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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 14, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

Via Zoom Video Conference

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82826708620?pwd=ZUs0YWtkemtEdGl1czNXa3Fwd04](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82826708620?pwd=ZUs0YWtkemtEdGl1czNXa3Fwd045Zz09)

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2021 (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve of Minutes
- III. Agency Reports**
 - a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment B)
 - b. IDOT Local Roads Update
 - c. IDOT Highways Report
 - d. Illinois Tollway
 - e. Metra (Attachment C)
 - f. Pace (Attachment D)
 - g. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion
- IV. North Shore Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP)**
 - a. **Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Update (Attachment E)**
Staff will present an updated status sheet for the FFY 2021-2025 program and highlight the changes that were made.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- V. CRRSAA Funding Options (Attachment F)**
Staff will present a viable option for the use of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funding with Skokie-Lake in Wilmette and Gross Point Rd in Skokie projects.
Action Requested: Approval of funding
- VI. North Shore Council of Mayor Technical Committee Procedures (Attachment G)**
Following additional feedback from the committee, staff recommends approval of the revised guidance for technical committee procedures.
Action Requested: Approval of procedures
- VII. Request for Special Meeting**
Staff is requesting a special meeting on November 18 to discuss how remaining FFY 2022 STP funds should be allocated.
Action Requested: Approval of special meeting

VIII. Proposed Meeting Dates for FFY 2022 (Attachment H)

Staff requests approval of the proposed meeting dates for Federal Fiscal Year 2022.
Action Requested: Approval of meeting dates

IX. Other Business

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom video conference.

XI. Adjourn

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**NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF MAYORS
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 15, 2021
8:30 a.m.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Attendance

Patrick Brennan, Village of Kenilworth, *Chair*
Emily Grimm, Village of Winnetka
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Chris Tomich, Morton Grove
Matt Farmer, Village of Northbrook
Samantha Maximilian, Village of Skokie
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette
Mary Weber, Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning
Sam Wright, Cook County Department of Transportation
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Steve Andrews, Pace
John Mick, Baxter & Woodman
Tony Wolff, Ciorba Group
Salvatore DiBernardo, Ciorba Group
James Tibble, Civiltech
Jim Amelio, CBBEL
Mark Buwen, Horner & Shifrin
Sagar Sonar, Kimley-Horn
Tammy Wierciak, Metro Strategies
Jarrod Cebulski, Patrick Engineering
John Biessel, Robinson Engineering
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Andre Santos, Traffic Control Corporation
Dave Block, TranSystems
Todd Bright, TranSystems
Kendra Johnson, NWMC
Mark Fowler, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and a roll call was taken for attendance.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2021

Mr. Tomich moved approval of the April 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Webb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports

a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Ms. Weber announced that public comments were open for the Surface Transportation Program's Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program, and the locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program. She added that comments were due by July 30. She noted that CMAP staff was available to present on their Transportation Fees, Fines and Fares report. She also announced a CMAP Talks event on designing safer streets which offers a deep dive into different design solutions and how they can assist in achieving components of CMAP's regional safety action agenda.

b. IDOT Local Roads

Written report provided.

c. IDOT Highways

No report.

d. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported on the expansion of their toll assist program, which was originally scheduled to end in June. She also announced the extension of the toll violation relief program until August 2021. She reminded the committee that the Illinois Tollway has moved to cashless tolling and is maintaining the 14-day grace period allowing customers to pay unpaid tolls without additional fines or fees. She reported long term planning initiatives are under way to determine the future of toll plazas and to improve safety for users. She also reported that the Tollway is working to spread awareness of the state's move over law.. Finally, she reported construction for the 10th year of the Illinois Tollway Capital program was underway and noted additional details on the I-490 Tollway Project and the I-294 project.

e. Metra

No report.

