Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Agenda
January 23, 2020
8:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices
1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(map/parking permit attached)

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of December 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
Action Requested: Approval

III. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus EV Ready Presentation (Attachment B)
Representatives from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus’ Environment Committee will present information regarding their EV Ready program and solicit input from NWMC members related to their planning considerations for EV charging stations.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update
Staff will provide an update on the progress of the Conference’s multimodal plan and next steps in its development.
Action Requested: Informational

V. Agency Reports
   a. CMAP (Attachment C)
   b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
   c. IDOT Highways
   d. Illinois Tollway
   e. Metra
   f. Pace (Attachment D)
   g. RTA (Attachment E)

VI. Other Business

VII. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee will be held on February 27, 2020, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.

VIII. Adjourn
I. Call to Order/Introductions

President Frazier called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and those present gave introductions.
II. Approval of September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Zadel moved approval of the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes. Trustee Grossi seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. RTA 2020 Budget Update

Mr. Plummer introduced himself to the Committee and began his update with an overview of the budget process. He reported that the RTA was nearing the end of the process and the budget would be considered by the board at their December 19 meeting. Mr. Plummer explained that the robust capital program had made a significant difference in the proposed budget, whereas the operating budget is very similar to years prior. Mr. Plummer noted that the new funding from the capital bill will be composed of 18% of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) plus bond proceeds, which roughly works out to an additional $2.6 billion over the next five years.

IV. NWMC Multimodal Plan Update

Ms. Johnson provided an update on the Multimodal Plan and the next steps in its development. She noted that there are pop-up events scheduled for December 6 and December 7 in Deerfield and Morton Grove respectively. She reported that the plan is still on track to be completed by January 31 and there would be additional deliverables throughout the next two months.

V. Agency Reports

A. Metra – Ms. Renteria reported that the 2020 budget had been approved. The budget includes new spending on the rehab and purchasing of locomotives, rehab of yards, rehab of bridges, and investments in parking near stations. She noted that there was no fare increase associated with the budget, and added that Metra was instituting a new camera program on trains. Ms. Frazier asked why Metra was implementing the camera program, and Ms. Renteria explained that it was for passenger safety enhancements.

B. IDOT – Mr. Farmer provided updates on projects in the NWMC region, noting two projects on IL 72 (Higgins Rd) in particular with November lettings. He reported that both the Higgins overlay project and EJ&E railroad bridge project had been awarded contracts.

C. Pace – Mr. Andrews introduced Pace Executive Director Rocky Donahue to the Committee. Mr. Donahue noted the longstanding positive relationship that Pace has had with NWMC over the years. He provided background on his 37 year history with Pace and highlighted his efforts to achieve the goals of their current strategic plan, Driving Innovation. Mr. Donahue reported that the recently approved budget does not include fare increases or service reductions, and will invest roughly $340 million over the next five years into a variety of projects, including a new Northwest garage in Wheeling that will be equipped to handle compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles. President Frazier thanked Mr. Donahue for his remarks and noted that the Pulse program has received positive feedback so far. Mr. Donahue noted several of the important features of the program, including transit signal priority. He reported that preliminary data shows run times on the Milwaukee line had been cut by seven to
eight minutes with more reliable connections and stable to growing ridership.

D. CMAP – Ms. Grover reminded the Committee about the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) Census Ideas Exchange event on December 10 at 1:00 p.m. being held at Oakton Community College. The event will provide an overview Complete Count strategies for the upcoming census.

E. CCDOTH – Mr. Wright reported that the budget passed in November, however new MFT funding was not programmed into that version and it would likely have to be revised eventually. He noted that their transit plan was currently under procurement and that a consultant had been selected. The project will likely begin next spring and CCDOTH will be reaching out to transit partners and local communities like they have in the past for their freight plan. He reported that the County is also developing an internal bicycle and pedestrian plan, and that the Invest in Cook program would be released next year. Mr. Wright added that the County is currently working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on rail safety. Cook County is ranked #2 for rail trespasser fatalities in the country, so the County is planning to hold a safety summit next Spring and they will be reaching out to communities to help determine hot spots.

