

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference**

**Transportation Committee**

**Thursday, December 10, 2015**

**8:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices**

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**AGENDA**

- MEMBERS**  
 Antioch  
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 Bannockburn  
 Barrington  
 Bartlett  
 Buffalo Grove  
 Carpentersville  
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 Crystal Lake  
 Deer Park  
 Deerfield  
 Des Plaines  
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 Fox Lake  
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 Hanover Park  
 Highland Park  
 Hoffman Estates  
 Kenilworth  
 Lake Bluff  
 Lake Forest  
 Lake Zurich  
 Libertyville  
 Lincolnshire  
 Lincolnwood  
 Morton Grove  
 Mount Prospect  
 Niles  
 Northbrook  
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 Northfield Township  
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of October 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
**Action requested:** Approval of minutes
- III. CMAP Long Range Plan Development**  
 Staff from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will present an overview of the next long range comprehensive plan process and how NWMC and municipalities can be involved.  
**Action requested:** Discussion
- IV. Federal Transportation Update**  
 On December 4, President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, a new five year federal transportation bill. Staff will provide an update on the bill and its impacts on NWMC and the Chicago region.  
**Action requested:** Informational
- V. State Transportation Update**  
 Staff will summarize the impact that the state’s budget impasse is having on transportation projects, including the recent move to allow distribution of MFT.  
**Action requested:** Informational
- VI. Illinois Tollway – Central Tri-State Planning**  
 A final report on the Central Tri-State Tollway Corridor is due out this month. Staff will provide an update.  
**Action requested:** Discussion
- VII. CMAP Update**  
 An update on relevant activities from CMAP’s committees will be provided.  
**Action requested:** Informational
- VIII. Agency Reports**
- IX. Other Business**
- X. Next Meeting**  
 The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. NWMC offices.
- XI. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, October 29, 2015**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**NWMC Offices**  
**1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700**  
**Des Plaines, IL**

**Members Present:**

Dean Argiris, President, Village of Wheeling, Chair  
Nellie Beckner, Senior Planner, Mount Prospect  
Jeff Berman, Trustee, Buffalo Grove  
Rod Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park  
Peter Falcone, Asst to the Manager, Prospect Heights  
Tim Frenzer, Village Manager, Village of Wilmette  
Jane Grover, Alderman, City of Evanston  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook  
Phil Kiraly, Village Manager, Glencoe  
Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg  
Maria Lasday, Village Manager, Village of Bannockburn  
Anne Marrin, Village Administrator, Village of Fox Lake (on phone)  
Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates  
Matt Roan, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village  
Greg Summers, Director of Development Services, Village of Barrington

**Others Present:**

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway  
Steve Andrews, Pace  
John Beissel, Robinson Engineering  
Kama Dobbs, CMAP  
Marnie Hooghkirk, IDOT  
Dan Jedrzejak, Chastain  
Rick Mack, Metra  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC  
Chad Riddle, IDOT  
Karyn Robles, Village of Schaumburg  
Mike Walczak, NWMC

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Argiris called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and had those present provide introductions.

**II. Approval of September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Trustee Israel, seconded by Mayor McLeod, the committee voted to approve the September 24, 2015 meeting minutes.

**III. Illinois 53/120 Extension Letter of Support**

Mr. Walczak explained that the Tollway Board will soon be considering whether to move forward with an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on the proposed extension of Route 53 and Illinois 120 bypass project. He recommended submitting a letter to reaffirm NWMC's long-standing support of the project. On a motion made by Trustee Berman, seconded by Mayor McLeod, the committee voted to approve the letter to send to the Tollway.

#### **IV. Transportation For Illinois Coalition**

Mr. Walczak told the committee that NWMC has been approached by the Transportation for Illinois Coalition about a new membership for Council of Governments and possibly for municipalities. The committee discussed whether the coalition and NWMC would also have the same transportation interests on all issues. Upon a recommendation by President Larson, the committee agreed to request the coalition come out to a future meeting to further explain the proposal.

#### **V. Federal Update**

Mr. Pigeon reported that a short term (three week) extension of MAP-21 has been passed. However, the extension bill includes extending the deadline for Positive Train Control until 2018. He then discussed the currently proposed bill in the House.

#### **VI. State Update**

Mr. Riddle explained a memo recently sent out by IDOT allowing municipalities to borrow from their future MFT allotments to pay for current construction projects. The committee also discussed a bill introduced by Representative Moylan, which would free up MFT and other local funds.

#### **VII. Agency Reports**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the CMAP Board approved the LTA, CMAQ and TAP programs and updated the committee on the agency's fight for its federal transportation funds.

Mr. Andrews reported that Pace's 2016 budget will include a fare increase for cash paying riders as part of the push to use Ventra. They also plan to have a balanced ADA/Paratransit budget, but the status of a \$8.5 million grant from the state is unknown at this time.

Ms. Anderson reported that the Jane Addams is on schedule to be completed in 2016. New lanes will open on the Elgin O'Hare tomorrow from Irving Park to Meacham. The agency's 2016 budget is \$1.4 billion and includes \$577 million for the Jane Addams and \$384 million for the EOWA. Mayor Craig complimented the agency on the construction of the EOWA.

Mr. Mack reported that Metra is recommending a 2% fare increase, instead of a possible 5%, for its 2016 budget. He thanked NWMC for its support on federal Positive Train Control requirements. He also reported that the mobile application integrated with the Ventra card to pay for Metra fares will be up and running in the coming weeks.

#### **VIII. Other Business**

There was no other business

**IX. Next Meeting**

Chair Argiris reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

**X. Adjournment**

On a motion by Trustee Israel, seconded by Ms. Lasday, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m.