in the fall 2009. The policy was to be considered at the next Council of Mayors Executive Committee. The city of Chicago introduced their Congress Parkway project that will be funded with ARRA funds. CMAP staff gave an update on the Invent the Future Workshops and directed Committee members to the CMAP website (www.goto2040.org) for locations and registration. The Committee approved the nomination of Mayor Leon Rockingham as the new 2nd Vice-Chairman to fill the vacancy. The Committee gave recognition to outgoing Mayors Podgorski, Churnovic, Pritchett, Wiaduck, Lynch, Piazza and Guzdziol and thanked them for their COM Executive Committee service.

At the September meeting, the possibility of rescissions of unobligated balances from 16 federal transportation programs (including CMAQ and STP) was discussed. Illinois could lose \$290 million in transportation funding and \$4.5 million for regional planning. Legislative representatives would be contacted regarding the tremendous transportation needs in northeastern Illinois and need to maintain federal transportation funds. Representatives would be urged to support an 18-month extension of SAFETEA-LU and stop the rescissions before the September 30th deadline. Planning Liaisons would work to contact mayors in their regions. The Executive COM Committee agreed to hold a meeting to determine the effect of the rescission on the local Surface Transportation Program. The FFY2010 STP programming marks and ARRA programming marks were approved along with the advanced funding request of \$165,000 for a Central COM project. The Committee approved the Planning Liaison's policy (that was developed in cooperation with IDOT and CMAP staff) for the redistribution of ARRA funds. CMAP staff provided an overview on the outcome of the Invent the Future/Go To 2040 public outreach effort and noted that participant choices could be found at www.goto2040.org. Cambridge Systematics led a discussion to gather input on the freight system issues within COM areas for the Go To 2040 Plan.

C. Transportation Policy Committee Report

Mr. Speciale reported that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors Transportation Policy Committee last met on October 5, 2009. All KKCOM American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded projects will be let by November 6, 2009. The entire \$8.9M will be obligated well before the March letting deadline. The Transportation Policy Committee agreed on a policy to address the ARRA funds remaining from low bids. Each municipality with a low bid will be allowed to expend their remaining ARRA fund distribution on a B-list project or equivalent as determined by the Council. If a municipality is not able to use their remaining ARRA funds, the funds should be de-obligated and used to enhance the STP program.

Two STP funded projects were let since the last Full Council meeting. The Council has a fiscal year end balance of just over \$1M in STP funds. Based on current STP balances and letting schedules, an advanced funding request is anticipated for the summer of 2010.

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2009, 1:00 pm at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium. In preparation for the meeting, sponsor STP updates will be due on January 4th.

D. Surface Transportation Program Update

Kevin Stallworth, Associate Field Engineer, distributed STP and ARRA project status sheets and provided an overview. Mr. Stallworth highlighted project design approval and letting date changes.

E. CMAP Board Report

President Michelini reported that CMAP provides weekly updates and emails concerning the economic recovery. Anyone interested in being placed on an email list to receive these updates should contact CMAP. CMAP has established a 2040 blog and is currently undertaking their review and analysis of data

for the plan. The Conservation Congress is being held October 24-25 and will address issues related to the protection and conservation of natural resources.

Mayor Schielke addressed CMAP's funding issue, noting that CMAP was established in 2005, combining CATS and NIPC into one master planning agency in the Chicago region. The MPO is recognized by the Federal government to distribute transportation funds (STP, UWP and CMAQ) in the region. The Illinois General Assembly is not providing funding for the agency. CMAP's budget is short \$2.5M and the agency is being funded through UWP. If this funding issue is not resolved in the next 6 months, a funding crisis could result if the Federal government halts the distribution of transportation funds to northeastern Illinois. Meetings with the Governor's Chief of Staff have been held and mayors are being urged to contact legislators. A meeting with the Governor and the leadership of northeastern Illinois, including Mayor Daley, may be needed to resolve this issue. Mayor Schielke and President Micheleni commended CMAP for doing a fantastic job in the region. President Micheleni noted that Kane and Kendall County leaders, including Chairman McConnaughay, have contacted State legislators regarding this issue.

F. CMAP Staff Report

Holly Ostdick from CMAP stated that the 2040 public outreach effort was coming to a close. Fifty workshops with 1,300 attendees were held in the region. Public input also was gathered at fairs and festivals in Kane and Kendall Counties. CMAP is now developing the preferred scenario and identifying capital projects.

