

NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF MAYORS FFY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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Executive Summary

Introduction

The North Shore Council of Mayors, which is housed within the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), is a cooperative body focused upon programming federal transportation funds for local road, transit, and bicycle facilities. Primarily, the North Shore Council programs federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds to improve transportation facilities. The North Shore Council is one of eleven suburban subregional councils in the Chicago Metropolitan Region. Mayor George Van Dusen of Skokie and President Kerry Cummings of Glenview serve as the co-chairs for the North Shore Council and represent the council on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

STP Program

The North Shore Council of Mayors utilized \$6.68 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010. The Golf Road at Skokie Boulevard intersection improvement project in Skokie and the Greenwood Road and Glenview Road intersection improvement project in Glenview obligated approximately \$6.4 in STP funds. The North Shore Council completed FFY 2010 with a

negative balance of roughly \$7.07 million. The North Shore Council plans to obligate over \$4.89 million in FFY 2011. Because of the Council's negative balance, all projects must receive advanced funding from the CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

ARRA Program

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the North Shore Council of Mayors received \$5,944,773 for surface transportation projects. The legislation required the council to obligate 100 percent of funds by March 2010. The council obligated approximately \$2.76 million in FFY 2009 on five projects. The council obligated the remaining \$3.19 million of ARRA funding in FFY 2010. The North Shore Council was able to provide partial funding to three additional projects due to low bids in the original project lettings.

CMAQ Program

Despite the lack of a new call for projects, the North Shore Council member municipalities had a productive year obligating CMAQ funds. The North Shore Council communities obligated over \$20.5 million in FFY 2010. Significant regional projects such as the Chicago Transit Authority

(CTA) Yellow Line Station at Oakton Street in the Village of Skokie and the Dempster Street improvement in Morton Grove broke ground in FFY 2010.

North Shore Council communities anticipate obligating approximately \$5.69 million in FFY 2011.

Looking to the Future

FFY 2011 presents a number of opportunities and challenges for the North Shore Council. The North Shore Council will continue to utilize Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding to complete important regional projects. Despite a negative program balance, the North Shore Council will continue to aggressively seek advanced funding opportunities.

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Introduction

The North Shore Council of Mayors is a cooperative body focused upon programming federal transportation funding for local road, transit, and bicycle facility projects. The North Shore Council consists of twelve member municipalities: Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Northfield, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

The primary responsibility of the North Shore Council of Mayors is to program federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. The Surface Transportation Program provides flexible funding that may be used by states and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities. A portion of STP funding is designated for the Chicago metropolitan region. Once STP funding reaches the region, it is split between the suburban Council of Mayors system (52.25%) and the City of Chicago (47.75%). The North Shore Council is one of eleven suburban subregional councils in the Chicago metropolitan region that receives STP funding. Suburban Cook County accounts for six councils, and there is one council for each of the five collar counties. Each council is responsible for programming an annual allocation of STP funds. The suburban allocations are based on population within a council area. The North Shore Council of Mayors currently receives 6.32% of the suburban STP funding and 3.30% of the Chicago region's STP funding. At the beginning of



each federal fiscal year (FFY), the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee approves the STP funding allocations. In FFY 2010, the North Shore Council received \$3.3 million in STP funds. Mayor George Van Dusen of Skokie and President Kerry Cummings of Glenview serve as the co-chairs for the North Shore Council and represent the council on the CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is the working body of the North Shore Council. Fred Schattner, Director of Engineering in the Village of Skokie, continued to serve as the chair of the committee in FFY 2010. Each North Shore Council municipality has a representative on the Technical Committee. The committee typically meets quarterly. Recommendations from the Technical Commit-

tee are sent to the North Shore Council via the Northwest Municipal Conference's monthly board meeting. In this manner, the presidents/mayors of the North Shore Council remain the final step in the council approval process, while avoiding the need for additional meetings.