f. Pace

Mr. Andrews reported that Pace was averaging about 50,000 daily riders, which is approximately 55 percent of their pre-pandemic ridership. He noted that fixed route ridership remains steady but they were seeing an uptick in ADA/paratransit service use. He reported Pace is beginning to look at the restoration of services affected by the pandemic and that seven routes would be resuming normal service beginning in August, including several school trip routes. Mr. Andrews announced the release of Pace's draft strategic plan, called Driving Innovation, which is accepting public comment until August. He reported that contracts were awarded for the Pulse Dempster line's station fabrication and vertical markers and that they expect construction for that line to begin soon. Mr. Brennan asked whether Pace expects service to return exactly to what it was before the pandemic, or if there would be adjustments based on the trends in ridership caused by the pandemic. Mr. Andrews responded that Pace would be taking a look at ridership data and trends to assess each route and that there would likely be adjustments based on their assessments. He noted that the new Driving Innovation draft was edited to include these types of assessments and COVID-related issues to envision what the plan is to restore routes. Mr. Sonar asked what future plans are for Pulse service after the Dempster line is finished. Mr. Andrews reported that the Pulse Halsted and 95th Street lines were in development. Mr. Tomich asked what the status was of the contractor mobilization for the Dempster line. Mr. Andrews reported that they were finalizing intergovernmental agreements, but there was not a set timeline at present. He said that municipalities should hear from contractors soon if they have not already, and that work would begin soon. Mr. Tomich asked for the names of the contractors, and Mr. Andrews replied that the station platforms

were being handled by Landmark Contractors, South Water Signs were handling the vertical markers and Brasco would be handling the shelters.

g. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Mr. Wright reported that the Happ Road project received design approval at the end of March, and would be moving on to Phase II engineering soon. He noted that the County was continuing work on their Bike Plan and that outreach would continue this year. He noted the final Invest in Cook program will be going to the County Board for approval at their next meeting, and applicants should have been contacted to let them know if their project was included. Mr. Wright highlighted the Invest in America bill which included a number of member designated projects, including a portion of the Skokie Valley Trail. Mr. Brennan noted that Bike Plan Open Houses were held on July 13 and July 14, and to reach out to Mr. Wright if they needed further information.

IV. North Shore Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP)

a. Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Update

Ms. Johnson reported that the Gross Point Road project submitted pre-final plans at the end of May, and that the Devon Ave project had an obligation extension granted for the ENG II.

b. Village of Morton Grove Cost Change Request

Ms. Johnson reported that the Village would be withdrawing two projects that were programmed in FFY 2021, and were requesting additional funding for their Austin Ave project for ENG II due to delays. She noted that since the next NWMC Board meeting would not occur until September 9, full North Shore Council approval would need to happen through an email proxy vote or through a separate meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors. Mr. Tomich noted that the project incurred extra costs of approximately \$60 thousand dollars due to delays in right of way acquisition that required the PESA to be redone. Mr. Brennan asked whether the land acquisition was back on track, and Mr. Tomich responded that the Village has asked IDOT for quick-take authority and that they have indicated their support.

Mr. Manis moved to approve the request. Ms. Webb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

V. North Shore Representation on CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Ms. Johnson reported that as a result of Glencoe Village President Larry Levin decision to not seek reelection, Northfield Village President Greg Lungmus expressed an interest in filling the role. Mr. Fowler noted that Technical Committee approval of President Lungmus' appointment was needed before it could be made official.

Mr. Tomich moved approval of President Lungmus' appointment. Ms. Webb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

VI. Formalization of North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee Procedures

Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the draft procedures that staff prepared. She asked for feedback from the Committee and that staff would include any revisions for formal approval at the next Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Tomich noted that the current draft covers the basics but would like to see more detail included in the final draft. Ms. Johnson noted that she would resend the document to the group with a deadline for comments and additions.

VII. Other Business

None.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mr. Brennan noted the next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Tomich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Manis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CMAP Updates – October 4, 2021**CMAP News**

The CMAP office is now open daily at approximately 50% capacity. [Staff](#) are assigned to teams on a rotating schedule for in-office and remote work. [CMAP committee meetings](#) may be held in-person or virtually, depending on the unique situations and requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that apply to each committee.

For general questions, you can send an email through our [contact form](#) and remember to stay up-to-date by subscribing to CMAP's Weekly Update emails or [viewing online](#).

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring an [Associate Policy Analyst](#) under the Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs (PILA) division. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to learn more.