Ms. Ostdick reported that the suburban Councils spent \$26.3M in STP funds through the September letting. The suburban Councils and the city of Chicago received \$180M in ARRA funds and \$74M has been obligated. On September 15th, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee approved new ARRA marks. All pre-final plans are underway and therefore, no redistribution of ARRA funds is anticipated at this time. The SAFETEA-LU rescission did occur September 30th and methods to un-program funds are being considered. The CMAQ Program is affected by the rescission in the amount of \$83M. The multiyear FY2010-11 CMAQ Program is being presented to the MPO Policy Committee for approval on October 8th. Projects then must receive federal approval. Funding letters will be sent to project sponsors. Updated STP and ARRA Expenditure Reports were distributed.

The status of the planning process for the 2-1-1 non-emergency human services and disaster system was provided. The Governor has signed the 2-1-1 Service Act.

G. Transportation Improvement Program Update

IDOT Program Report

Sue Palmer, Acting IDOT Area Programmer, distributed and summarized the Management Monitoring Schedule, FY2010-2015 Highway Improvement Program report. Ms. Palmer pointed out the September letting for the West Dundee Signal Timing Progression project with Hometown Electric as the low bidder for a \$250,415 contract.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

Bunny Anderson distributed summary sheets that detailed current Toll Authority activities. Ms. Anderson focused on construction within the I-88 corridor, specifically the work being performed at the Eola Road Interchange. Construction of the new interchange will be completed by the end of 2009. This project will have the first I-Pass only toll plaza. Additional work is being performed between the Aurora Toll Plaza and Orchard Road to rebuild and widen a 3.4 mile section to create a third lane in an effort to reduce travel times. The work is part of the Tollway's \$6.3B Congestion-Relief Program and will be completed at the end of the year. The Toll Authority has taken on an ambitious program to complete in 2009. All of the handouts provided by Ms. Anderson are also available on the Tollway's website.

Governor Quinn appointed Paula Wolff as the Chairman of the Illinois Tollway Board. Bill Morris, from Metropolis 2020, and Tom Weisner, Mayor of Aurora, were appointed as board members. With these appointments, half of the Board membership has municipal experience.

RTA Report

Andy Plummer, RTA Consultant, provided the RTA report. Budget hearings were held during the summer before the required end of the year process. Approximately 200 participants attended these meetings—which is lower than anticipated. Due to low response, this process may not be repeated next year. Two issues of concern expressed at the meetings were: 1) the level and consistency of Paratransit service, and 2)

the expansion of the Metra Heritage line to downtown Joliet and additional service during the week and weekends.

Mr. Plummer reviewed the planning program projects being recommended for funding. These projects include the Ride in Kane Phase III/IV Program, Geneva Master Plan, and the South Elgin Transportation Improvement Plan. If interested, the RTA will work with applicants for next year's funding.

Additionally, a workshop was held for the Performance Measures Study and targeted project effectiveness and project selection process transparency. A bus rapid transit analysis on the Stevenson Expressway has resulted in the development of a new plan. The Transit Usage Survey was completed and the results will be presented at the next KKKCOM meeting.

Metra Report

Demetri Skoufis of Metra stated that ridership was down by 4.8% system-wide for the period of January to July 2009 compared to the same period in 2008. During this time, on-time performance on the Milwaukee District West Line, BNSF and UPW was 96.9%, 93.5% and 95.6%, respectively.

Metra completed improvements to the Aurora Transportation Center including a 150 space commuter parking lot expansion, new platform construction, and energy efficient LED light fixture installation. Some work remains to be completed including inter-track fence installation. In Elburn, construction has begun on 300 new commuter spaces, along with pedestrian improvements and the addition of a bus lane. This project is funded through the federal stimulus package and should be completed late this year.

Metra is participating in Elgin's National Street Station Area Plan study funded through the RTA's Community Planning Program. Metra has unveiled a new website with more features. The most notable feature allows commuters to set up accounts, enabling them to purchase 10-ride tickets and monthly passes on-line. The website remains www.metrarail.com. A Kane County Public Hearing for Metra's 2010 Program and budget is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at the Geneva City Hall from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Pace Report

Christine Rose, Community Relations Representative from Pace, reported that 13 public hearings have been scheduled to obtain public comment on Pace's 2010 program and budget and proposed service changes. A Legal Notice was distributed with a list of the route/service changes and the locations of the hearings. A public hearing in Kane County will be held Thursday, October 22, 2009 from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium in Geneva. The elimination of four fixed routes within Kane County is proposed. An increase in ADA paratransit fares to \$3.50 for suburban service and \$4.50 for City of Chicago service also is proposed. Monthly passes for Chicago paratransit service were cancelled. The next Pace Board meeting is October 14th.

