

WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Juliet's Tavern, 205 N Chicago St, Joliet, IL 60432

DRAFT MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Attendance & Introductions

The following Municipal Members were present: Beecher - Bob Barber/Charity Mitchell, Bolingbrook - Lucas Rickelman, Braidwood - Mayor Karen Hart/Tony Altiery, Crest Hill - Ronald Wiedeman, Joliet - Shawn, Minooka - Daniel Duffy, Mokena, New Lenox - Kurt Carroll, Romeoville - Chris Drey, Shorewood - Noriega, Wilmington - Jeannine Smith, WCDOT - Christina Kupkowski, Robinson Engineering-Harry Gilmore, RTA - Zachary Braun/Kendra Johnson, V3 Engineering- Kurt Corrigan/Elora Hsu, ISTHA - Kelsey Passi, Trans Systems - Zach Pucel, PACE - Elizabeth Gonzalez, Christopher Burke Engineering - Bryan Welch

Staff Present: Porter

C. Approval of Minutes September 6th, 2023

Motion:

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Roll Call Vote: Approved by ___with () obtain

II. PROGRAM UPDATES

- A. RTA / Zachary Braun** - Zach presented their regional transit budget process is underway, the service boards has presented their budget to RTA. RTA continues to hold their hearings and Will county hearing will be held tomorrow, December 7th, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the county building. RTA's public hearing to tomorrow night virtually from 4 to 6 pm. Their coalition comes with an update, it was discussed at their quarterly meeting yesterday where they discussed their legislative agenda where it states to fully fund the transit network and budget process. On January 1st, 2024 the RTA has some new legislation taking effect including a standard transit benefit fare program and adjustments to their free ride program. Access to transit programs call for project closes on December 15th. This is a program that can help with small scale projects.
- B. ISTHA / Kelsey Passi** - Kelsey stated ISTHA has their I-Pass assist program that helps eligible customers get discounts on their tolls and the transponder fee is waived. Starting in the spring Kelsey will be conducting research around tolls for customers and needs information on the municipalities local festivals and events. After January 1st, 2024 original tollway transponders will be replaced with a sticker that is available for purchase at your local stores. The transponder app is available for download and all the tollway features are accessible via app. Kelsey is scheduled to take maternity leave and a temporary representative will attend the next transportation committee meeting to provide updates for the ISTHA.
- C. PACE / Elizabeth Gonzalez**- Elizabeth presented 2023 changes: including a van go program, transit app. The van go program is currently stationed in lake county but is in the process of

becoming accessible at other locations. It is a van that is stationed at a CTA station and can be used for connecting routes upon registration and availability. The transit app is an app used to connecting transit utilizing all forms and transportation methods. PACE's budget is balanced for 2024. Involving the budget, in order for ADA paratransit riders to utilize PACE's fixed bus routes riders must have a ADA paratransit service bus card and can use it for free. PACE is rolling out a networking revitalization two year program called 'Revision', where consultants are looking at PACE's network as a whole and will involve will county's voice. PACE is still experiencing a shortage in ridership and drivers, they are currently hiring and open to new applicants. They are committed to a zero emissions fleet by 2040 and are looking at an additional 22 electrical vehicles delivery for testing and future ridership.

D. IDOT Local Roads - Attached

E. CMAP -Attached

Porter reported a new program representative for CMAP will be present at the next meeting on March 6th, 2024. Mary Weber is no longer with CMAP and Porter presented CMAP updates on behalf of CMAP. Call for projects closed on Monday, December 4th, 2023.

III. WCGL UPDATES

A. Porter presented the closing date for this cycle's call for projects closed on Monday, December 4th, 2023 and any further adjustments to any applications can no longer be made by project sponsors. Application reviews were sent out via email within the last two weeks to notify project sponsors if any adjustments needed to be made or not if they were saved via eTIP by the deadline for PL review. If any one did not receive an email from me and were expecting one please let me know following the meeting. The FAU requests were not able to be discussed or approved at this transpiration committee meeting due to a lack of quorum.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Kupowksi presented the county is rolling out their 'Our Way Forward 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan' to update their ONTO 2050 Transportation plan. The county will be reaching out to the municipalities/stakeholders to engage in their advisory meetings. The survey can be found on the our way will website to access and share.

V. NEXT MEETING

March 6, 2023 at Juliet's Tavern, 205 N Chicago, Joliet, IL 60432

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, December 6th, 2023