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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Thursday, November 21, 2013**

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines

AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order – Chair Braiman**
- II. Approval of October 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action requested: Approve Minutes
- III. Transit Governance Update**
Staff will provide an update on the Governor’s Transit Task Force.
Action Requested: Discussion
- IV. RTA Funding Overview**
Andy Plummer from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will be present an overview of the current funding structure for the RTA. He will explain the source of RTA revenues, how the funds are distributed to the three service boards (CTA, Metra and Pace) and some options to the current distribution formula and process.
Action Requested: Informational
- V. Pace 2014 Budget Presentation**
Steve Andrews from Pace give a brief overview of Pace’s 2014 Program & Budget.
Action Requested: Informational
- VI. Metra 2014 Budget Presentation**
Rick Mack from Metra will give a brief overview of Metra’s 2014 Program & Budget.
Action Requested: Informational
- VII. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update**
NWMC staff will provide an update on the Des Plaines River Trail Corridor Plan and other initiatives of the Committee.
Action Requested: Informational
- VIII. CMAP Update**
An update on relevant activities from CMAP’s committees will be provided.
Action requested: Informational

IX. Other Business

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on December 19 at the NWMC Offices.

Action Requested: Discussion

XI. Adjournment

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 24, 2013
8:30 a.m.
NWMC Offices
1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL

Members Present:

Jeffrey Braiman, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Chair
Mike Allison, Village Manager, Village of Vernon Hills
Dean Argiris, President, Village of Wheeling
Jeff Berman, Trustee, Village of Buffalo Grove
Rod Craig, Mayor, Village of Hanover Park
Peter Falcone, Assistant to the Administrator, Village of Morton Grove
Tim Frenzer, Village Manager, Village of Wilmette
Jane Grover, Alderman, City of Evanston
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Mike Janonis, Village Manager, Village of Mount Prospect
Al Larson, Mayor, Village of Schaumburg
Anne Marrin, Village Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Don Owen, Deputy Village Manager, Village of Glenview

Others Present:

Steve Andrews, Pace
Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington (by phone)
Marnie Hooghkirk, IDOT
Dan Jedrzejak, Chastain & Associates
June Johnson, Village of Schaumburg
Rick Mack, Metra
Homayoon Pirooz, City of Evanston
Andre Santos, Traffic Control Corp.
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC
Chris Staron, NWMC
Mike Walczak, NWMC

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of September 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mayor Craig, seconded by Mr. Owen, the committee voted unanimously to approve the September 26, 2013 meeting minutes.

III. Rail Tanker Car Safety Resolution

Mayor Darch said that communities that belong to TRAC have taken an interest in the rail safety issue surrounding tanker cars. She explained that the rail industry would prefer to change new cars rather than addressing tanker cars currently in operation. She said that the resolution also supports the notification on the contents on trains. Mr. Walczak noted

that the NWMC Board has adopted the resolution on the condition of concurrence from the Transportation Committee. On a motion made by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mayor Larson, the committee unanimously voted to concur on the resolution.

IV. Transit Governance Update

Mr. Walczak reported that the Governor's Transit Task Force has issued its interim report, which holds off on making recommendations, but does include a number of findings. He said that the report outlines a transit system beset by scandal, lacking coordination, full of duplication, without a regional vision, failing to support the economy and facing underinvestment.

Mr. Walczak further reported that the RTA's consultants recently outlined a number of potential options for allocating transit funding between the service boards. He explained that the report looks at funding scenarios and governance models.

Mr. Staron provided an overview of the draft transit governance positions that were informed by the September meeting. He said that the two positions look to support the suburban role in the transit system and enhance local control. He reported that the first position states that any transit reform needs to address the realities in the region, which are a growing share of suburban employment and population. He said that the second position highlights the importance of local government decision making for successful transit.

Mayor Craig commented that the sales tax avoidance agreements should be included in the conversation because one cannot talk about underfunding and underinvestment in the transit system without discussing the lost revenue. The committee discussed the appropriate way to include this issue under the transit governance positions. Chair Braiman noted that there are outstanding court cases that will impact how and if the sales tax agreement issue can be addressed. The committee directed staff to include an additional position addressing the sales tax agreement issue. Chair Braiman explained that the positions will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for further review and refinement.

V. Transportation Funding Statement

Mr. Staron reported that the draft Transportation Funding Statement is nearly identical to last year. He explained that the major change was that this year's statement highlights that MAP-21 will be expiring at the end of the current federal fiscal year. He said that the committee went through a multi-meeting review of the issue last year and ultimately recommended that a funding statement be included in the legislative program. He said that the funding problems facing the transportation system include that the Highway Trust Fund continues to rely on fund transfers, the lack of purchasing power for the gas tax, aging infrastructure, the end of the state capital bill and the troubling transit situation in the Chicago region.

On a motion by Mr. Allison, seconded by Mayor Larson, the committee unanimously voted to approve the transportation funding statement and forward it to the Legislative Committee for consideration in the 2014 legislative program.

VI. Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Update

Mr. Walczak reported that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met earlier this week to review a draft existing conditions report from the consultant team leading the work on the Des Plaines River Corridor Plan. He said that the report cataloged a lot of data on crossings and trail conditions. He said that the consultant team will be using that information to identify and prioritize problem areas and recommend solutions. He said that the initial recommendations are expected in December or January.

VII. CMAP Update

Mr. Staron reported that the big news from CMAP is that the Go TO 2040 amendment to include the Illiana Highway project was approved by the MPO Policy Committee. He reported that it was a close vote. The committee discussed how the project will be incorporated in the plan and how it may affect other constrained projects in the plan.

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Walczak reported that the IL 53/120 extension Finance Committee met for the first time. He said that the committee is planning to use the Elgin O'Hare Western Access project as a model. He explained that the committee will look at tolling existing facilities, scaling the project and local contributions.

IX. Next Meeting

Chair Braiman reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21.

X. Adjournment

Chair Braiman adjourned the meeting.