



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Staff
Date: April 12, 2011
Re: Legislative Update

State Budget Update

Since the Governor’s budget address in February, both the House and Senate have begun shaping a state budget for FY12. The first step in this process requires each chamber to identify a spending budget. In March the House and Senate identified revenue projections for spending in FY12. SJR 29 and HR 110 were adopted, which set general revenue funds estimated to be available for appropriation in FY12. The table below shows the different revenue projections each branch is using to craft a FY12 budget.

| VARYING BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR FY12 STATE BUDGET (billions) | | | |
|---|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| Governor | COGFA | House (HR 110) | Senate (SJR 29) |
| \$33.9 | \$34.9 | \$33.2 | \$34.3 |

In addition, the House adopted HR 156, which assigns percentages of available general revenue to each House Appropriations committee. The House plan has been a bipartisan effort, with both resolutions being co-sponsored by Speaker Madigan and Minority Leader Cross. On the Senate side, a divided approach is taking shape. Senate Republicans outlined a budget proposal with significant budget cuts. Some of these cuts include a \$300 million reduction to the local government share of revenues dispersed by the state. The Senate Democrats’ proposal has yet to surface. Appropriations Committees have begun meeting and taking testimony on agency budgets. Earlier this month in Chicago, the House Appropriations – General Services Committee met to hear testimony on the Department of Natural Resources. Last week the Senate hosted a hearing on Departments of Transportation and Natural Resources budgets. May 31 is the deadline to approve a budget before a supermajority vote would be required.

Bill Recap

*Indicates similar bill was filed in a previous session.
**New bills added to the list from the previous report.

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Over the last several weeks many bills have advanced out of both chambers. Friday, April 15th was the deadline for bills on third reading. This week the House is out for spring break (April 18-22) and will return April 26. The Senate is out for two weeks and returns May 3. Below is a list of bills CMAP is tracking and their status.

Transportation:

*[HB 267](#) – Franks (D-Woodstock) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to allow counties to opt out of paying RTA taxes. Passed the House on 2/24/2011 and referred to Senate Assignments on 3/23/11.

*[HB 1091](#) – Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow the state to enter into public-private partnerships for transportation projects. Passed Judiciary Civil Law Committee and placed on calendar for second floor reading and short debate on 2/23/11. A companion bill died in the Senate. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

[HB 1377](#) – Zalewski (D-Summit) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require municipalities to report to IDOT all preferred truck routes not classified Class 2 or 3, and for IDOT to post those routes on its website. Passed the House on 3/9/11 and referred to Senate Assignments on 3/14/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

[HB 1711](#) – Soto (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT, the RTA and state police to establish a five-year pilot program within the RTA boundaries for bus rapid transit on highways and shoulders commencing Jan. 1, 2012. Placed on the calendar for second reading on 3/9/11. [HB 1884](#) (Rita, D-Blue Island) is nearly identical, except it provides for bus rapid transit on tollways. Passed the House on 3/17/11 and referred to Senate Assignments on 3/23/11.

[HB 1761](#) – Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT to publish its master plan every five years (instead of two), and that the plan include a comprehensive and multimodal freight mobility plan that recommends improvements in the operation and management of the freight system. Passed the House on 3/30/11 and referred to Senate Assignments on 3/31/11.

[HB 1966](#) – Burke (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create an Illinois and Midwest High Speed Rail Commission to study implementation of HSR. Passed the House on 4/5/11 and referred to Senate Assignments on 4/7/11.

[HB 2874](#) – Flynn Currie (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to require the RTA to create a universal fare card for senior citizens. Passed the House on 4/7/11.

[HB 2903](#) – Williams (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to authorize a \$500,000 grant from the Alternate Fuels Act to be given to car-sharing organizations to purchase alt-fuel vehicles made in Illinois. Placed on calendar for second reading on 3/10/11.

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[HB 3597](#) – Burns (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to require the transit service boards to reduce the cost of transfers by January, 2012, and to create a universal fare card by 2015. Placed on calendar for third reading on 3/29/11.

[SB 143](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require 30 percent of all monies deposited in the State Road Fund to be used for projects in Cook County. Senate Transportation postponed action on 4/7/11.

[SB 1258](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow road funds and MFT funds to be used for mass transit projects. Placed on calendar for second reading on 3/16/11.

[SB 1312](#) – Schoenberg (D-Evanston) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to use the design-build delivery method for public projects. Senate Transportation postponed action on 4/7/11.

[SB 1323](#) – Cullerton (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL this bill to restore funding for capital projects that were approved in the 96th general Assembly, but thrown out by the First District Appellate Court in January because they violated the single subject funding rule. Passed the Senate on 3/16/11 and referred to House Rules Committee on 4/6/11.

[SB 1381](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require \$5 million in MFT taxes per month to be diverted to finance railroad grade crossing construction. Placed on calendar for second reading on 3/9/11.

[SB 1856](#) – McCarter (R-Highland) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to protect land from being developed in future road corridors. Placed on calendar for third reading on 4/11/11.

[HR 30](#) – Dunkin (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this resolution calling for a commission to recommend the best procedure and structure for consolidating RTA mass transit services. Assigned to Mass Transit Committee on 2/14/11.

Land Use:

[HB 1109](#) – Yarbrough (D-Broadview) – CMAP **SUPPORTS the originally introduced bill to allow local governments to enact ordinances to hold financial institutions responsible for maintaining and securing vacant properties, and is reviewing amendments introduced on 4/7/11 to see if support is still warranted. Placed on calendar for second reading on 4/7/11.

[HB 1606](#) – Davis (D-East Hazel Crest) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create the Brownfields Redevelopment Intermodal Promotion Act; and create and fund the South Suburban Intermodal Redevelopment Zone. Assigned to Revenue and Finance Committee on 2/22/11.

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****HB 1810** – Yarbrough (D-Broadview) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to create a mortgage foreclosure prevention fund by collecting a \$500 fee from the proceeds of sales of foreclosed properties. Placed on calendar for second reading on 4/7/11.

HB 3372 – Fortner (R-West Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow counties with stormwater management plans to charge fees to benefit stormwater management activities and facilities. Placed on calendar for second reading on 3/17/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

SB 38 – Garrett (D-Highwood) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require the Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection and distribution systems by Jan. 1, 2012. Passed the Senate on 2/17/11; assigned to House Executive Committee on 3/28/11. A companion bill died in the House.

SB 2081 – Dillard (R-Westmont) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to use a portion of fees collected by the EPA to finance clean water projects recommended by the DuPage River Salt Creek Work Group. Placed on calendar for second reading on 3/29/11.

Energy & Environment:

****HB 14** – McCarthy (D-Orland Park) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create a Smart Grid and allow utilities to impose multi-billion dollar rate increases to pay for it. Assigned to Public Utilities Committee on 2/16/11.

SB 1280 – Frerichs (D-Champaign) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to provide cost-share grants from the Partners for Conservation Fund for water quality protection and improvement projects. Placed on calendar for third reading on 3/30/11.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and direction to staff

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