State of the Region: Prosperity with Purpose

[Register here](#) for CMAP's first-ever [State of the Region](#) event on **Thursday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m.** The event will include a state of the region address by executive director Erin Aleman and a ceremony for the winners of CMAP's 2021 Regional Excellence Awards.

The keynote speech will be delivered by public health expert and medical executive Dr. Suzet McKinney. Dr. McKinney, principal and director of life sciences at Sterling Bay, will discuss how life sciences can provide good-paying jobs and help the regional economy recover from the pandemic.

CMAP receives \$1 million grant for regional innovation

CMAP was recently [awarded a \\$1 million grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Regional Infrastructure Accelerators grant program. These funds will help CMAP and the region pursue innovative funding sources for bridge rehabilitations, Americans with Disabilities Act transitions, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. CMAP is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to working with our partners on accelerating critical regional infrastructure investments.

Program Status Updates**CRRSAA Program**

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act included a local government component that resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. Eligibility for these funds are similar to the STP funds distributed to the councils and CDOT on an annual basis. As such, CMAP has [distributed](#) these funds in a manner that is similar the annual STP-Local distribution process.

CMAP has also developed [guidance](#) for the programming and active program management of these CRRSAA funds to maximize the impact of these funds on the region's recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic. To ensure that funds are obligated prior to sunset, project selection will balance consideration of the amount of funds available, project readiness, and implementing projects that have a meaningful innovation, equity and safety impact on the region's ongoing recovery efforts. The region will seek to advance projects from existing STP programs into the current federal fiscal year and utilize our existing methodologies for determining programming limits – such as the amount of local match that must be provided by project sponsors, maximum funding participation, and the phases of projects eligible for funding. We will also rely on the region's strong active program management policies and procedures – such as establishing obligation deadlines and providing quarterly project status updates – to ensure timely obligation of these limited funds.

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Surface Transportation Program

On September 9, 2021 the STP Project Selection Committee (PSC) reviewed public [comments](#) and approved the FFY 2022 – 2026 STP Shared Fund [active](#) and [contingency](#) programs. Staff has prepared a TIP amendment incorporating the program. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will consider the Transportation Committee's recommendation for approval at their joint meeting on October 13th.

The next STP PSC meeting will be held on October 28, 2021. A full calendar of 2021 meetings is available on the [committee web page](#). Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds is for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) reviewed public [comments](#) and recommended approval of the FFY 2022 - 2026 [CMAQ](#) and [TAP-L](#) programs on September 9, 2021. Staff has prepared a TIP amendment incorporating the programs. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will consider the Transportation Committee's recommendation for approval at their joint meeting on October 13th.

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824), [Elliott Lewis](#)

Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAP is placing increased attention on traffic safety as the number of fatalities and injuries continue to increase, and we've lacked progress towards meeting federally required safety performance targets. As part of our commitment to safety, CMAP has formed a Safety Resource Group to inform a 'Regional Safety Action Agenda' to recommend safety improvements through the lenses of equity, engineering, education, enforcement and emergency services and public health. The Resource Group includes members from across these fields to prioritize actions, build consensus and develop safety tools, resources and policy for our regional partners. An [update](#) on the group's work was presented at the July 16, 2021 CMAP Transportation Committee.

Staff Contact: [Victoria Jacobsen](#)

CMAP Products and Data

Understanding the costs and benefits of tax incentives

Local governments often use tax incentives to encourage development and strengthen their communities. But before using these tools, they must ask whether tax incentives are the most effective way to achieve their community's goals.

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has created [Are tax incentives the right tool for this development?](#), a new pamphlet to help local governments in northeastern Illinois assess the costs and benefits of three common incentive types: tax increment financing districts, sales tax rebates, and property tax abatements. This piece is a companion to [Improving local development incentives](#), a technical guide published in 2020 that provides clear strategies and practices for more effective incentive use.

How communities are helping residents age in place

Planning for aging populations is not a new concept, but it is becoming more important as the [number of seniors in northeastern Illinois grows](#). Older adults face unique challenges when it comes to being active. But historically, buildings and communities have not been designed to address their needs. Today, municipalities across northeastern Illinois — from Bolingbrook to Oak Park — are working on initiatives to allow people to remain in their communities. Learn more [here](#).

