

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

**Northwest Municipal Conference**

**Transportation Committee**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016**

**8:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices**

**1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700 Des Plaines**

**AGENDA**

- MEMBERS**
- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deer Park
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox Lake
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Hanover Park
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Kenilworth
- Lake Bluff
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Township
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka
  
- President*
- Tom Rooney
- Rolling Meadows
  
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- Matt Bogusz
- Des Plaines
  
- Secretary*
- Dean Argiris
- Wheeling
  
- Treasurer*
- Juliana Maller
- Hanover Park
  
- Executive Director*
- Mark L. Fowler

- I. Call to Order**
  
- II. Approval of April 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
**Action requested:** Approval of minutes
  
- III. Annual “Dump The Pump” Day Resolution (Attachment B)**  
The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is encouraging municipalities and Councils of Governments to pass the attached resolution commemorating the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dump the Pump Day on June 16<sup>th</sup> and encouraging residents to ride public transportation.  
**Action requested:** *Approve Resolution*
  
- IV. CMAP Funding Update**  
As part of its upcoming local dues structure, CMAP staff has proposed a ten percent discount on dues for municipalities whose Council of Government collects the dues on behalf of CMAP. Staff is requesting a discussion NWMC’s participation on the proposal.  
**Action requested:** *Recommendation to Executive Committee*
  
- V. Illinois Route 53/120 Extension Update**  
Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor has withdrawn his support of the project, likely leaving the Illinois Tollway with a decision on whether to move forward with the planned Environmental Impact Statement. Staff will provide an update.  
**Action requested:** Discussion
  
- VI. FHWA Revision of Thirteen Controlling Criteria for Design**  
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has finalized a revision to its list of design criteria for roads on the National Highway System (NHS) that will simplify many projects and give more design flexibility to state and local governments. Staff will provide an update.  
**Action requested:** Informational
  
- VII. Transportation Grant Opportunities**  
Staff will review current and upcoming opportunities for planning, engineering and construction grants for transportation projects.  
**Action requested:** Informational

**VIII. CMAP Update**

An update on relevant activities from CMAP's committees will be provided.

**Action requested:** Informational

**IX. Agency Reports**

**X. Other Business**

**XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 8:30 a.m. NWMC offices.

**XII. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 28, 2016**  
**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, Village Planner, Village of Mount Prospect  
Tim Frenzer, Village Manager, Village of Wilmette  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook  
Joe Kenney, Community Development Director, Village of Glenview  
Maria Lasday, Village Manager, Village of Bannockburn  
Matt Roan, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village

**Others Present:**

Steve Andrews, Pace  
Lou Arrigoili, Trotter and Associates  
Mary Clumpner, Robinson Engineering  
Tim Grzesiakowski, TMA of Lake-Cook  
Rick Mack, Metra  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Chris Staron, NWMC  
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 March 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Roan, seconded by Ms. Lasday, the committee voted to approve the March 24, 2016 meeting minutes.

**III. Regional Transportation Authority Update**

Mr. Plummer discussed the history of RTA's Transit-Oriented Development planning efforts. He said that the main benefit to the RTA is increased ridership, while municipalities benefit from increased economic development. He then walked the committee through four examples from the NWMC area, in Evanston, Skokie, Mount Prospect and Wheeling. President Argiris, Trustee Israel and Mr. Frenzer all voiced their thanks for the program and its positive impact in their community. Summaries of all of the projects and other information were included in a brochure that Mr. Plummer distributed.

#### **IV. Legislative Update**

Mr. Staron reviewed several bills under consideration in Springfield with transportation impacts. SB 3279, backed by the Metropolitan Planning Council, would generate \$2.7 billion per year for transportation with a combination of increased Motor Fuel Tax and registration fees. There has been a subject matter hearing but no vote.

SB 3267, sponsored by Sen. John Cullerton, would introduce a Vehicle Miles Traveled fee to supplement falling MFT revenues. Residents would have three options for collection: a GPS tracker on their vehicle which would not charge the driver during toll road usage; an odometer reading which would not include a credit for toll roads; and, a flat \$450 charge per year. Many opponents from both sides of the aisle have emerged and the bill is not expected to advance.

