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Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Thursday, December 21, 2017

8:30 a.m.

**NWMC Offices
1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700 Des Plaines**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of November 30, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action requested: Approval of minutes
- III. Cook County Freight Plan (Attachment B)**
Alex Beata, Freight Transportation Manager for the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, will update the committee on the development of the Cook County Freight Plan, which encompasses transportation, land use, workforce, and institutional issues. This effort grows out of Connecting Cook County, the long-range transportation plan approved in August, 2016.
Action requested: Informational
- IV. Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Selection Committee Update (Attachment C)**
On December 12, the STP Project Selection Committee held its first meeting at CMAP. The committee will establish active program management strategies for all STP projects and will determine the methodology for selecting projects to receive STP funds from the regional Shared Fund. Staff will provide an update.
Action requested: Informational
- V. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update**
Staff will present an update on topics discussed at the December 19 NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting.
Action requested: Informational
- VI. CMAP Update**
An update on relevant activities from CMAP's committees will be provided.
Action requested: Informational
- VII. Agency Reports**
- VIII. Other Business**
- IX. Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at NWMC offices.
- X. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 30, 2017
8:30 a.m.
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Des Plaines, IL**

Members Present:

Rod Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Jeff Brady, Director of Planning, Village of Glenview
Peter Falcone, Assistant to the Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Bill Grossi, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Mark Janeck, Director of Public Works, Village of Wheeling
Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg
Anne Marrin, Village Administrator, Village of Fox Lake
Matt Roan, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village
Greg Summers, Director of Development Services, Village of Barrington

Others Present:

Steve Andrews, Pace
Vicky Czaprynski, Illinois Tollway
Sean Dorsey, Village of Mount Prospect
Jane Grover, CMAP
Tim Grzesiakowski, TMA of Lake-Cook
Dan Jedrzejak, Chastain and Associates
Rick Mack, Metra
Brian Pigeon, NWMC
Andy Plummer, RTA
Katelyn Renteria, Metra
Karyn Robles, Village of Schaumburg
Mike Walczak, NWMC
Rocco Zuccherro, Illinois Tollway

I. Call to Order

Co-Chair Craig called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and had those present provide introductions.

II. Approval of October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Trustee Israel, seconded by Mr. Roan, the committee voted to approve the October 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

III. Illinois Tollway 2018 Budget and Project Update

Mr. Zuccherro discussed the highlights of the Tollway's \$1.45 billion 2018 budget. The capital program includes design engineering and right-of-way acquisition for I-490, engineering for I-294 widening and new westbound ramps from Roselle Road to the Jane Addams Tollway. He also discussed the recently implemented smart corridor on the Jane Addams and the opening of the extension of Route 390 to Route 83. Mayor Craig asked about the status of the extension of Route 390 (Elgin O'Hare Western Access) to I-294. Mr. Zuccherro responded that the Tollway and the railroads are getting closer on right-of-way issues.

Mayor Craig asked about the schedule for the 294 widening. Mr. Zuccherro responded that construction on the bridges will begin in 2019, with mainline construction starting in 2022 and finishing in 2025. Mr. Walczak asked about the status of the Route 53/120 extension study. Mr. Zuccherro said that the study is well under way and focusing on data collection. It will likely take two years.

IV. RTA Regional Transit Strategic Plan

Mr. Plummer presented the RTA's draft Regional Transit Strategic Plan, discussing the financial background including lower revenues, no bonding program, and lower federal funding. The plan shows that other regions have invested more in their transit systems. It identifies where investments should be made in strong transit markets, including suburban Cook County. Mr. Plummer added that RTA needs municipal help, such as zoning changes and Transit-Oriented Development to make transit more attractive.

Mayor Craig voiced the need for more real time transit information. Mr. Plummer said the system is expanding, but they also need to accommodate those without technology such as smartphones. Mr. Plummer also discussed the need for transit agencies to work with private mobility providers. Mayor Craig suggested RTA clearly show the public the future financial forecasts and how they are not sustainable. Trustee Israel recommended the agency stress the value of transit to taxpayers.

V. CMAP Update

Ms. Grover told the committee that CMAP is currently undergoing its required federal certification review process. She also plans to present the On To 2050 plan preview at a future meeting. Mr. Walczak noted that the Shared Fund Committee will hold its first meeting in December.