Kendall County Report

Fran Klass, Kendall County Engineer, reported on the implementation of a new Kendall County Dial-a-Ride program. Six buses will provide the paratransit services.

Kane County Report

Carl Schoedel, Kane County Engineer, provided an update on construction projects in the County. The resurfacing projects at Bliss Road, Randall Road at U.S. Route 20, and Randall Road at I-90 are completed. Mr. Schoedel reported that 4 mainline contracts are now underway for Stearns Road Bridge Corridor project. Meeting attendees were encouraged to view the corridor from the Route 31 bridge or request a tour of the project area. This project is the largest county bridge project initiated in the State of Illinois.

Municipal Reports

No reports were provided.

V. Other Business/Announcements

A. Election of KKKCOM Chairman and Vice-Chairman

County Engineer Carl Schoedel reported on the August 12th meeting of the nominating committee, consisting of himself, President Marilyn Michelini, and Mayor Ed Shock. The consensus of the committee was to re-nominate Mayor Schielke as Chairman and President Keller as Vice-Chairman. The committee felt that Mayor Schielke and President Keller brought a wealth of experience to the positions, are doing a great job, have been effective in representing the KKKCOM and bringing funds (e.g., CMAQ) back to the

area, and represent a reasonable geographic distribution (West Dundee is "north" and Batavia is South/Central). Both Mayor Schielke and President Keller indicated they were willing to serve on the KKCOM as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, for a two year term to end in 2011. Carl Schoedel made a motion to re-nominate Mayor Schielke and President Keller as Chairman and Vice Chairman, Tony Speciale seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Patsy Smith presided over the remainder of the meeting at the request of Chairman Schielke who left the meeting to attend a funeral.

B. Kane County 2040 Transportation Plan Update

Heidi Files, Transportation Planner for Kane County, provided a presentation on the County's Long Range 2040 Transportation Plan. The long range plan is mandated by State statute and was last updated in 2004. The plan update will be based on new population and employment statistics. Ms. Files reviewed the Plan's 5 main goals and summarized the planning studies that will feed into the Plan. Public input will be requested through the KKCOM and workshop dates will be announced in the future. A survey will be sent to municipalities prior to the workshops.

C. Kane County 2010 Grant Programs

Scott Berger from the Kane County Development Department reported on the kick-off of the 2010 application cycle for the Community Investment Initiatives. Mr. Berger summarized the three core programs: Community Development Block Grant Program, Riverboat Fund Program, and the Small-Cities Economic Development Program. Three application workshops will be held in the following locations: City of Geneva (October 26th), Village of North Aurora (October 28th) and City of Elgin (November 3). Workshop attendees will learn about Recovery Zone Bonds and expanded job-training opportunities available from the Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Berger can be contacted at (630)208-5351 to answer questions regarding these initiatives.

D. 2010 Meeting Schedule

Jan Ward, Deputy Director of the KKCOM, provided an overview of the 2010 proposed meeting schedule for the KKCOM Full Council and the Transportation Policy Committee. The Transportation Policy Committee will meet quarterly on the second or third Thursday and the Full Council will meet bi-annually in the spring and fall.

E. Additional Presentation

State Representative Kay Hatcher noted that the 50th Representative District's main focus is on infrastructure improvements and the guiding issues are growth, health and safety. Input on the District's needs was requested and those who have provided support and guidance were thanked. Representative Hatcher provided copies of the 2009-2010 Illinois Handbook of Government.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council of the KKCOM is on-call for April or May, 2010.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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June 4, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Batavia City Hall, Council Chambers
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Members in attendance:

Bob Nordengren	Village Manager	Village of Newark
Brendan McLaughlin	City Administrator	City of Yorkville
Carl Schoedel	County Engineer	Kane County Division of Transportation
Dale Berman	Village President	Village of North Aurora
Daryl Devick	Assistant Director of Public Works	City of Aurora
Dave Anderson	Village President	Village of Elburn
Fran Klass	County Engineer	Kendall County Highway Department
Joe Evers	City Engineer	City of Elgin
Larry Keller	Village President	Village of West Dundee
Mike Pubentz	Public Works Director	Village of Montgomery
Sandy Bell	Village Administrator	Village of Big Rock
Tony Speciale	Director of Public Works	Village of Sugar Grove

Others in attendance:

Amy Vanourek	Associate	HLR Engineering
Brad Sanderson	Vice President	EEI / Hampshire
Brian Fairwood	Associate	Transystems
Brian Plum	Regional Sales Manager	Traffic Control Corporation
Bunny Anderson	Engineer Project Liaison	Illinois Tollway Authority
Chris Rose	Community Relations Representative	Pace
Demetri Skoufis	Community Affairs	Metra
Earl Jandacek	Associate	McDonough Associates
Erin Willrett	Village Administrator	Village of Elburn
Heidi Files	Senior Transportation Planner	Kane County Division of Transportation
James Bernahl	Engineering Division Manager	City of St. Charles
James Shaw	Project Manager	ESI Consultants
Jan Ward	Deputy Director	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Jeffery Bucholc	Senior Manager	URS
Jim Lenzini	Project Manager	Engineering Enterprises Inc.
Marilyn Solomon	Field Engineer	IDOT – LRS
Mike Sullivan	Planning Liaison	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Omar Nashif	Assistant Vice President	Collins Engineers, Inc.
Patricia Berry	Principal Planner	CMAP
P.J. Fitzpatrick	Vice President	WBK Associates
Roger Valente	Area Programmer	IDOT
Ron Naylor	Senior Project Manager	Engineering Enterprises Inc.
Steve Coffinbargar	Council Director	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Sue Rushing	Community Relations	Pace
Tom Rickert	Executive Director	Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

I. Opening of Meeting

Vice Chairman Larry Keller called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

II. Approval of October 28, 2008 Minutes

Assistant Public Works Director Daryl Devick made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by President Dale Berman. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of New Recommended LAPP Projects for Potential ARRA Funding

Tony Speciale, Transportation Policy Committee Chairman, reported that the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors held a call for Local Area Pavement Preservation (LAPP) projects on April 17, 2009. The call for projects creates a list of available projects to position municipalities for any additional ARRA funds that may be reallocated to the Council. STP funds will not be programmed for these LAPP projects, thus they are not included in the fiscally constrained 5-Year STP Program.

The deadline for applications was May 4, 2009 and the Council received 25 applications. The Committee recommended adding one project per municipality for a total of 14 projects to the unfunded multi-year program.

Mr. Speciale made a motion to approve the LAPP projects, seconded by Public Works Director Mike Pubentz. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of 2009 – 2013 STP Program

Mr. Speciale reported that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors received approximately \$8.7 million in funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The STP Program was updated to include the funding and ensure that projects utilizing Recovery Act funds will be let on time. Mr. Speciale made a motion to approve the 2009 – 2013 STP Program, seconded by Mr. Pubentz. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Resolution for FY2010 Regional Planning Liaison Services

Jan Ward, Deputy Director of the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors, stated that annually KKOM receives federal transportation planning funds for regional planning liaison services. Ms. Ward recommended authorizing the Council Chairman to execute a resolution for the allocation of planning funds to the Kane County Division of Transportation for FFY2010 staff assistance to the KKOM. County Engineer Carl Schoedel made a motion to approve, seconded by City Administrator Brendan McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval to Re-Establish the Transit Committee

Heidi Files, Transportation Planner for Kane County, updated the Council on the County's upcoming studies related to Transit. County staff requested that the Council consider re-establishing the Transit Committee to act as a project steering committee and to provide a forum for municipal and agency input during the studies. The committee would consist of a representative from each municipality in Kane County, a member from Kane County staff, Pace, Metra, RTA and CMAP and may also include other Kane County elected officials. Village Administrator Sandra Bell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schoedel. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. General Business

A. Director / Planning Liaison Update

Jan Ward provided the update:

KKCOM ARRA Funding

The Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors received an \$8.68 Million allocation in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) to provide funding for eligible roadway projects. The KKOM Transportation Policy Committee recommended funding for 12 projects in 11 different communities and to the Kane County Division of Transportation. The projects are mainly for roadway resurfacing. KDOT's funding is directed towards the new Stearns Road Bridge project. All projects are expected to be let for construction between June and November of 2009.