VI. Other Business
Ms. Robles asked the Committee if anyone had learned details yet on the process for projects included for Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) funding in the capital bill. Mr. Kanapareddy replied that DCEO still has to sell the bonds before funds become available. Mr. Frenzer noted that Wilmette also has a project that funding is tied to in 2020. He had been advised that projects with DCEO funding would be released by the governor’s office staff and could take up to five years. Mr. Farmer noted that IDOT does not have control over DCEO funding, but some state route projects were going through the bonding process and the Department expects them to be completed by the Multi-Year Program cycle. Ms. Robles indicated that the Village of Schaumburg was in a similar situation as Wilmette. Mr. Farmer added that IDOT has hired more consultants in an effort to address staffing issues.

VII. Next Meeting
President Frazier noted the next meeting would take place on January 23, 2019, 8:30 a.m. at NWMC Offices.

VIII. Adjourn
Trustee Zadel moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:04 a.m. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
DESIGNING AN EV READY PROGRAM

Frequently Used Acronyms

- EV = Electric Vehicle
  - Plug in Electric (PEV) = our focus
    - All Electric (AEV) or Battery Electric (BEV)
    - Plug in Hybrid Electric (PHEV)
  - Hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) ≠ PEV
- EVSE = Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment = EV Charger = EV Charging Station
  - Level 1 = 120 VAC (volts of alternating current power)
  - Level 2 = 240 VAC
  - Level 3 = 480+ VAC
    - AKA DC Fast Charger

Acronyms and Abbreviations - Alphabetically
- AC – alternating current
- AEV – all-electric vehicle
- AFDC – Alternative Fuels Data Center
- BEV – battery electric vehicle
- CEJA – Clean Energy Jobs Act
- CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
- DC – direct current
- EV – electric vehicle
- EVSE – electric vehicle supply equipment, or an EV charging station
- ICE – internal combustion engine
- ICEV – internal combustion engine vehicles
- kWh – kilowatt hour
- MFMA – Municipal Fleet Managers Association
- OEM – original equipment manufacturer
- PHEV – plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
- REEV – range-extended electric vehicle
- VAC – volts of alternating current (AC) power
Designing an EV Ready Program
LISTENING SESSION

Municipal Interest in EV Readiness

- GRC objective supported by 128 Communities
- Strong interest in green fleets
  - Municipal Fleet Manager white paper
- VW Mitigation Settlement engagement - support EV allocation
- Success with SolSmart - the inspiration for EV Ready program
Growing Support for EVs

**Policy**
- Proposed Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA)
- Environmental Advocacy for EVs
- Widely supported climate solution

**Funding**
- **Anticipated**
  - VW Settlement - over $10 million
  - Capital bill - $70 million
- **Possible/hopeful**
  - CMAQ & Drive Clean Chicago
- **Current**
  - Fed tax credit $7,500/ vehicle

Growing Market Demand EV

[Graph showing New Vehicle Sales Forecast from 2015 to 2040 with ICE and EV sales percentages]
EV Costs are Declining

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Battery Cost Goal: $150 = Parity

Ev's cost less


To Design an EV Ready Program by May 2020

1. Listening sessions/survey
2. Develop EV Ready Framework/Checklist (similar to SolSmart checklists)
3. Develop EV Ready Buying Decision Guide

THANK YOU TO THE JOYCE FOUNDATION!
After May 2020: Seek funding to **develop** an EV Ready Program

1. Create resources to implement framework/checklist strategies.
2. Recognition program (i.e. SolSmart)

Technical Background
Electric Vehicle Choices

- **Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV)**
  - Primary power is electricity
  - Internal combustion engine engages when battery is low
  - Extended range

- **Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV)**
  - Only power is electricity
  - Range limited
  - Zero tailpipe emissions
  - Quiet
  - Lower maintenance

Charging Equipment (EVSE)

- **Level 1 Charging**
  - Up to 2 miles, 30 minutes
  - 1 to 2 kW: 16 to 24 hours - 100 miles

- **Level 2 Charging**
  - Up to 10 miles, 30 minutes
  - 3.3 to 19 kW: 4 to 12 hours - 100 miles

- **DC Fast Charging**
  - Up to 90 miles, 30 minutes
  - 25 - 150 kW: 10 min to 4 hours - 100 miles
**EVSE Ownership & Revenue**

- **Ownership Types**
  - Facility
  - Third party
  - EV owner
  - Combinations

- **Fee models**
  - No charge
  - Pay by event
  - Pay by time
  - Pay by kilowatt hour - best analog to gasoline

**Typical Level 2 Charging Installation**
Siting and Finding EVSEs

- [https://afdc.energy.gov/](https://afdc.energy.gov/)

Who charges when and where?