North Shore Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The table below shows that the North Shore Council of Mayors utilized \$6.68 million in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010. Two significant intersection improve-

ment projects went to construction in FFY 2010. The Golf Road at Skokie Boulevard intersection improvement project in Skokie and the Greenwood Road and Glenview Road intersection improvement project in Glenview obligated approximately \$6.4 million in STP funds. The North Shore Council programmed

FFY 10 PROJECTS	Sponsor	TIP Number	Phase	Total Cost	STP Funding
Golf/Skokie	Skokie	02-99-0102	Const.	\$ 5,345,844	\$ 3,581,903
Old Orchard/Skokie	Skokie	02-00-0103	ENG II	\$ 420,406	\$ 234,192
Church/Crawford	Skokie	02-99-0103	ENG II	\$ 73,089	\$ 51,162
Greenwood/Glenview	Glenview	02-05-0004	Const.	\$ 4,019,171	\$ 2,813,420
TOTAL				\$ 9,858,510	\$ 6,680,677

over \$7.5 million in FFY 2010, and did a strong job meeting obligation projections. Nonetheless, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition issues, coordination with IDOT and local priorities delayed projects.

The North Shore Council entered FFY 2010 with a negative balance of roughly \$3.7 million. Because the council spent well over its allocated STP funding level, the negative program balance grew to \$7.07 million at the end of FFY 2010. Given the council's significant negative balance, The North Shore Council of

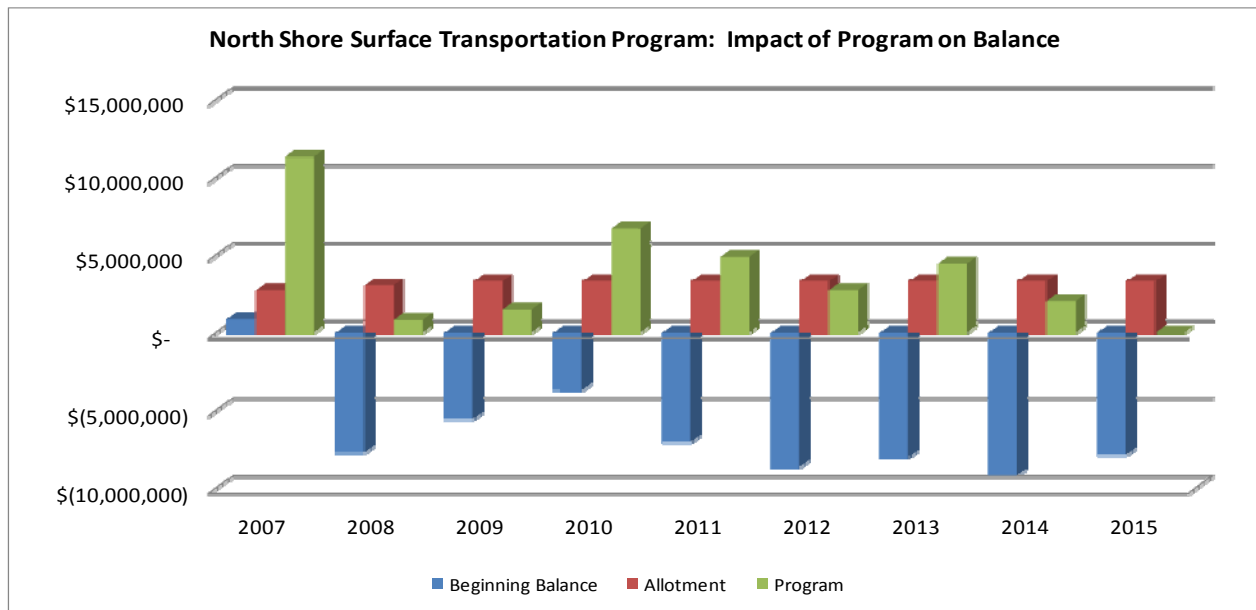
Mayors Technical Committee met twice in June to discuss the future of the North Shore Surface Transportation Program (STP). Looking to the future, the North Shore Technical Committee recommended seeking strategies to assist in reducing the council's negative balance. The committee recommended moving some projects back in the multi-year program and delaying cost increases. The Chart on page 4 displays the historic and planned STP obligations in the North Shore Council.