Summary of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors			
<i>Local Agency</i>	<i>Project Limits</i>	<i>Letting Date</i>	<i>ARRA Funds</i>
Aurora	Farnsworth Avenue - Reckinger to Molitor	6/12/2009	\$637,000
Batavia	Wilson Street - Randall Rd to Raddant Rd	6/12/2009	\$1,116,328
Campton Hills	McDonald Road - Burlington to Kendall	6/12/2009	\$391,000
Kane County	Stearns Road - Randall Rd to East of Dunham	6/12/2009	\$1,100,000
St. Charles	Dean Street - IL 64 to RR Crossing	7/31/2009	\$313,727
Elgin	Summit Street - Dundee to 200' E of Hiawatha	7/31/2009	\$933,840
Carpentersville	Washington and Main - Williams to Main, Wash to Wisc	7/31/2009	\$160,000
Geneva	Kaneville Road - State to Randall	11/6/2009	\$1,064,509
Hampshire	State Street - IL Rt 72 to North of Keyes	11/6/2009	\$659,972
Montgomery	Douglas Road - US 30 to Montgomery	11/6/2009	\$800,773
South Elgin	Sundown Road - McLean to La Fox	11/6/2009	\$968,000
Sugar Grove*	Prairie Street - US 30 / IL 47 to Gordon	11/6/2009	\$536,036
* Prairie Street also has \$372,217 in STP Funds			\$8,681,185

RTA Grant Programs

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has released a Call for Projects for the Community Planning, Sub-regional Planning, Job Access Reverse Commute, and New Freedom funding programs. General background information and application forms can be accessed at the RTA website, <http://www.rtachicago.com>. Applications are due to the RTA by 3:00 pm on June 12. An application for the Ride in Kane Program, Phase III will be submitted.

Developments of Regional Importance

The second version of the proposed Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process was prepared and completed the 45-day comment period. This new version includes a set of thresholds that a development must meet before it is considered

a DRI. One of the thresholds is the generation of 50,000 auto trips per day. The process was submitted to the CMAP Board in May but the item was tabled. The process will be considered at a future date.

GO TO 2040: Invent the Future

On Wednesday, May 27th, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) launched its *Invent the Future* phase of the *GO TO 2040* regional planning process. This summer-long phase of *GO TO 2040* is being provided through numerous venues throughout the region and is timed to coincide with *Burnham Plan Centennial* activities (burnhamplan100.uchicago.edu). The *Centennial* will celebrate the plans and concepts that have shaped Chicago over the past century.

The *GO TO 2040* process provides the public with a means to build on the successes of the Burnham Plan and to shape the region's future. The public can express their vision of the future and invent scenarios for the region by providing input in a number of ways:

- Use the MetroQuest *GO TO 2040* online tool to create a growth scenario and compare it to CMAP's.
- Attend one of 50 "Invent the Future" *GO TO 2040* scenario workshops that CMAP will hold with partners across the seven counties. The locations include Waubensee Community College in Sugar Grove on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 6:30-8:30 pm and the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 6:30-8:30pm.
- Visit an interactive *GO TO 2040* kiosk at dozens of locations, including Millennium Park, Metra stations, libraries, festivals, and other sites around the region.

Upcoming Events (see www.cmap.illinois.gov/calendar.aspx for additional CMAP meetings)

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| June 5 | 24 th Annual Transport Chicago: 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.
American Dental Association Building, Chicago, IL |
| June 5-6 | Planners Training Service: Positioning Your Community for Economic Recession: 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
The Fairmont Chicago, 200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL |
| June 9 | Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting: 9:30 a.m.
CMAP Offices, Sears Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL |
| June 10 | CMAP Board and Policy Committee Meeting: 9:30 a.m.
CMAP Offices, Sears Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL |
| June 10-12 | ILCMA Summer Conference
Eagle Ridge Inn & Resort, Galena, IL |
| June 12 | CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting: 9:30 a.m.
CMAP Offices, Sears Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL |
| June 25 | Transportation and the Environment
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Offices, Downers Grove, IL |
| July 9 | Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Council: 10:00 a.m.
Kane County Government Center Auditorium |
| July 31 | CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting: 9:30 a.m.
CMAP Offices, Sears Tower, Suite 800, Chicago, IL |

B. Executive Committee Report

Vice Chairman Keller reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on March 3rd and approved advanced funding requests for DuPage, McHenry, Central, Lake and North Shore Councils of Mayors. The Councils have done a great job in catching up on spending their Surface Transportation Program (STP) dollars. With the approval of these projects, the Council of Mayors will have a negative STP balance of over \$5 million for 2009. IDOT District 1 staff reported that they have been assured by IDOT's Central Office that all projects on the April letting will go forward. The suburban Councils will be spending 2010 funds. Two of the Councils will be spending 2011 funds. A list of the thirty five locally programmed STP projects expected to be on the April letting was distributed.

