

**WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, June 2, 2021**

Virtual Meeting VIA Zoom

D R A F T M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Attendance & Introductions

The following Municipal Members were present: Beecher - Barber, Bolingbrook-Rickelman, Braidwood - Altiery, Channahon- Dolezal, Coal City - Fritz, Diamond - Kernc, Frankfort - Piscia, Homer Glen - Salamowicz, Joliet - Ruddy & Todorvic, Lockport - Benson, Minooka - Duffy, Mokena - Peloquin, New Lenox - Carroll, Peotone - Ingalls, Plainfield - Jessen, Shorewood - Kilma, Wilmington - Dietz, Will County - Kupkowski

Others Present: Noe Gallardo, Harry Gilmore, Tom Phetmeuangmay, Mary Weber, Darcie Gabrisko, Tom Slattery, Jeff Stanko, Bryan Welch, Kurt Corrigan, Doug Pryor, Cornell Lurry, Zach Pucel, Kelsey Passi, Salvatore DiBernardo, Beth Gonzalez, Kevin Stallworth, Tammy Wierciak, Akram Chaudhry, John Mayer

Staff Present: Bottomley & Belom

C. Approval of Minutes March 3, 2021

Motion: Beecher - Barber

Second: Bolingbrook - Rickelman

Approved by unanimous voice vote

II. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. RTA- No Report

B. METRA- Noe Gallardo

Ridership is starting to go up and schedules are being restored to pre-covid levels. As readers continue to return Metra will continue to update their schedules, providing additional serve as needed. Shared updates of two grade crossings in Will County that are being worked on: Old Hickory Road & Delany.

C. Pace- Beth Gonzales

Ridership is increasing but not at pre-covid levels. As ridership continues to increase Pace will continue to increase service as able. However, Pace is looking for drivers to help accolade capacity increases. Shared updates on construction: Joliet bus terminal construction has started and the Plainfield garage construction is going quickly.

D. ISTHA- Kelsey Passi

Cashless tolling started in March 2020 to help prevent the spread of COVID, and cashless tolling is now going to be made permanent. The tollway is ending the toll violation relief program on June 30th. Construction season has begun. Tollway is starting to discuss a return to the office, potentially happening in July.

E. IDOT District One- No Report

F. IDOT Local Roads- Kevin Stallworth

Update on projects within Will County, including design approval, ROW certified and target letting dates.

G. CMAP- Mary Weber

Travel times within the region are beginning to rebound, with cars starting to return to pre-covid levels and trucks still at an elevated level. CMAP gave updates on the Fees, Fines and Fares document they released as well as the upcoming summer FLIP program. CMAP will be discussing the allocation of local government relief funds at the June 4th Transportation Committee Meeting.

III. WCGL UPDATE

A. FFY 22 PL Scope of Services and Budget Resolution

Bottomley provided a brief overview of the PL Contract with CMAP and the required resolution to be voted on and approved.

A vote was called for approval of resolution 01-21

Motion: New Lenox- Carroll

Second: Joliet - Ruddy

Approved by unanimous voice vote

B. IDOT CL2021-13 Local Government component of COVID relief funds

Bottomley highlighted the conversations that are occurring at CMAP and shared the hopes that the funds outlined in the circular letter (\$42 million) will be distributed through the STP formula. The target distribution of these funds is October 2021.

Otherwise, no decision on how these funds will be spent and allocated has been made.

This will be a topic of discussion at the June CMAP Transportation & MPO committees. WCGL members are encouraged to attend.

C. STP-L FFY 21-25 Program Update

Bottomley shared that there have been no financial changes since the last update, and we are on track to spend our money this year and next year. One project (Will County - Bell Road) requested an obligation extension due to ROW delays, there is no concern over Will County being able to obligate before the extension is up.

D. STP-SF CFP Council Bonus Point Allocation

Bottomley went over the WCGL allocation of bonus points and shared that the original request for points from other councils were questioned due to the lack of transportation impact to other councils. Ultimately WCGL ended up with two projects at the maximum of 5 points instead of the originally planned 3.

E. STP-L 2022 Call for Projects - WCGL Methodology Update

Bottomley shared that the only changes for the call for projects in January 2022 was the removal of grandfathering projects and ROW clearances. Reminded members that there will be an overview before the call for projects to ensure everyone knows how to apply while going over the point break down.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

In Person Meeting & Meeting Location

After a short discussion it was decided to return to in person meetings for the next transportation committee meeting on September 1, 2021. An additional conversation was had about the meeting location. The discussion focused around how disruptive our presence at Crest Hill must be for residents and other visitors to city hall due to the parking limitations. We are grateful for the hospitality that Crest Hill has provided us in the past. New Lenox Village hall was suggested as a location due to its central location and ample parking.

A motion was made by Coal City - Fritz to move our meetings back in person to a new location of New Lenox Village Hall.

Second: Beecher - Barber

Approved by unanimous voice vote

V. NEXT MEETING- IN PERSON

September 1, 2021 @ 10 a.m. at New Lenox Village Hall

VI. ADJOURNMENT : Motion: Homer Glen - Salamowicz, Second: Bolingbrook - Rickelman. Approved by unanimous voice vote