- > 80% of EV drivers charge at home
- Most EV drivers use public EVSE
- Condo/apartment dwellers may not have access to home charging
- Retail locations can be successful - “Charge and Shop/Dine”
- Many variables to consider in locating EVSE
What is EV Ready?

- Strategic Planning
- Policy Making
  - New construction
  - Codes
  - Sustainability
- Actions & Processes
  - EV and EVSE selection
  - Financial investment
  - Operations
  - Facility Designs and Siting
  - Inspection & Permitting
  - Risk and Safety
- Knowledge and Education
- Future proofing

What are the key planning considerations?

- Where to locate public EVSE?
- Strategic EVSE partnerships?
- Connecting regionally?
- Infrastructure and space?
What development policies need to be considered?
- Parking?
- Zoning?
- EV Ready new construction?

What building codes, permitting & inspection policies need to be considered?
What pricing and finance issues need to be considered?

- Public EVSE ownership?
- Procurement decisions?
- Pricing? Maintenance?

What information & training is needed?

- Building & planning staff?
- First responders?
- Fleet & finance managers?
What needs to be considered to electrify municipal fleets?

What would you like to see in an EV/EVSE ‘buying decision guide’ for municipalities?
Thank you!

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Program Status Updates

- **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**
  Projects requiring cost, schedule or scope changes for the April and June lettings should submit requests no later than January 16, 2020 for consideration at the January 30, 2020 Project Selection Committee meeting. Change request deadlines for the upcoming year are:

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- **Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L)**
  Coordination efforts between the PLs, IDOT, and CMAP remain critical. Project sponsors/consultants need to immediately notify the Planning Liaison of any changes to the status of an STP-L funded project, particularly if there is a funding or target letting change. The available resources in FFY 20 ($133M) are significantly less than what was available in FFY 19. As a result there are only enough programming dollars in the TIP to accommodate construction targeting the January and March lettings. Any construction targeting a letting after March 2020 is programmed in FFY 2021 or later at this time. Project status will be reviewed for each letting, and the TIP will be adjusted. CMAP has been discussing options for securing additional funding through IDOT to meet the needs of the region as demonstrated by the record obligations the last two years but at this time there is no change in the amount of STP-L funds available to program in the TIP.

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- **Surface Transportation Program – Shared Fund (STP-SF)**
  At their November 21st meeting, the STP Project Selection Committee concurred with staff’s recommendation to not implement rolling focus for the 2021 shared fund call for projects. Additional discussions regarding eligible project types will be a part of “lessons learned” discussions that will occur in early 2020. The committee also determined that for the 2021 call for projects cycle, the deadline for projects to have Phase 1 Engineering (or equivalent) substantially complete will be the same date as the application deadline in March of 2021, as opposed to June 1, 2021. To help facilitate a consistently applied definition of substantially complete, additional application materials will be developed.

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Calls for Projects

- **FY 2021 and 2022 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program**
  IDOT has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the local rail-highway grade crossing safety program (Section 130 Funds) via Circular Letter 2019-20. Improvements such as crossing closures, warning devices, circuitry, surface renewal, and others will be considered. The maximum federal share is 90%. Applications are due January 30, 2020. Contact: DOT.LRSRail@illinois.gov or 217-782-3568
Public Comment

- **ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**
  CMAP released a [conformity analysis](#) of ON TO 2050 and the FFY 2020-2024 TIP on January 9, 2020. Comments on the analysis and [TIP Amendment 20-03](#) may be submitted to CMAP by mail, email (transportation@cmap.illinois.gov), or phone (312-454-0400) through Friday, February 7, 2020.

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- **2020 RTA Community Planning Projects**
  The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) invites public comment on the 2020 Community Planning program through Saturday, February 8, 2020. The [nine projects](#) were chosen from among 14 applications submitted September 17 to October 17, 2019. Eligible activities include transit-oriented development (TOD) plans, transit corridor plans, TOD zoning code updates, TOD developer discussion panels, transit neighborhood mobility improvement plans, plans to develop special funding districts in transit areas, and other innovative implementation approaches. Send comments to applications@rtachicago.org. The final 2020 Community Planning projects will be announced Thursday, February 20, at the RTA Board of Directors meeting.