Please note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that many of the projects that the Planning Liaisons and IDOT had planned for the April letting would not be obligated at that time, thus the Councils will not have a negative balance. The reasons for those delays are being documented.

The Committee asked that CMAP staff arrange a meeting between the Executive Committee officers and the Illinois legislative leaders concerning the funding splits between IDOT District One (45%) and Downstate Illinois (55%). The 45/55 split reflects how federal and state transportation dollars are currently divided. The Committee also voted to send a

letter and resolution to the northeastern Illinois delegation of the Illinois General Assembly and to Governor Quinn to express the need for a capital bill.

The Executive Committee had a spirited discussion on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. They reviewed the CMAP Principles for Infrastructure Investment and discussed ways to insure that the stimulus funds are spent wisely. The Committee discussed the importance of using the funds on projects that are ready to go and those that will be instrumental in putting people to work. If the CMAP MPO Policy Committee concurs at its next meeting, the locally programmed transportation funding from the ARRA will be distributed to the Councils of Mayors (including the city of Chicago) using the regular STP distribution formula.

The mayors discussed the desirability for consultation with IDOT on the agency's selected projects in their regions and the need to assure that the Recovery Act funds programmed by the Councils are not supplanting projects that would have been accomplished in the next year anyway. The CMAP staff has distributed a listing of eligible project types to the Councils. The Lake County Council of Mayors will use stimulus funds for its latest advance funded project if they have access to those funds.

The Executive Committee approved the Scope of Services and submittal of the Unified Work Program (UWP) proposals for the Planning Liaison Program. Lastly an informative presentation was given on congestion management and the use of roundabouts to effectively ease congestion and reduce vehicle emissions.

The next meeting of the COM Executive Committee is tentatively scheduled for the second week of June, and the members will review progress on expending the Recovery Act funds.

C. Transportation Policy Committee Report

Mr. Speciale indicated that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors received approximately \$8.7 million in funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The Transportation Policy Committee held special meetings on March 19 and March 25 to consider projects to be funded with ARRA funds. On March 25, the KKCOM's Transportation Policy Committee voted to approve and recommend the revised STP Program and ARRA fund distribution for the Full Council's consideration.

The ARRA funds were sub-allocated to the majority of municipalities within the Council, based upon their 2007 census population projections. The municipal sub-allocated funds were primarily applied towards the cost of existing projects from the STP Program. All of the projects that are receiving these ARRA funds will be let on or by November 2009.

D. Surface Transportation Program Update

Marilin Solomon, Field Engineer, provided a brief overview of the STP project status sheets, which were distributed. Ms Solomon highlighted design approval date changes for a number of projects.

E. CMAP Board Report

Mr. Pubentz indicated that President Michelini was not able to attend the meeting and will give a CMAP Board report at the next Full Council meeting.

F. CMAP Staff Report

Patricia Berry from CMAP reported that the CMAP Board is meeting next week to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Developments of Regional Importance. Posters and postcards were made available to promote the *Go To 2040* plan and website. 50 workshops will be held throughout the region during the summer and CMAP is looking for local groups to sponsor workshops. At this time, there are three scheduled for Kane and Kendall Counties. These workshops and the *Go TO 2040* website will allow residents to provide input on what the region will look like in the future. An updated STP Expenditure Report was distributed.

G. Transportation Improvement Program Update

IDOT Program Report

Roger Valente provided an updated Management Monitoring Schedule. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Spring repair projects have been moved up in the program. Mr. Valente provided an update on each of these projects, which consist of resurfacing and bridge deck repairs. Nearly all of the projects from the April letting have been awarded and projects from the May letting are expected to be awarded soon. Mr. Schoedel asked about the status of the \$150 million for the Emergency Repair Program that was included in the recently approved "mini-capital bill". Mr. Valente informed the Council that projects for the program are being recommended by individual legislators and those interested in the program should contact their legislators.

