

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:30 AM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register for remote attendance at
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Public Works and Transportation Committee

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Meeting: Public Works & Transportation Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)

Topic or Agenda Item #: (REQUIRED)

Name: (REQUIRED)

Organization/Entity Represented: (REQUIRED) ("Self" if representing self)

Street Address, City, State: (Optional)

Phone Number: (Optional)

Email: May be REQUIRED for remote attendance

1. Call to Order

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair
Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent 1 - Member Casbon

**Electronic Attendance: Member Campos*

Other Attendees:

In Person:

Anantha Vedachalam, Public

Austin McFarlane, Public Works

Bailey Wyatt, Communications

Bill Bremer, Public

Dan Miodonski, Metra

Devesh Vedantha, Public

Edward Gallagher, Pace

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Kabir Rajkhowa, Public

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Melinda Bush, Metra

Micah Thornton, Circuit Clerk's Office

Patrice Sutton, Finance

Rucha Rajadhyax, Public

Sapma Patel, Public

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Shilpa Thosar, Public

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

Tlilesh Rajadhyax, Public

Yana Malpani, Public

Electronically:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Anu Rajadhyax, Public

Bobby Tuli, Public

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Deep Amin, Public

Hemant Khatod, Public
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Joel Sensenig, Public Works
Julian Rozwadowski, Public
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Matt Emde, Division of Transportation
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Mike Klemens, Division of Transportation
Minesh Amin, Public
Nick Principali, Finance
Paul Frank, Board Member
Sharon Castillo, Division of Transportation
Sheel Gupte, Public
Sheryl Sager, Public
Smita Rajkhowa, Public
Somya Sinha, Public
Winfield Cohen, Public
Yug Mehta, Public
Yvette Albarran, Purchasing

4. Addenda to the Agenda

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that item 8.8 should have been listed as a "joint resolution" instead of a "resolution" and that staff will fix the error moving forward.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

Public comment was provided by: Shilpa Thosar, Yana Malpani, Kabir Rajkhowa, Rucha Rajadhyax, Devesh Vedantha, Edward Gallagher and Winfield Cohen.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Clark thanked everyone who came to the meeting today and previously to provide public comment. Chair Clark noted that data and input is still being gathered at this time regarding the potential Buffalo Grove Road widening project. She also stated that public safety is a priority of the Committee and the Board.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 8.1 - 8.2)

MINUTES

8.1 [23-1041](#)

Committee action approving the Public Works and Transportation Committee minutes from June 28, 2023.

Attachments: [PWT 6.28.23 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hewitt, that these minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair
Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

8.2 [23-1035](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$855,500 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for maintaining streets and highways, including utility services, under the applicable Illinois Highway Code, from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024, and \$200,000 of Matching Tax funds for de-icing materials.

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this joint resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair
Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

REGULAR AGENDA

8.3 [23-1067](#)

Presentation and discussion regarding proposed Metra Fare Policy amendments.

Attachments: [9 IX Board Fare Proposal Update 2023.06.21 FINAL2-1](#)

Metra Board Director Melinda Bush, and Dan Miodonski, Metra Manager of Service Design, gave a presentation regarding the proposed Metra fare policy amendments.

Discussion ensued.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

8.4 [23-1037](#)

Joint resolution authorizing an agreement with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) to provide transportation planning staff assistance for the Lake County Council of Mayors and receive an allocation of federal funds to cover the scope of services provided.

Attachments: [23-1037 Intergovernmental Agreement, CMAP](#)
 [23-1037 Resolution, Council of Mayors](#)

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation (DOT) Director, explained that this is an annual agreement between the County and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for the Lake County Council of Mayors to facilitate federal funds for the region.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Member Wasik, that this joint resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.5 [23-1038](#)

Joint resolution appropriating \$115,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds for the required local match associated with the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant received by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) that will guide the partnership and technical assistance services to be provided by CMAP for the creation of a Lake County Safety Action Plan.

Attachments: [23-1038 Agreement, CMAP Regional Safety Action Plan Signed _Redact](#)

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation (DOT) Director, noted that the six northeast counties worked together with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to acquire a grant for the region. This resolution is to approve the local match for Lake County's cost for developing the Lake County Safety Action Plan.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Hunter, seconded by Member Hewitt, that this joint resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.6 [23-1077](#)

Joint resolution authorizing a contract with RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc., Romeoville, Illinois, in the amount of \$276,919.87 for center line rumble strip installation with hot spray thermoplastic pavement markings on various County highways and appropriating \$333,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation funds.

Attachments: [23-1077 Bid Tab, 2023 Center Line Rumble Strip 2023-07-11](#)
 [23-1077 Vendor Disclosure, Roadsafe](#)
 [23-1077 Location Map, Centerline Rumble Strip 2023](#)

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation (DOT) Director, explained that this item is a safety-driven improvement to add rumble strips to recently resurfaced/rebuilt highways to help decrease lane departures.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Maine, seconded by Member Hunter, that this joint resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.7 [23-0009](#)

Director's Report - Division of Transportation.

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation (DOT) Director, shared some of the Lake County DOT projects that are listed in Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) 2024-2029 Proposed Highway and Multimodal Improvement Program.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to ask staff to bring forward potential options for bonding Lake County motor fuel tax funds to a future Committee meeting for discussion.

PUBLIC WORKS

8.8 [23-1052](#)

Joint resolution authorizing emergency appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 for the Lake County Public Works Department in the amount of \$12,503,697.26 for certain projects, items, and activities budgeted in the prior year and not completed, as well as other unforeseen needs.

Attachments: [PW Capital Appropriation](#)

Austin McFarlane, Interim Director of Public Works, explained that this emergency appropriation would move currently funded Fiscal Year 2022 Public Works capital projects that have not yet been completed to an account for Fiscal Year 2023. Additional funds are also being appropriated for capital expenditures, unforeseen regulatory compliance needs, and uncaptured carryover opportunities.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that this joint resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Campos, Chair Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Maine Ph.D. and Member Wasik

Absent: 1 - Member Casbon

8.9 [23-0008](#)

Director's Report - Public Works.

There was no Public Works Director's report.

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that the Director of Public Works job listing has expired and that interviews will occur within the next few weeks. Another update on the position will be provided at end of August.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Clark declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 2, 2023

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.