The second table on page 4 demonstrates that the North Shore Council plans to obligate \$4.89 million in FFY 2011. Because of the Council's negative balance, all projects advancing in FFY 2011 must receive advanced funding from the Chicago Metropolitan for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee. The Old Orchard at Skokie Boulevard intersection improvement project is the only North Shore STP construction project scheduled for FFY 2011. If the Council is able to obligate funding for all programmed projects in FFY 2011, it is estimated that the Council will enter FFY 2012 with a negative balance of roughly \$8.65 million.



Pavement removal on Skokie Boulevard as part of the Golf Road at Skokie Boulevard intersection improvement project in the Village of Skokie.

North Shore Surface Transportation Program (STP)



North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 2011 Surface Transportation Program

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Sheridan Rd. Sig. Conn.	Evanston	02-08-0005	ENG II	\$ 208,997	\$ 145,343
Church/Crawford	Skokie	02-99-0103	ROW	\$ 41,820	\$ 29,274
Old Orchard/Skokie	Skokie	02-00-0103	ROW	\$ 99,555	\$ 69,256
Old Orchard/Skokie	Skokie	02-00-0103	Const.	\$ 6,661,763	\$ 3,753,741
Willow Road	Winnetka	02-06-0021	ENG II	\$ 278,104	\$ 194,781
Chestnut/Waukegan	Glenview	02-06-0019	ENG II	\$ 160,153	\$ 112,540
Chestnut/Waukegan	Glenview	02-06-0019	ROW	\$ 530,000	\$ 371,000
Gross Point Road	Skokie	02-06-0035	ROW	\$ 115,787	\$ 81,159
Gross Point Road	Skokie	02-06-0035	ENG II	\$ 185,042	\$ 129,854
TOTAL				\$ 8,281,222	\$ 4,886,948

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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Morton Grove's Lehigh resurfacing project was let in FFY 2009 and constructed in FFY 2010.

Sponsor	Project Location	TIP Number	Scope	Phase	ARRA Funding	FFY
Evanston	Sheridan Rd.	02-08-0005	Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 1,348,937.00	2009
Glenview	Central Rd.	02-07-0003	LAPP	Construction	\$ 516,043.66	2009
Golf	Overlook Dr.	02-09-0011	Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 186,621.00	2009
Morton Grove	Lehigh Ave.	02-07-0004	LAPP	Construction	\$ 356,937.00	2009
Winnetka	Tower Rd.	02-09-0015	LAPP	Construction	\$ 347,800.00	2009
Glencoe	Green Bay Rd.	02-07-0017	LAPP	Construction	\$ 570,586.85	2010
Northbrook	Pfingsten Rd.	02-09-0012	Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 535,474.00	2010
Northfield	Old Willow Rd. Bridge	02-09-0013	Bridge Repair	Construction	\$ 54,807.00	2010
Northfield (CCHD)	Winnetka Rd. Bridge	02-09-0007	Bridge Repair	Construction	\$ 242,214.00	2010
Skokie	Main St.	02-07-0009	Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 788,937.00	2010
Wilmette	10th St.	02-09-0014	LAPP	Construction	\$ 371,629.00	2010
Morton Grove	Central Ave.	02-07-0006	LAPP	Construction	\$ 222,807.00	2010
Evanston	Sheridan Rd.	02-08-0005	Resurfacing	Construction	\$ 222,807.00	2010
Glenview	Glenview Rd. (East)	02-07-0008	LAPP	Construction	\$ 179,173.00	2010
					\$ 5,944,774	

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program is a federally-funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to improve air quality and mitigate congestion. The CMAQ Program was created in 1991. The Chicago region receives CMAQ funding because Northeastern Illinois is a moderate non-attainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard and a non-attainment area for the annual fine particulate matter standard (PM2.5).