New Community Data Snapshots

CMAP recently updated its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with [new data from the 2020 Census](#). These data-rich snapshots — one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities.

The new census data has been incorporated into the General Population Characteristics table, which includes information on total population, total households, average household size, and percent population change since 2010 and 2000. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

Funding Opportunities

FY 2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) Call for Projects

The UWP, which provides federal funding for transportation planning within the CMAP metropolitan planning area, consists of a core program and competitive program of planning activities. A [call for FY 2023 projects](#) issued by CMAP's UWP committee on October 1, 2021 will be open through October 27, 2021. Competitive program proposals will be scored by the UWP Committee based on the Evaluation Criteria detailed in the Process Memo approved by the committee.

Truck Access Route Program (TARP)

On September 3, 2021, IDOT released [Circular Letter](#) 2021-22 announcing the availability of \$7 million for the FY 2023 TARP. Funding is available for roadway sections eligible for upgrading to a designated truck route. Eligible routes must terminate at a designated truck route or municipality and begin at a truck generator, another designated truck route or municipality. Roadway sections previously upgraded with TRAP funds are not eligible. The TARP is not intended for pavement preservation or maintenance projects and may be used for construction only. The program will provide up to \$45,000 per lane mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection, with total project funding up to one-half of the project cost, subject to a maximum of \$900,000 per project. Applications must be submitted to the District Local Roads and Streets office by **5:00 pm on October 15, 2021**.

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) issued a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements grant program for nearly \$362 million. The program will fund a variety of projects including those that deploy railroad safety technology, capital projects that address rail service congestion challenges, reduce congestion and facilitate ridership growth along heavily traveled rail corridors, and/or improve short-line or regional railroad infrastructure, highway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, and rail line relocation and improvement projects. States, local governments, intercity rail passenger carriers, Class II and Class III railroads, and others are eligible to apply through www.grants.gov by **5:00 pm ET on November 29, 2021**. Match rates may vary based on the source of awarded funding. An [informational webinar](#) will be held on Tuesday, September 21. Additional details can be found in the [NOFO](#).

Hometown grants

T-Mobile has partnered with Smart Growth America and Main Street America to invest in small towns and rural communities through the [Hometown Grants program](#). Communities with 50,000 or fewer residents can apply for up to \$50,000.

Public Input

IDOT Data-Driven Decision Tool

IDOT is seeking feedback **through October 27, 2021** on a new tool that will be used to drive project selection based on data, such as crash experience, congestion, and more. The survey is available at idot.click/data-driven-decisions – survey questions ask about what data should be used, what you think the relative importance of the data categories is, and other questions regarding prioritizing projects for funding. Visit the IDOT Data-Driven Decisions web page for more information, including the presentation and recording from IDOT's recent webinar.

Contact: DOT.STIP@illinois.gov

Share your thoughts on planning projects

Plans that reflect the values and priorities of their communities require meaningful public participation from residents and stakeholders. The [Engage with CMAP](#) website allows residents to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns on current planning projects in the region. Stay informed and connected by checking out the site. We look forward to hearing from you!

Opportunities

Cook County small business advising program

The Cook County COVID-19 Recovery: Small Business Advising Program offers advising for small businesses throughout Cook County. The program provides one-on-one business advising to help business owners address their unique needs, including acquiring new capital and customers; understanding financial, change, and risk management; adjusting business models; and operating under new safety regulations. Learn more about the [advising program and other resources](#).

National Highway Institute (NHI) Web-based Training

The NHI has no-cost trainings available that are recommended for engineers and construction workers. These includes topics such as such as Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges, Chip Seal Best Practices, Pipe Installation, Inspection, and Quality, Introduction to a Transportation Asset Management Plan and Hot In-Place Recycling. To browse courses and register visit <http://bit.ly/nhitraining> and enter your government email.

*Office of the CEO/Executive Director*

September 27, 2021

Dear Mayors and Managers,

As a community on one of the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad lines in the Metra system, I wanted to personally inform you of recent developments regarding our agreements and service in your area. I believe it is important that you have the most accurate information to avoid any misinterpretation that may negatively impact your constituents and community members.

