

WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
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: Bolingbrook - Rickelman and Shipley, Braidwood- Altiery, Lockport- Benson and Lovering, New Lenox, Plainfield-Jessen, Romeoville- Dawn Caldwell, Shorewood- Noriega, Wilmington - Jeannine Smith, WCDOT - Christina Kupowski

Others Present: Christopher Burke Engineering- Welch, Robinson Engineering- Gilmore, Baxter and Woodman- Slattery, HR Green- Creech and Chaudhry, Strand Associates - Darcie Gabrisko, V3 Engineering- Corrigan, RTA - Kendra Johnson, PACE- Elizabeth Gonzalez, IDOT Local Roads - Kevin Stallworth, IDOT State Highway - Tavis Farmer, CMAP - Russell Pietrowiak, Presenters: Meredith Krantz and team

Staff Present: Porter

**C. Approval of Minutes June 12, 2024**

Motion:

First: Wilmington

Second: Bolingbrook

Roll Call Vote: Approved by All with (0) abstain

**II. PROGRAM UPDATES**

**A. RTA / Kendra Johnson** - Kendra presented RTA is seeking feedback on proposed reforms to improve transit service and accountability for riders and taxpayers. The RTA is advocating for new funding with the reforms to address the fiscal cliff. These areas are featured in RTA's Transit is the Answer strategic plan and CMAP's Plan of Action for Regional Transit. The Transit is the Answer Coalition met in July to gather feedback on the reforms. RTA's Service Boards will present their final budgets for the annual operating budgets at RTA's November Board meeting. The final vote will be taken by the RTA Board of Directors in December. Senator Ram Villivalam is scheduled to host six regional hearings on the value of transit throughout the summer. The remaining hearings will be held throughout the region and Springfield and can be viewed live online. The next hearing is Wednesday, September 18th at 10 a.m. in Northwest Cook or Lake County. The following hearing is October 16th, at 10 a.m. in Springfield.

**B. PACE / Elizabeth Gonzalez** - Elizabeth presented PACE is starting a feasibility study with focus on I-55 and Harlem to do a inline BRT bus rapid transit station. I-55 bus serviced expanded in early August, which increased bus lines as ridership increases. Access Will is a another dial-a-ride program in the County sponsored by the County and Will Ride Municipal Program and July 1st it started ridership in Wilmington and Braidwood. PACE is hosting a Pre-hire event at Joliet's Junior College on September 24th from 6 to 9 p.m. Information and details on requirements and hiring details will be giving at that time. PACE's Public Hearing for their 2025 budget for Will

County will be on October 18th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Joliet's public library. There will be a total of 9 public hearings throughout the region, including two virtual hearings.

- C. IDOT State Highway / Tavis Farmer** - (Attached Will County Status Sheets) Tavis highlighted and gave information on the Will County state highway projects targeting the November 2024 letting and projects with upcoming 2025 lettings.
- D. IDOT Local Roads / Kevin Stallworth** - (Attached Will County Status Sheets) Kevin highlighted and gave information on the Will County local roads projects targeting the November 2024 letting and projects with upcoming 2025 lettings.
- E. CMAP/ Russell Pietrowiak** - Russell presented CMAP has released a Municipal survey for feedback. The survey contains questions that pertain how much federal funding is being spent and how much non federal funding is being expended. Community data snapshots are available on CMAP's website with the most current information as a resource for applications for funding. CMAP will be opening their CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP-Shared Call for Projects on October 21st and will remain open for two months. All applications are to be submitted through the PL. CMAP anticipates the new eTIP platform during this year's call for projects or following immediately after.

### **III. WCGL UPDATES**

- A. Porter presented IDOT 5310c LPA Agreement form was updated to the most current version on May 9th, 2024 and is now requiring Schedule 4 be signed upon submittal. The most current form for the PPI is August 8th, 2024 and all responsible parties should double check upon submittal to PL for updated PPI submissions. ITEP funded projects submitting PRO 2255 forms for transferal of funding between phases should caution funding can not be transferred between phases moving backward (Construction to Preliminary Engineering II). They can only be transferred forward (Preliminary Engineering II to Construction/Construction Engineering) and Preliminary Engineering II phase must be completed or funding unexpended upon submittal. ITEP Applications are due Monday September 30th at 5:00 p.m. The final webinar series hosted for ITEP Q&A with IDOT is September 11th, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interested participants can register on the IDOT website. The Joliet Arsenal Development Authority is hosting Part II of the Grant Strategy project, a grant preparation workshop on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. The workshop will be held at the Jacob Henry Mansion. An official meeting notice with details will be sent out next week.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Safety Action Plan Presentation was presented by Meredith Krantz and team.

### **V. NEXT MEETING**

December 4th, 2024 at Juliet's Tavern, 205 N Chicago, Joliet, IL 60432

### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

First: Romeoville

Second: Bolingbrook

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, September 4, 2024