

WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 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 - Barber, Bolingbrook - Rickelman, Braidwood, Coal City- Matt Fritz, Diamond - Kernc, Mokena, New Lenox, Romeoville, Wilmington, WCDOT - Christina Kupowski

Others Present: Strand Associates - Darcie Gabrisko, CMAP - Mary Weber, RTA - Kendra Johnson, V3, Baxter and Woodman, Robinson Engineering, RTA, ISTHA
Staff Present: Porter

C. Approval of Minutes March 1st, 2023

Motion:

First: Beecher

Second: WCDOT - Christina Kupowski

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

II. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. RTA- Kendra Johnson provided program updates on behalf of the RTA. A pdf of updates and ongoing events were included in the agenda packet. Kendra provided information on the RTA's current session. She shared 'Transportation Tuesdays' sessions have open registration.

B. ISTHA - Kelsey Passi shared program updates on behalf of the ISTHA. Summer program has opened for the summer. She shared the information for applying to the I-PASS program for municipalities to share with residents. Notice of violation will start going to individuals who have not paid unpaid tolls in April of 2023.

C. IDOT Local Roads- Kevin Stallworth - Attached

D. CMAP- Mary Weber - Weber shared program updates and deadlines including: Quarterly status updates are due for CMAQ, TAP-L, STP and CRRSAA by June 30th including contingency projects. New projects that are missing updates for the current fiscal year are not eligible to have funding extended into next federal fiscal year. The project(s) will need to be reprograming to be fiscally constraint. Next Thursday, June 22nd is the deadline for CMAQ and TAP-L project change request that will go to the July 13th Project selection committee meeting.

III. WCGL UPDATES

A. Porter presented a cost increase request for approval for the Village of Mokena US 45 Shared Use Path for \$36,000 in additional STP-Local funding for the Phase II Engineering phase in FFY 2024.

Motion:

First: Wilmington

Second:

- B. Porter provided information on quarterly status updates are due by June 30th, 2023 for all STP-Local, STP-shared, CMAQ, and/or TAP-L and all STP-shared contingency projects and all deferred CMAQ or TAP-L projects. IDOT has launched the Bicycle Facility Inventory System... Users have access to add new facilities, and mark facilities as decommissioned. A recording of the April 5th webinar which demonstrates how to use the system is available on IDOT's website. For questions and additional information please contact DOT.Bikeped@illinois.gov. FHWA recently published the Spring 2023 issue of public roads. This edition of the public roads highlights how the U.S department of transportation is committed to ensuring that transportation investments increase opportunity, advance racial equity and environmental justice; serve rural, urban and suburban communities equitably; and promote affordable access for all. For more information see the Public Roads- Spring 2023. IDOT released their circular letter 2023-08 in early March of this year. The letter details significant improvements and changes made to streamline the process of environmental surveys to improve review time. For new projects which have not previously submitted an ESR and are not already within the BDE ESR queue, the new screening processes became effective on all documents submitted after March 6, 2023. Also in March 15, IDOT released a Circular letter With the passage of IJA, IDOT is required to assist and support LPA's to perform a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment as part of the state's highway safety improvement plan. By law the safety assessment must be completed no later than November 15, 2023. You can help improve safety by identifying areas in your community that may be unsafe for bicyclists, pedestrians, or other vulnerable road in a new online map. For those of you who have submitted applications during the STP- Shared, CMAQ and TAP-L CFP the process is following the schedule which can be found on the CMAP's website under the STP-shared tab. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13th where the project selection committee will discuss a staff recommended draft programs. The public comment period will be July 13-August 11. The PSC will consider the final program or approval on August 31st of this year. If any changes are to made to this schedule I will update accordingly. Call for local projects for FY 2025-2029 information will be released at the next TCM with including STP marks and scheduling. The CFP will be moving up from it's originally opened schedule. This CFP is anticipated to open in October of this year. Some deadlines approaching for projects whose ROW must be certified for construction phases of projects targeting the August state letting is June 21st, which is next Wednesday. The deadline for CMAQ/TAP-L project change requests for the July 13th project selection committee meeting is June 22nd. The IJA law created more than 20 competitive grants to address various issues. Some grant opportunities that will be approaching soon starting in the spring that are: Safe Streets and Roads for all program opens in April 2023, Multimodal project Discretionary Grant opportunity (Mega, INFRA and rural) opens in Spring 2023, Bridge investment program opens this summer in 2023, and Strengthening mobility and revolutionizing transportation (Smart) program will open in the fall of this year. The Call for Project STP-Shared Fund closes on next Friday March 10th, 2023 at 5:00pm. All applications and attachments are due at that time. STP Shared Fund estimated programming marks for FFY 24- 2028 was posted for the call for project web page earlier this week. If you have not already had a chance to look at it please do, especially for those who are currently applying. Also just a quick reminder that the current shared fund contingency program will expire on 9/30/2023 and all projects on this list need to submit a new application in the current cycle to remain under consideration for funding. If a new application is not submitted these projects will not have another opportunity to request STP-SF until 2025. The public comment period will be held July 13th through August 11th. Quarterly Status reports are due at the end of March, if you haven't done so already please turn in your quarterly reports. IDOT Central office

is hosting a meeting to discuss the progression and potential ways of improvement for the NW/NS region on March 14, 2023. I sent out an email regarding details and a rsvp attached on last week. If you are planning on attending or would like to attend please let me know, space is limited. Reminder the Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting will be officially back in person starting on April 18, 2023. For projects targeting the April letting just a remind pre-final plans are due at the end of March as well as ROW certifications. If you have not already, just a remind WCGL Lobby Day is approaching. Lobby Day will begin March 18th, 2023.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/ PUBLIC COMMENTS

WCDOT - Christina shared that Will County's department of Transportation FFY 2024-2029 TIP is going to have a new updated TIP adopted by the June board. The County received UWP funds to start their 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. They are in current negotiation and it will go their July Board. WCDOT will be reaching out to surrounding municipalities soon.

Diamond- Mayor Kernc asked if anyone had information on IDOT's license plate reader permits complications. District 3 stated upon questioning that they have a moratorium on putting license plate readers on state highways until the law suit is completed. They won't be issuing any more permits on state right of way's until conclusion of the pending law suit.

V. NEXT MEETING

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

First:

Second: Wilmington

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 14, 2023