Let me start with this assurance: ***Metra and Union Pacific are committed to making sure service on all 3 lines is not interrupted due to these recent developments.***

To explain what is happening, I should start with some basic background information. The three UP lines in the Metra system – the UP North, Northwest and West lines – are owned by Union Pacific Railroad, which operates the commuter train service along their tracks with their own employees but with Metra-owned equipment. UP has a contract with Metra, known as a Purchase of Service Agreement (PSA), under which Metra pays UP a subsidy for commuter rail operations.

When the current PSA came up for renewal in 2019, UP informed Metra that it would like to change this arrangement. UP asked Metra to take over most operations of the commuter service (which would mean many UP employees would become Metra employees) and pay UP fees to use its tracks. Metra was agreeable to such an arrangement if it made operational sense and if our payment for trackage fees did not exceed what we were paying in subsidies. UP, however, wanted Metra's payment to reflect "fair market value."

We have not yet reached an agreement with UP and the current PSA has been extended several times. We fully expect further extensions until we can reach a mutual agreement.

During our negotiations, Metra and UP disagreed about an obscure, but critical, part of railroad law. We contended UP had a "common carrier obligation" to operate commuter service, and that it could not simply decide to stop. UP, although insisting it has no intention to simply decide to stop, contended that it does not have a "common carrier obligation" and filed a federal lawsuit asking a judge to settle our disagreement.

On September 23, U.S. District Judge Jorge Alonso ruled in UP's favor. As the judge himself wrote, "That conclusion does not mean that commuter rail service will cease on those lines." Instead, it means we will continue to negotiate a new agreement with UP in a landscape somewhat more defined by the judge's ruling. (Metra can also appeal the decision, but we have not yet decided.)

Again, both Metra and Union Pacific are committed to maintaining the status quo until a new agreement can be reached. In fact, in response to Judge Alonso's ruling, UP told reporters, "We've always said, and reaffirm today, we want to work collaboratively with Metra to ensure a smooth transfer of service with no disruption to passenger service."

Throughout this process, Metra has prioritized its obligation to ensure uninterrupted service while protecting the interests of customers, municipal partners and the taxpayers of northeastern Illinois. We remain hopeful we can reach an amicable agreement in the near future with Union Pacific.

Best Regards,



James M. Derwinski
CEO/Executive Director
Metra



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steven Andrews | (847) 997-1509 | Steven.Andrews@PaceBus.com

Pace 2022 Budget Hearings Announced

In person and virtual options offered for public input on historic proposal

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL – Pace will hold eight public hearings on its proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget Programs, 2022-2024 Financial Plan for Operations, and 2022-2026 Capital Plan. Four meetings will be held virtually and four will be held in person. All meetings will be live streamed with closed captioning at www.pacebus.com/streaming. The proposed budget includes a fully funded operational budget for fixed route and paratransit services, a robust capital plan, and no fare increase.

If approved, the budget will fund the largest service expansion in Pace's history with \$7 million for new fixed route service, \$5 million for regional partnerships with transportation network companies, and an additional \$3 million for demand response service. The proposal also includes the largest infrastructure expansion in the agency's history with an investment of more than \$300 million in capital projects (thanks to Rebuild Illinois), including a \$10 million electric bus pilot at Waukegan's North Division. The continuation of Fair Transit Cook County Pilot Project service improvements on Pace Route 352 Halsted and the discontinuation of Pace Route 602 Higgins - Salem – Cedarcrest are also proposed.

Registration is required for those who would like to provide live comments during a virtual public hearing. Those wishing to offer public comment must register at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing start time and must log in to the meeting no later than 10 minutes after the hearing start time. Live commenters must provide an email address to receive instructions on how to access the public hearing on Zoom. Registration links are available by clicking on the desired virtual meeting at <https://www.pacebus.com/public-meetings>.

No virtual public comments may be offered at in-person public hearings. In-person public hearings may be subject to cancellation and substituted with a virtual public hearing held at the same time and date. The same information will be presented at all hearings.