VI. Agency Reports

Mr. Andrews announced growing ridership on Pace's I-90 service and that construction on the Pulse Milwaukee Line has already begun. He also announced Pace is continuing to add real-time signs, focusing on hub locations. Mayor Craig asked if Route 450 will serve the Barrington Road park-and-ride station. Mr. Andrews responded that the route modifications are still being planned, but current plans have some but not all busses serving the station. Mayor Craig also asked about who maintains Pace shelters. Mr. Andrews said that Pace maintains those with advertising, locals maintain non-advertising shelters.

Mr. Mack announced that Metra's board approved their budget, which increases fares and makes selected service cuts. He also announced that Metra will be undertaking a fare structure study starting at the December Metra Board meeting. They will then solicit public comment, including from NWMC.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Next Meeting

Co-Chair Craig reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Israel, seconded by Mr. Summers, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m.



Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee

December 21, 2017

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AGENDA

Introduction to the Cook County Freight Plan

- Where we've been
- Where we are
- Where we're going

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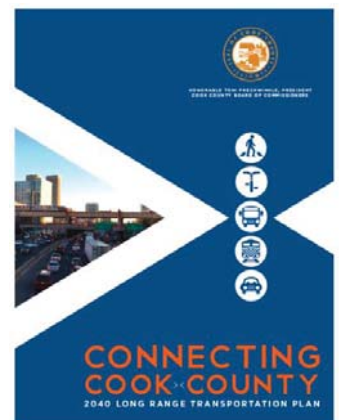
WHERE WE'VE BEEN

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CONNECTING COOK COUNTY

- Investigated existing conditions
- Compiled needs and set goals
- Involved the public
- Consulted with experts and leaders

*Approved by Cook County
Board in August 2016*



LRTP PRIORITIES

- Prioritize Transit and Other Transportation Alternatives
- **Support the Region's Role as North America's Freight Capital**
- Promote Equal Access to Opportunities
- Maintain and Modernize What Already Exists
- Increase Investments in Transportation



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RECENT FREIGHT INVESTMENTS



- **Touhy Avenue project**
- **I-294/North Ave interchange improvements**
- **Cullerton Street project**
- **2017 Invest in Cook program**
 - Seven freight projects
 - \$4M in IDOT EDP awards
- **2014-17, 4 projects leveraged \$119M in external grants and \$62M in private investment**

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WHERE WE ARE

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COOK COUNTY FREIGHT CHALLENGE

- **Extensive, multimodal freight network is backbone of County's economy**
 - Supports key industries like manufacturing and trade
 - Freight industries: 56 percent of economic output
 - Employment growth in TDL firms
- **Freight faces significant challenges to its long-term success**
 - Infrastructure
 - Land use
 - Workforce

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FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES

Truck Route Connectivity



Pavement Condition

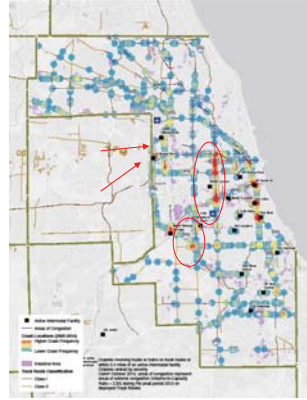


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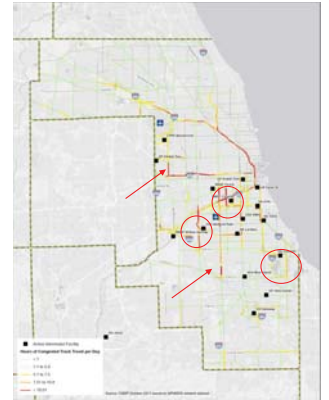
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FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES

Truck Safety



Truck Congestion



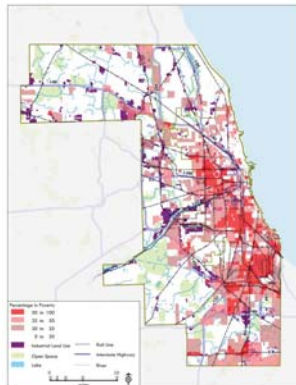
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LAND USE CHALLENGES