- **FRA Launches Web Portal for Public to Report Blocked Rail Crossings**
  The FRA announced it has established a new, dedicated webpage for the public and law enforcement to report blocked highway-rail grade crossings: [www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings](http://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings). The site requests specific information from users — including date, time, location and duration and expects it will take an average of 3 minutes for users to complete the report. FRA will use the information collected to gain a more complete picture of where, when, and for how long such obstructions occur at the nation’s approximately 130,000 public grade crossings, and what impacts result from this. FRA will share the information with stakeholders, using it to help facilitate local solutions to blocked crossing issues.

- **National Freight Strategic Plan public comment**
  The U.S. Department of Transportation has issued a [Request for Information](#) on the National Freight Strategic Plan. They are seeking input from the public, including state and local agencies, private owners and operators, industry trade groups, shippers, and beneficial cargo owners. Comments must be received on or before Monday, February 10, 2020. Read more in [Transport Topics](#).

CMAP Products and Data

- **Regional Flood Susceptibility Index**
  CMAP has developed urban and riverine flood susceptibility indexes (FSI) to identify priority areas across the region for flood mitigation activities. Locations highlighted in the FSI may be more susceptible to riverine or urban flooding than other parts of the region. Streets and buildings within these areas could be more susceptible to overbank flooding, surface ponding, overland flow, water seepage, and basement backups due to the presence of flood-related physical conditions that are correlated with reported flood damages. The FSIs are spatially-depicted through raster grids and are available for the seven counties of northeastern Illinois. More information about the FSI methodology, as well as the FSI index rasters and flood-related factor data, are available for download on the [CMAP Data Hub](#). CMAP is currently using the index to integrate stormwater management strategies into CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects. See the Guide to Flood Susceptibility and Stormwater Planning for information on how to use the FSI in planning activities. CMAP developed the FSI with critical support from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

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ON TO 2050

- Climate Change guidebook
  The American Planning Association (APA) has published a new guidebook that will help planners in the Great Lakes region use local plans to prepare for the effects of climate change. The guide, Using Climate Information in Local Planning, was developed with support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). It provides a framework for incorporating climate projections, data on natural hazards, and local knowledge to boost resilience through plans. The guidebook is based in part on CMAP’s work with four communities in the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program to pilot an approach to assessing climate vulnerability. To download the guidebook and learn more about the project, visit APA’s website.

- Regional Climate Action Planning
  Please join the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Environment Committee and the CMAP for an interactive session on Tuesday, January 21, at the Montgomery Village Hall Board Room (200 N. River St., Montgomery) to develop a regional climate action plan. The plan will connect the Chicago area’s Greenest Region Compact to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, which encompasses 10,000 cities in 135 countries. Attendees will provide input on prioritizing strategies and will build on foundational work completed by CMAP to inventory greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

IDOT News

- Elimination of Class III Truck Routes
  IDOT issued Circular Letter 2020-01 on January 10, 2020 describing changes to truck route classifications that went into effect with Public Act 101-0328 on January 1. The changes eliminate both state and local Class III routes and make other changes including adjusted distance allowances for semis travelling from designated to non-designated routes. Local agencies are encouraged to review the circular letter and should direct questions to the Local Policy Unit by email (dot.localpolicy@illinois.gov).

- IDOT Bridge Preservation Guide
  In early December IDOT announced via Circular Letter 2019-22 the release of the first IDOT Bridge Preservation Guide. This guide provides goals, measures, and strategies for the preservation of Illinois bridges and contains criteria used to identify condition based and non-condition based cyclical preservation, maintenance, and improvement work actions for bridges to maximize system-wide life expectancy and performance of bridges. Questions or comments regarding the guide should be directed to William Beisner, Bridge Management and Inspection Unit Chief at DOT.BBS.BridgeMgmt@illinois.gov.
System Redesign Guiding Principles

As part of the original study, the project Steering Committee and team developed five guiding principles for service recommendations. These principles are based on the findings from the market analysis, which include:

- Focus on demand
- Create a stronger grid
- Grow ridership
- Shift resources to more passengers
- Serve new connections and new markets

Public Hearing Schedule

Attend an upcoming public hearing to provide feedback about proposed route changes resulting from the North Shore Coordination Study. Until February 18, 2020, written comments may also be submitted to our website, PaceBus.com, in the “Public Hearing Comment Form” area.