Those who cannot attend a public hearing may comment on the proposed budget through Pace's website at <https://www.pacebus.com/public-hearing-feedback>, by email to public.hearings@pacebus.com, by telephone to 847-354-7943, or by mail to: Pace, Community Relations Department, 550 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4412. All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 29, 2021.

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend a public hearing in person or wish to view a public hearing virtually and who require accommodations other than transportation, and individuals who require translation into a language other than English to allow them to view and/or participate are requested to contact Pace at (847) 364-7223 option 3, no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

The proposed 2022 budget document will be available after October 20, 2021, on Pace's website at <https://www.pacebus.com/budgets>, at most public libraries, township, city, and village offices in the six county Pace region, and at Pace, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

PACE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
City of Chicago Budget Public Hearing	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 11:00 am	Virtual
Cook County Budget Public Hearing	Friday, October 22, 2021 1:00 pm	Virtual
Cook County Budget Public Hearing	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:00 pm	River Grove Village Hall 2621 N. Thatcher Ave. River Grove, IL 60171
DuPage County Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, October 21, 2021 4:00 pm	DuPage County Admin. Building 421 N. County Farm Rd. Room 3500B Wheaton, IL 60187
Kane County Budget Public Hearing	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:00 pm	Kane County Government Center, Auditorium 719 S. Batavia Avenue Geneva, IL 60134
Lake County Budget Public Hearing	Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:00 pm	Virtual
McHenry County Budget Public Hearing	Monday, October 25, 2021 4:30 pm	Crystal Lake City Hall Council Chambers 100 W. Woodstock Str. Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Will County Budget Public Hearing	Friday, October 29, 2021 12:00 pm	Virtual

				NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF MAYORS FFY 2021-2025 PROGRAM						Target Letting/Auth.	COUNCIL MARKS					
TIP ID	Project	Muni/Lead	Phase	Programmed:	2021	2022 - STP-L	2023	2024	2025		2021	2022 - STP-L	2022 - CRRSAA	2023	2024	2025
				Balance:	\$4,332,260	\$4,355,692	\$4,147,282	\$4,147,282	\$4,147,282		\$4,365,411	\$4,663,576	\$1,283,163	\$4,147,282	\$4,147,282	\$4,147,282
					\$33,151	\$307,884	\$0	\$0	\$0	Notes						
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	ROW		\$45,500					Oct-20	Placed in AC 10/15/20					
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	ROW		\$59,500					Mar-22	Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	ENG II		\$29,000					Mar-22	Agreements submitted 8/20/21; Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	CON/CE			\$2,852,000				Mar-22						
02-16-0005	US 41 Skokie Blvd at Lake Ave	Village of Wilmette	ENG II		\$53,048					Jan-22	Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-16-0005	US 41 Skokie Blvd at Lake Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE			\$729,422				Sep-22						
02-16-0003	Kenilworth Ave from Green Bay Rd to Sheridan Rd	Village of Kenilworth	CON/CE		\$749,060					Jan-21	Original \$514,060 in ACC. Amendments in process for additional \$235k					
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Village of Lincolnwood	ENG II		\$113,925					Mar-22	Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Village of Lincolnwood	CON					\$1,678,068		Jan-23	Requested \$2,931,586					
02-13-0002	Austin Ave from Lincoln Ave to Oakton St	Village of Morton Grove	ENG II		\$58,927					Jan-22	ENG II funding is supplemental; Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-13-0002	Austin Ave from Lincoln Ave to Oakton St	Village of Morton Grove	CON				\$2,314,282			Mar-22						
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd	Village of Winnetka	ENG II			\$393,927				Nov-22						
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON					\$2,469,214		Aug-24						
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	City of Evanston	ENG II		\$286,120					Nov-21	Agreements submitted 4/8/2021					
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	City of Evanston	CON						\$3,204,543	Jan-24						
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Village of Northfield	ENG II		\$455,000					Nov-21	Obligation extension to 3/30/22					
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Village of Northfield	CON				\$1,833,000			Jan-24	Requested \$4,545,222					
02-18-0007	Chestnut Ave from LeHigh Ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Glenview	CON*		\$2,482,180					Apr-22	Obligation extension to 3/18/22					
02-20-0018	Lawndale Ave, Central Park Ave, Northeast Pkwy	Village of Lincolnwood	CON/CE*			\$380,343				Mar-22	Requested \$596,000					
02-20-0017	Howard St Resurfacing	Village of Skokie	CON*						\$942,739	Jan-23	Requested \$2,720,000					
Contingency Program											<div>In Advance Construction</div> <div>Converted from AC</div> <div>Project Let</div> <div>* eligible for 80/20 match ratio</div> <div>FFY= Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)</div> <div>ENG II= Phase II Engineering (50/50 match ratio)</div> <div>ROW= Right of Way (50/50 match ratio)</div> <div>CON/CE= Construction/Construction Engineering</div>					
N/A	Skokie Blvd Resurfacing	Village of Northbrook	CON		\$1,827,120											
N/A	Glenview Rd and LeHigh Ave Roadway & Ped Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON			\$3,225,760										
N/A	Shermer Rd Resurfacing	Village of Northbrook	CON		\$966,760											
N/A	Walters Ave Resurfacing	Village of Northbrook	CON		\$780,160											
N/A	Wilmette Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON			\$883,440										
N/A	Shermer Rd Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON		\$2,386,840											
N/A	Beckwith Rd Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	CON			\$622,000										
N/A	Gross Point Rd Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	CON			\$770,000										
N/A	Harlem Ave Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	ENG II		\$42,000											
N/A	Harlem Ave Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	CON			\$1,078,000										
N/A	Shermer Rd Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	ENG II		\$42,000											
N/A	Shermer Rd Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	CON			\$980,000										
N/A	Central Ave Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	ENG II		\$21,000											
N/A	Central Ave Resurfacing	Village of Morton Grove	CON			\$511,000										
				Subtotals	\$6,065,880	\$7,559,200	\$0	\$0	\$0							
								Total	\$13,625,080							