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Report

Bunny Anderson provided summary sheets detailing current Toll Authority activities. Ms. Anderson focused on construction within the I-88 corridor, specifically the work being performed with the Eola Road Interchange. Construction of the new interchange began in April and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009. Additional work is being performed at the Aurora Toll Plaza to Orchard Road to rebuild and widen a 3.4 mile section. The work is part of the Tollway's Congestion-Relief Program and expected to be completed by the summer of 2010. All of the handouts provided by Ms. Anderson are also available on the Tollway's website.

RTA Report

Jan Ward provided the RTA report for Andy Plummer. The RTA appreciates what the legislature has done and the support they received from local elected officials. Assuming the Governor signs the recent legislation, the RTA will receive \$2.7 billion in new capital funding. These funds will help put the system in good repair but the amount of funding isn't enough to enhance or expand the transit system. Nevertheless, the repairs, rehabilitation and the equipment replacements, that will result from this funding, will go beyond just making the system more reliable. For instance, rebuilding a Metra railroad bridge provides an opportunity to run heavier and faster trains on the line, and provides the potential for enhanced service such as express or reverse commute services. New railcars provide obvious tangible benefits and amenities for riders, allowing the use of existing equipment for enhanced service. New buses for Pace not only puts more reliable equipment on the street, but in the case of paratransit, it allows the agency to concentrate on the people side of the service rather than equipment leasing side. The RTA's goal is to implement their Strategic Plan and create a first-class transit system for northeastern Illinois. The RTA will continue to work with the Councils and the legislature to achieve that goal.

Metra Report

Demetri Skoufis of Metra stated that ridership is down throughout the Metra system by a total of 2% and in Kane County by 5%. Specifically, ridership on the Milwaukee District West Line to Elgin has been steady and ridership on the UP West to Elburn is down by 8%. Overall, Metra currently is on schedule 96% of the time, with most delays being due to winter conditions. Through the state "mini-capital bill", Metra is expected to receive \$290 million to purchase 160 passenger cars. In Kane County, there are planned expansions of the Elburn and Aurora station commuter lots. There are also improvements planned to the UP West line for \$112 million. Mr. Skoufis provided handouts with more information on the improvements.

Pace Report

Sue Rushing of Pace reported that ridership on fixed routes in Kane County for April totaled 159,000 with a weekday average of 6,500 trips. Overall 2009 system-wide ridership is down 9% due to the economic downturn, the discontinuance of accepting most CTA passes, and bad weather during the earlier part of the year. The Ride in Kane demand response program had a total of 8,000 trips for the month of April. Pace anticipates receiving \$33 million from the Economic Stimulus package to replace 162 paratransit vehicles, 44 vans, 58 30-foot buses and 84 maintenance and non-revenue vehicles. Newer buses will use less fuel and have lower maintenance costs, which will immediately help to reduce operating expenses. Federal guidelines state that this stimulus money must be used for capital infrastructure, such as the purchase of buses and construction of buildings, and can not be used to fund operations. As a result, the money can not be used to enhance or expand bus service.

Finally, last year Pace Chairman Richard Kwasneski formed the Blue Ribbon Committee on Paratransit to review and make recommendations on paratransit operations, customer service and the structure of the ADA advisory Committee. The panel met numerous times and presented 28 recommendations at the December 4, 2008 Pace Board of Director's meeting. This year, the Pace Board acted on one of the recommendations to establish two 15-member ADA Advisory Committees, one focusing on the needs of Chicago paratransit users and other on paratransit and fixed route service in the suburbs. The new Committees met for the first time last week to evaluate Pace's services and policies and give feedback to Pace staff about service enhancements.

Kendall County Report

No report.

Kane County Report

County Engineer Carl Schoedel provided updates on the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor. The first contract was let in April and 3 additional contracts for the project will be on the June letting.

Municipal Reports

No reports.

V. Other Business

A. Election of KKCOM Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Vice-Chairman Keller appointed a nominating committee of President Marilyn Michelini, Mayor Ed Shock and County Engineer Carl Schoedel.

B. Other Business

Tom Rickert introduced Jan Ward as the Deputy Director of the Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors.

VI. Next Meeting

On-call in October or November 2009.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.