South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
Transportation Committee
November 10, 2020
2:00 PM
Zoom

Those in attendance:
Committee Members
Michael Einhorn, Mayor, Village of Crete
Richard Reinbold, President, Village of Richton Park
Joseph Roudez, Mayor, Village of University Park
Patty Eidam, Mayor, Village of Lansing

Staff
Leslie Phemister, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Linda Pendleton, Shay Tyner

Others in attendance: Jerry Townsend, Thomas Gill, Tim Williams, Earl Dunn, Jeff Pintar, Tom Slattery, 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 DiBernado, John Brunke, Andre Santos, Matt Bueger, Claire Serdivk, Kathleen Orr, Christine Code, Maggie Jarr, Mary Weber, Noe Gallardo, Benet Haller, Brent Pendry, Patrick Day, Roderick Ysaguirre, Cynthia San, Deborah Sims, Ernest Roberts, John Hilsen, Katie Bell, Travis Banstra, Monica Elsey, Ernestine Beck-Fulgham, Dan Podgorski,

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 and gave updates on the Rebuild Bond fund. Kevin will provide a written summary.
c. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways- Benet Haller gave updates on Cook County Fair Transit Project and Invest in Cook 2020 announcements.
d. Will County Division of Highways- No report
e. Illinois Tollway- Lauren Platt stated the 2021 budget is available for review and comment. Still working as a cashless system. In September, commercial volume is back to pre-Covid numbers,
but passenger traffic is still down, at 80%. Tolling 2020 changes to fines and fees. Construction and maintenance still happening. The I-294/I-57 interchange is under construction.

f. CMAP- CMAP released a video on rail system and how to address challenges. Recording available for best practices local governments can use to share resources. The Air Quality Conformity analysis public comment is open.

g. RTA- The RTA is holding budget presentations and public comment for all service boards and RTA.

h. Pace- Jessica has provided a proposed budget report. Paces 2021 budget has continued service cuts. The Tinley Park on-demand service reduction in 2021. Pace provided an update on COVID prevention. Harvey Transit Center rehab is moving forward. Markham facility expansion will begin in December 2020. Pace Pulse south Halsted line is under review. Mid-2021 phase completion. Fixed route ridership is down 54% weekday and weekend 47%. As of November, 152 confirmed Covid-19 cases. Updated Ventra app for Apple users.

i. Metra- Noe gave an update on the Metra budget. Metra will have a new weekend pass. The Homewood Station is going to bid with a spring 2021 construction. The Sibley/147th design is at 80% with a 2021 construction. Ridership is down 89.8% system wide. Service will increase as ridership increases. Metra launched a campaign to highlight the COVID-19 safety procedures.

IV. Surface Transportation Program

   a. Active and Contingency Program- Manager Designation forms are due in November and Status Updates are due by December 31, 2020.
   b. Shared Fund- If any communities need assistance with applying, contact Leslie Phemister. New project types are available.
   c. 2021 Meeting Dates – January meeting approval

V. Southeast Service- Mayor Einhorn noted the West-Lake in NW Indiana has been moving forward. He prompted a discussion on the Southeast Service. Have a letter to Metra asking a decision be made. Ask Metra for a status of internal timeline.

VI. Grants-
   a. Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program- Closes November 30, 2020
   b. Flood Mitigation Assistance Program- Closes January 29, 2021
   c. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities- Closes January 29, 2021
   d. CMAQ- Opens in January 2021

VII. Next Meeting- The Transportation Committee will meet January 5, 2021 at 2pm in Zoom.