- Misalignment between job locations and available workers
- High rates of vacant or underutilized industrial property
 - 40 percent in Chicago
 - 50 percent in south Cook
- Challenges to reuse of land
 - Site consolidation
 - Brownfield status / environmental contamination
 - High tax rates, back taxes, cloudy titles

High Poverty vs. Industrial Land Use



Source: CMAP, US Census

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WORKFORCE CHALLENGES

- **Changing workforce**
 - Aging workforce
 - Railroad workers retiring
 - Difficulty filling specialized positions: truck drivers, welders, forklift operators, and others
- **Gap between available workers and available jobs**
 - TDL jobs are growing while manufacturing and construction industries are losing jobs
 - Training programs to match skills and jobs
- **Next generation challenges**
 - Millennials may be less interested in freight/manufacturing jobs
 - Potential upcoming shortages in replacement workforce

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INDUSTRY INPUT

- Cook County conducted interviews with South and North/Northwest suburban manufacturing and logistics firms
- **Emerging Themes:**
 - Need to improve infrastructure condition, especially local facilities
 - Difficulty in assembling industrial sites – greener pastures are enticing
 - Thinking outside the box—rail



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WHAT WE HEARD

- **POTENTIAL ROLES**
 - Communicate benefits of freight and coordinate with partner agencies
 - Support state infrastructure package
 - Advocate on freight issues with Congressional delegation
- **POTENTIAL PRIORITIES**
 - Truck routes, permits, parking, and infrastructure
 - Highway-rail grade separations
 - Access to expressway network
 - Coordinate hazardous material response

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WHERE WE'RE GOING

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DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FRAMEWORK

- Support and strengthen rail system
- Implement the TRIP program
 - Truck Routes
 - Infrastructure
 - Permitting
- Support freight-related development
- Prepare workforce for freight sector jobs

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RAIL SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES

- **CREATE Program**
 - 75th St CIP
 - Grade Crossings
 - Program Completion
- **Other grade crossing improvements**
- **Exploring other rail improvement opportunities**
 - Invest in Cook
 - Lincoln Highway Logistics Corridor



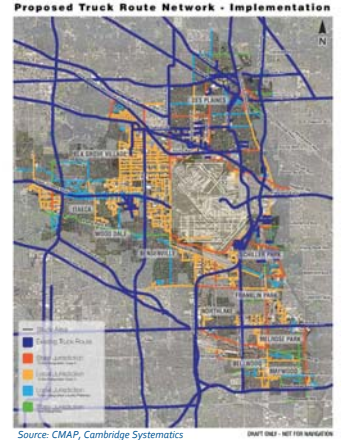
Source: CREATE

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TRUCK ROUTE NETWORK

- **Goal: Identify network that links industrial districts to the National Highway System**
- **Within state statutory context: Class I, II, III, Locally Preferred**



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INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Lead priority regional projects**
- **Redirect existing resources to support freight projects at the local level**
- **Target strategic freight corridors**
- **Invest in last-mile connections to industrial and intermodal facilities**

156th St. Improvements near LB Steel

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OSOW VEHICLE PERMITTING

- **Oversize/overweight vehicles pose unique challenges**
- **Current permitting system is fragmented**
- **Cook County will explore options for a unified, streamlined system**
 - Hiring a Permit Manager to lead the charge



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SUPPORT FREIGHT DEVELOPMENT

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- **Opportunities for the County**
 - Position and market for freight-related development
 - Align infrastructure with growing needs
 - Undertake site pre-development activities
- **Lincoln Highway Logistics Corridor**



Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology, Cook County Assessor's Office, CMAP

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WORKFORCE TRAINING

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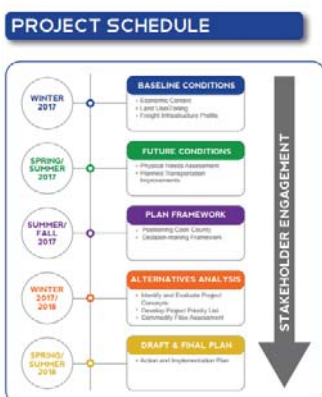
- **Connect employers benefitting from improvements to workforce training agencies**
 - Agencies to customize training to industry needs
 - Agencies to pre-screen candidates as a service to prospective employers
- **Opportunity for Cook County to support or provide these connections**