Thursday, January 30, 2020
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Chicago Public Library
Albany Park Branch
3401 W. Foster Ave.
Chicago, IL 60625

Friday, January 31, 2020
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Glenview Public Library
Community Room
1930 Glenview Rd.
Glenview, IL 60025

Monday, February 3, 2020
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Niles-Maine District Library
Commons Meeting Room
6960 W. Oakton St.
Niles, IL 60714

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Northbrook Public Library
Pollak Room
1201 Cedar Ln.
Northbrook, IL 60062

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Levy Senior Center
Linden Room
300 Dodge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60202

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Wilmette Public Library
Auditorium
1242 Wilmette Ave.
Wilmette, IL 60091

For more information about the project, visit the Projects & Studies section at PaceBus.com. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend these hearings and who require accommodations other than transportation, and individuals who require translation into a language other than English to allow them to observe and/or participate are requested to contact Pace at (847) 364-7223 option 3, five (5) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

These are not Library Sponsored Events

ATTENTION: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Make your voice heard on proposed route changes!

Pace is seeking public input on proposed service changes resulting from the North Shore Transit Service Coordination Plan and Market Analysis, a joint study completed in 2017 by Pace and CTA. The goal of the Plan is to improve coordination of transit services in North Cook County and to update the public transportation network to better serve high demand travel markets in this area. The restructured network, proposed to be implemented in August 2020, includes changes to five routes: 215, 225, 226, 422, and 423; and the addition of one new route: 424; and the discontinuation of two routes: 210 and 421. Please see the enclosed summary of proposed changes for more details.
On January 10, 2020 the RTA released its proposed 2020 Community Planning Program of Projects for public review during a comment period that will last through February 8, 2020.

This is the 21st year of the program in which the RTA has invested $21 million during that time in over 200 projects that includes roughly half the suburban communities that have transit service. It has lead the way in making the region a leader in TOD planning and development. In addition to TOD related grants the program also has and can fund development of special transit funding districts, transit corridor plans (something several COG’s have taken advantage of) and neighborhood transit mobility improvement plans.

More details on the program, the projects selected and the 200 projects previously selected on the RTA RTAMS web page.

Of the nine projects selected by the RTA for the 2020 program six were in the suburban area and all of the 6 were proposed by local government.

**In the South suburban area**

Calumet Park

The Village is requesting RTA funding to convene a TOD developer panel to elicit expertise on how to attract development proposals for a vacant 6 acre site adjacent to the Metra Electric Ashland Avenue station.

Harvey

This request from Harvey is to update its 15 year old TOD plan to address population loss, leverage current improvements at the Transportation Center and revisit decisions on development issues such a density.

University Park

This is a request to update to the Village’s 18 year old TOD plan around the Metra University Park station.

**In the Northwest Cook and DuPage area**

Hanover Park

The village is requesting assistance in updating their zoning code to enable the type of development envisioned in their TOD Plan to address issues such as parking, dwelling density and allowable land use.

DuPage County

The county is seeking assistance in developing its first county-wide multi-modal mobility plan to access system gaps, changing markets and better address variable employment needs in the county.
In Kane County

Elburn

This request by the village is for assistance to develop a TOD Plan near the Elburn Metra station and downtown Elburn with the objective of unifying the downtown district with TOD development with the station as a focal point.
Visitor’s Parking Permit
(Lot D) Please place on your dashboard

Via Tri-State Tollway (I-294)
From North: Exit at Golf Road. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. Turn right at the traffic light (Golf Road). Turn right at the first traffic light (College Drive).

From South: Take the Dempster West exit. Turn right on Rand Road (Route 12) to River Road (Route 45). Take River Road north to Golf Road. Turn right on Golf to the first traffic light (College Drive) and turn left.

Via the Kennedy Expressway
Take the Kennedy Expressway to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294 to Milwaukee). Exit at Dempster West and follow the directions (from South) above.