

## **South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association**

### **Transportation Committee**

September 1, 2020

2:00 PM

Zoom

#### **Those in attendance:**

##### **Committee Members**

Richard Reinbold

Bob, Kolosh

Joseph Roudez

Eugene Williams

Patty Eidam

Robert Polk

President, Village of Richton Park

Mayor, Village of Thornton

Mayor, Village of University Park

Mayor, Village of Lynwood

Mayor, Village of Lansing

Mayor, Village of Burnham

#### **Staff**

Leslie Phemister, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Linda Pendleton

Others in attendance: Jerry Townsend, Kama Dobbs, Thomas Gill, Tim Williams, Earl Dunn, Jeff Pintar, Tom Slattey, Lauren Platt, John Schafer, Kevin Stallworth, Jessica Rybarczyk, Dante Sawyer, Dan Schug, William Murray, Karen Kreis, Staci Dovalovsky, Christina Kupkowski, Amy Christie, Tom Gill, Salvatore DiBernardo, John Brunke, Andre Santos, Matt Bueger, Claire (RTA)

#### **I. Call to Order.**

President Reinbold called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes- Meeting of May 5, 2020**

On a motion by Thornton, seconded by Lynwood, the March 3rd Minutes as presented were approved.

#### **III. Agency Reports**

- a. IDOT Planning and Programming- Earl D. Dunn Management Monitoring Schedule and reviewed updates.
- b. IDOT Local Roads- Kevin Stallworth reviewed updates on IDOT schedules.
- c. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways- Benet Haller gave updates on Cook County projects including Joe Orr Road, Ashland Ave, Steger Rd, Burnham Greenway Bridge and Kedzie Ave. Invest in Cook awards going to board in September 2020.
- d. Will County Division of Highways- Construction is proceeding. The 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue project looking to be in an early 2021 letting and summer construction. East side of Will County DOT, engineer, Mayors and Managers early phase of truck routing study.

- e. Illinois Tollway- Lauren Platt stated when crashes occur please stay in your car. Staff still working from home and tollway is still cashless. In August 2020, commercial volume is back to pre-Covid numbers, but passenger traffic is still down. Tollway is hiring. Tolling 2020 changes to fines and fees. Construction and maintenance still happening.
- f. CMAP- Kama Dobbs provided written updates. CMAP has posted all meeting recordings online.
- g. RTA- The RTA is holding focus groups to scenario plan on transit for the next two years.
- h. Pace- Dedicated COVID-19 page on website. As of August 28<sup>th</sup> Pace 88 confirmed cases. Pace is returning to office this week. Service updates allowing medical personal ride for free on all Pace services. No longer using rear door boarding. April/May Service modifications are still happening. The month of May had a 67% decline in ridership, now 53% on fixed route. Paratransit 43% region-wide decline in ridership. 2021 Budget and public hearing one time influx of 1.4 billion. This allowed to sustain budget, but will have a shortfall without relief. Budget public meetings will be last two weeks of October. Pace is hiring.
- i. Metra- report attached

#### IV. Surface Transportation Program

- a. Active and Contingency Program
  - i. Public Comment- No public comment was given.
  - ii. Approval- On a motion by Lynwood, and seconded by University Park the STP Active and Contingency program was unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- b. Shared Fund- If any communities need assistance with applying, contact Leslie Phemister. New project types are available.

#### V. Grants-

- a. ITEP-Closes November 2, 2020- CCDOTH will assist with applications
- b. 4 Illinois Special Bridge Program FY2026- Closes October 6, 2020
- c. Urban & Community Forestry Grants- Closes September 25, 2020
- d. IDNR Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund (STEF) Grant Program October 1, 2020
- e. IDNR Boat Access Area Development Program Grants- Closes October 2, 2020

#### VI. Next Meeting- The Transportation Committee will meet October 6, 2020 at 2pm in Zoom.