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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee**
Proposed Procedural Guidance
September 29, 2021

Definitions

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Committee.” The Chairperson of the committee shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Chair”.

Intent

This document is non-binding and intended to serve as general guidance to committee members and staff regarding the operations and structure of the committee.

Purpose of Organization

The Committee serves to make programming recommendations regarding the North Shore Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) to the full North Shore Council of Mayors, which may be convened during any meeting of the NWMC Board of directors. STP-L programming decisions approved by the committee, especially as they concern cost and schedule changes, must receive final approval from the full North Shore Council of Mayors.

Membership & Voting

Membership on the committee is comprised of one representative from each of the following communities: Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka. The primary representative should submit an email to the Planning Liaison prior to the start of the federal fiscal year (October 1). One (1) alternate representative for the municipality may also be designated at that time if desired. If a representative or alternate representative is unable to attend a meeting, the member may designate, in writing, an authorized representative who shall be entitled to vote on behalf of the member. Each member shall be entitled to one vote which may be cast by its representative, alternative representative or authorized representative.

Selection of Committee Chair and Duties

The Chair is to be selected on a volunteer first come, first serve basis and confirmed by a majority vote of the committee at the start of the first meeting following the vacancy created by the previous Chair. The Chair is responsible for guiding the committee through the meeting agenda. In the case of the Chair’s planned absence from a meeting staff may ask or the committee may nominate a current member of the committee to serve as temporary Chair which is to be confirmed by a majority vote.

Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings shall be held quarterly on the third Thursday of the month beginning in October, in accordance with the federal fiscal year. A quorum of at least 2/3 majority or at least 13 members of the committee must be present to conduct business. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the committee chair and/or staff on an as-needed basis so long as quorum is present to conduct the meeting. An agenda for the meeting will be sent out the week prior. Meetings are to be held virtually unless an in-person meeting is requested by staff or a member of the committee.

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TO: North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee

FROM: Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation

DATE: October 14, 2021

RE: North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee Meeting Dates for FFY 2022

Below are the proposed North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee meeting dates for FFY 2022. Unless an in-person meeting is requested by staff or a member of the committee, all meetings will be held virtually.

Thursday	January 20, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	April 21, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	July 21, 2022	8:30 a.m.
Thursday	October 20, 2022	8:30 a.m.