Finally, Mr. Staron discussed HJR 36, which puts a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November to require transportation revenues be used solely on transportation projects and not be diverted. The resolution had passed the House and was to be considered by the Senate. Ms. Lasday asked if it would include revenues passed through to municipalities, and Mr. Staron said that yes it should follow the existing distribution patterns. Conference staff will continue to track this resolution.

#### **V. FRA Train Crew Resolution**

Mr. Walczak introduced the resolution, which would support a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which would require two person crews on trains. While some railroads are trying to move to one person crews, the FRA rules cite increased safety, especially in cases of crew member incapacitation or hazardous materials cases. On a motion made by Trustee Israel and seconded by Mr. Roan, the committee voted to approve the resolution and send it to the Executive Board for their consideration.

#### **VI. FY 2017 Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget**

Mr. Walczak introduced the resolution, which is annually required to secure transportation funding for the conference from CMAP for transportation planning activities. On a motion made by Trustee Israel and seconded by Mr. Roan, the committee voted to approve the resolution and send it to the Executive Board for their consideration.

#### **VII. Regional Truck Permitting Update**

Mr. Pigeon updated the committee on the effort from CMAP to coordinate and simplify truck permitting across the region. For NWMC, Elk Grove Village and Wheeling have been involved in the discussions. Mr. Roan explained the focus on online filing. Mr. Frenzer questioned why CMAP and municipalities are leading the effort and explained that the trucking industry should be in the lead.

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

Mr. Andrews reported that the Niles Free Bus will have service changes starting May 2, noting that it will provide better connections to future Pulse stations. Ms. Lasday asked about the status of the Bannockburn/Lincolnshire shuttle. Mr. Andrews said he will follow up.

Mr. Mack updated the committee on the ongoing efforts to implement Positive Train Control. He also announced upcoming improvements to the Mount Prospect, Northbrook and Glenview stations.

Mr. Grzesiakowski announced the TMA's annual meeting on May 24 with speakers including Jim Reilly, John Fortmann and Leanne Redden and a focus on transportation funding.

Mr. Walczak reminded the committee that a call for projects is currently underway for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP).

**IX. Next Meeting**

Chair Argiris reported that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016.

**X. Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Frenzer, seconded by Trustee Israel, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m.



**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE  
RESOLUTION 2016-XX**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 11th ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP  
THE PUMP DAY ON JUNE 16, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) is a corporate organization representing municipalities and townships chartered within the State of Illinois and the Counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Chapter 5, Act 220 paragraphs 1 through 8 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, authorize and encourage intergovernmental association and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, June 16, 2016 marks the 11th annual National Dump the Pump Day as a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, revitalize communities, protect the environment, and improve the quality of life for all Americans;

**WHEREAS**, people who ride public transportation in Northeastern Illinois can save up to \$11,041 per year, based on today's gas prices, the cost of owning a car and the average unreserved parking rate;

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation Authority system ridership has exceeded 600 million for each year since 2006;

**WHEREAS**, Millennials have surpassed Generation X'ers and Baby Boomers as the largest share of the labor force and they demand good mass transit;

**WHEREAS**, more than 60% of those who commute to Chicago's Loop from outside Chicago's downtown use transit;

**WHEREAS**, for every \$1 billion invested in public transportation supports and creates more than 50,000 jobs;

**WHEREAS**, U.S. home values performed 42 percent better on average if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service;

**WHEREAS**, U.S. public transportation use in the United States reduces our nation's carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually. This is equivalent to Washington, DC; New York City; Atlanta; Denver; and Los Angeles combined to stop using electricity;

**WHEREAS**, public transportation plays a major role in maintaining the vitality of many municipal business districts and provides an option for our residents to commute without using their automobile.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Northwest Municipal Conference join with other public and private bodies across the country to participate in the 11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY to encourage transit ridership.

Passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016

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Thomas Rooney, President  
Northwest Municipal Conference and  
Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Argiris, Secretary  
Northwest Municipal Conference and  
President, Village of Wheeling