In the past, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has issued an annual call for projects to fund projects that reduce conges-

tion and/or improve air quality; however, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee programmed both FFY 2010 and 2011, resulting in a year without a call for projects. The North Shore Council Planning Liaison, Christopher Staron, assists municipalities in coordination with CMAP and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Despite the lack of a new call for projects, the North Shore Council member municipalities had a productive year obligating CMAQ funds. The North Shore Council communities obligated over \$20.5 million in FFY 2010. Significant regional projects such as the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Yellow Line Station

at Oakton Street in the Village of Skokie and the Dempster Street improvement in Morton Grove broke ground in FFY 2010. The table below outlines the FFY 2010 projects.

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FFY 10 PROJECTS	Sponsor	TIP Number	Phase	Total Cost	CMAQ Funding
Chicago Ave from Grove St to South Blvd	Evanston	02-04-0003	Const.	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 648,304
Greenwood Ave. at Glenview Rd.	Glenview	02-05-0004	Const.	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,000
S. Greenwood Rd. sidewalks – Linneman to Glenview	Glenview	02-05-0004	Const.	\$ 134,600	\$ 107,680
IL 58/Dempster St from Ferris Ave to Central Ave	Morton Grove	02-03-0001	Const.	\$ 4,720,534	\$ 3,776,427
Techny Trail Segment 3	Glenview	02-08-0001	E2	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000
Techny Trail Segment 3	Glenview	02-08-0001	Const.	\$ 550,000	\$ 440,000
Techny Trail Segment 3	Glenview	02-08-0001	CE	\$ 81,928	\$ 68,000
Yellow Line Infill Stations Engineering Feasibility Study	Evanston	02-09-0002	ENGI	\$ 275,000	\$ 220,000
Oakton New Station on Yellow Line	Skokie	02-02-9001	Const.	\$ 17,635,000	\$ 14,107,514
The Glen of North Glenview Station Commuter Lot	Glenview	02-08-0002	Const.	\$ 1,365,000	\$ 1,092,000
Total				\$ 25,952,062	\$ 20,587,925

FFY 11 PROJECTS	Sponsor	TIP Number	Phase	Total Cost	CMAQ Funding
ComEd ROW / Skokie Valley Bike/Multiuse Trail	Lincolnwood	02-10-0002	ENGI	\$ 35,000	\$ 28,000
UP Line / Weber Spur Bike Trail	Lincolnwood	02-10-0001	ENGI	\$ 45,000	\$ 36,000
ComEd ROW / Skokie Valley Bike/Multiuse Trail	Lincolnwood	02-10-0002	ENGI	\$ 105,000	\$ 84,000
UP Line / Weber Spur Bike Trail	Lincolnwood	02-10-0001	ENGI	\$ 90,000	\$ 72,000
UP Line / Weber Spur Bike Trail	Lincolnwood	02-10-0001	ROW	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 4,800,000
Sheridan Rd. from Central to Chicago Signal Interconnect	Evanston	02-08-0005	Const.	\$ 842,500	\$ 674,000
Total				\$ 7,117,500	\$ 5,694,000

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The North Shore Council has scheduled Construction for one intersection improvements in FFY 2010. The Old Orchard Road and Skokie Boulevard intersection improvement in Skokie will utilize STP funds for Con-

struction.

The North Shore Council communities will continue to seek transportation funding from federal sources, such as STP, CMAQ and ITEP to accomplish significant projects.

The repeated extension of SAFETEA-LU makes the future of the federal role in surface transportation unclear. The federal Highway Trust Fund is being depleted at an unsustainable rate and has required multiple transfers from the general fund. In order to sustain the current fiscal level of transportation investment, Congress will need to find

additional revenues beyond the current motor fuel tax. While Congress and the administration debate the next surface transportation authorization, the North Shore Council will continue to advance federally aid eligible projects.