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NEXT STEPS

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- **Conduct analysis of commodity flows**
- **Identify and prioritize projects, strategies, and actions**
- **Ongoing stakeholder outreach**



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To: NWMC Transportation Committee

From: Mike Walczak, Transportation Director
Brian Pigeon, Program Associate for Transportation

Subject: STP Project Selection Committee

Date: December 15, 2017

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) Project Selection Committee held its first meeting on December 12 at CMAP. The responsibilities of the committee are: establish active program management strategies for all STP projects; determine the methodology for selecting projects to receive STP funds from the regional Shared Fund; and, approve the program of Shared Fund projects and monitor their progress. The committee consists of seven members: three Council of Mayors representatives; three representatives from the City of Chicago; and, a CMAP staff member who chairs the committee. Non-voting members represent IDOT, the counties, RTA and the Federal Highway Administration.

Starting in January, the committee will begin considering the issues and options for active program management. The active program management system will ensure projects remain on schedule or are moved out of the program until they can progress. A similar system has been in place since 2014 for the CMAQ and TAP programs.

The development of the Shared Fund methodology will begin in February and will determine which project types will be eligible for funding and how projects will be scored. Local municipalities and the City of Chicago will all be eligible to apply to the Shared Fund program.

Both the active program management and Shared Fund methodology are scheduled to be approved in September, 2018. During this time, the committee will also determine what assistance should be given to disadvantaged communities.

Once the active program management rules are set, individual council methodologies can be updated. Changes to the individual council methodologies must be completed by the end of September, 2019 to be followed by a call for new projects to be programmed starting in FY 2021. The North Shore and Northwest Councils plan to begin discussing updates proactively in early 2018. The call for projects for the Shared Fund will be in January, 2019. The projects will be scored and a proposed program released in June, 2019. Final approval will be in October, 2019.

At the meeting, the committee also discussed the importance of developing regional consensus for the Shared Fund program, the need for the support of IDOT in agreement processing and plan reviews, as well as the importance of input from the councils in the process. The possibility of councils making recommendations on a project or group of projects for the Shared Fund was also brought up and will likely be discussed more at a future meeting. The committee plans to meet monthly throughout 2018 and 2019.

Before the next meeting of the committee in January, NWMC plans to reach out to the Council of Mayors representatives on the committee as well as CMAP staff to emphasize the issues and concerns that we raised during the development process. These include:

- Recommend conducting a periodic review (i.e. every two years) and analysis of the projects selected by the committee to ensure that the past projects chosen meet the goals of the memorandum's signatories and the regional comprehensive plan.
- During the first five-year update of the performance-based data, CMAP and the signatories to the memorandum undertake an evaluation of this new system to measure success and allow for changes to be made.
- Include language in the active program management rules acknowledging delays from factors beyond the control of municipalities and ensure that no municipality or council loses funding due to these factors.

STP Project Selection Committee 2018 - 2019 Meeting Outline

2018		
January Active Program Management: Issues & Options	February Shared Fund Methodology: Project Types & Criteria Categories	March Active Program Management: Draft Proposal
April Shared Fund Methodology: Draft Selection Criteria & Scoring Proposal	May Active Program Management: Revised Proposal	June Shared Fund Methodology: Revised Selection Criterial & Scoring System Proposal
July TBD <i>Feedback from councils/partners</i>	August TBD <i>Feedback from councils/partners</i>	September Approve Active Program Management System & Shared Fund Methodology
October TBD <i>Begin local methodology updates</i>	November Review shared fund application materials	December NO MEETING
2019		
January Issue call for 2020 – 2024 Shared Fund Projects	February TBD	March TBD
April Project rankings released	May TBD	June Staff recommended program review and release for public comment
July TBD <i>Public comment period</i>	August Review comments and recommend program to MPO Policy Committee	September Approve local program distribution and programming marks
October TBD <i>MPO Policy Committee Approval</i>	November TBD	December NO MEETING

Items in italics are activities by others, including CMAP staff, other CMAP committees, and the councils and CDOT.