

WILL COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL LEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, March 1, 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, Channahon- Dolezal, Crest Hill - Mayor Solomon, Diamond - Kernc, Joliet - Lockport - Benson, Minooka - Jeffrey, New Lenox - Kurt Carroll, Romeoville - Chris Drey, Bjork, WCDOT - Christina Kupowski

Others Present: Strand Associates - Darcie Gabrisko , HR Green - Scott Creech, Noe Gallardo, CMAP - Mary Weber, Bryan Welch, Kurt Corrigan, Metra, Bryan Anderson, Burke Engineering, Elaine Bottemley, PACE

Staff Present: Porter

C. Approval of Minutes December 1st, 2023

Motion:

First: Romeoville

Second: Channahon

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

II. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. RTA- Attached

B. Pace - Elizabeth reported starting February 20th, transfer service fees changed for PACE services for local routes to no service fee, so it is free. There's a decrease in cost for PACE CTA passes. In November PACE implemented a transit app for mass platform mobility service and it's purpose is to provide all transit in one location. The app was opened November 1st and the first forum on the app is the fixed bus routes. On February 4th the add-on will be on-demand service, following they are looking to implement dial-a-ride on the app. If you there are construction projects or road closures in the surrounding areas where there are PACE services please contact PACE so that they may announce to riders and reroute buses. Elizabeth stated there are upcoming public hearings the week of March 20th. A public hearing is required every time there is a fare change. They changed the fares with the Van department to half fare charge for part-time riders in conjunction with COVID. They are changing the Naperville on-demand service to increase service area. The public hearing for Will County is virtual held on March 20th, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

C. IDOT Local Roads- Kevin Stallworth - Attached

D. CMAP- Mary Weber - Weber stated there are multiple Call for projects open with CMAP at this time. The STP-Shared, CMAQ and TAP-L call for projects is open and applications are due next Friday, March 10th, 2023. If you have any questions regarding your application completion

please contact CMAP staff. Upcoming deadlines for projects with federal deadlines that are approaching are March 6th - final PSM & E Draft agreements are due for project targeting the June letting. March 15 - all ROW needs to be certified for projects targeting the April state letting. Also, quarterly status updates are due by March 30th for all projects utilizing CMAP funding (STP, TAP, CMAQ, CRRSAA). IDOT released a NOFO on last Friday, February 24th, 2023 for the State wide planning and research funds. That call for projects is open and applications are due by March 30th, 2023.

E. Metra - Metra representative provided program updates on Metra ridership and status updates.

III. WCGL UPDATES

A. Porter provided information on The IIJA 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

None

V. NEXT MEETING

June 14th, 2023 at Juliet's Tavern, 205 N Chicago, Joliet, IL 60432

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

First: Channahon

Second: Bolingbrook

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 1, 2023