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## **MPO Policy Committee**

### **Agenda**

**September 9, 2010—10:00 a.m.**

**Cook County Conference Room**

**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 10:00 a.m.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2010**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**4.0 Election of Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee for 2011**

The Chairman appointed a subcommittee of five members to nominate a name or names of candidates for election to the office of Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee for the following year. The committee will provide its report and an election of the Vice Chairman will be conducted.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Election of the Vice Chairman

**5.0 End of the Year Legislative Wrapup**

Staff will report on the year's legislative matters and discuss the upcoming fall session.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information and Discussion

**6.0 Policy Committee Appointment to the CMAP Board**

With the imminent resignation of Steve Schlickman as the Executive Director of the RTA, the Policy Committee will be without a representative on the CMAP Board. Since there is a joint meeting with the Board in October and the CMAP Board will likely only address administrative issues for the rest of the year, the need for a replacement will not be necessary until next January. Staff recommends that the Policy Committee consider this appointment at their January meeting. Direction from the Committee is sought.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion

## **7.0 Revised GO TO 2040 Final Draft**

A revised plan was prepared as a result of the response to public comments. At its meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Transportation Committee discussed the summary of the comments and the staff's recommendation for how to address them. Committee members will be asked to provide any final comments on the plan as part of this item. The following items will be discussed concerning the final draft plan and the preparation and production of the final GO TO 2040 Plan.

7.1 October 13, 2010 Launch Event

7.2 Summary of Public Comments

7.3 Review and Final Comment on the Revised Draft

**ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion**

## **8.0 Other Business**

## **9.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

## **15.0 Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2010**

This will be a joint meeting with the CMAP Board to consider adopting GO TO 2040 which will serve as the region's long range transportation plan. Note that the meeting will occur on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the normal second Thursday.

## **16.0 Adjournment**

### **MPO Policy Committee Members:**

	Martin G. Buehler		Kenneth Koehler		Steve Schlickman
	Tom Cuculich		R. A. Kwasneski		Jeffery Schielke
	Bob Davidson		John McCarthy		Marisol Simon
	Joseph Deal		Karen McConnaughay		Norman R. Stoner
	Jack Groner		Joseph Moreno		Larry Walsh
	Gary Hannig		Michael Payette		Bobby Ware
	Elliott Hartstein		Richard Rodriguez		Rocco Zucchero



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## **MPO Policy Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 10, 2010—10:00 a.m.**

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### **MPO Policy Committee Members Present:**

John Beisel – Cook County (Representing Joseph Moreno), Marty Buehler – Lake County, Tom Cuculich – DuPage County, Joe Deal - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Jack Groner - Metra, Luann Hamilton – Chicago Department of Transportation (Representing Bobby Ware), Robert Hann - Private Transportation Providers (Representing John McCarthy), Gary Hannig – Illinois Department of Transportation, Larry Keller – Council of Mayors (Representing Jeff Schielke), Joseph Korpalski – McHenry County (Representing Kenneth Koehler), Jamy Lyne – Will County (Representing Lawrence Walsh), Michael Payette – Class I Railroads, Tom Rickert - Kane County (Representing Karen McConnaughay), Richard Rodriguez – Chicago Transit Authority, T.J. Ross - Pace (Representing R. Kwasneski), Steve Schlickman – Regional Transportation Authority, Norman Stoner – Federal Highway Administration, David Werner – Federal Transit Administration (Representing Marisol Simon), Rocco Zuccherro – Illinois Tollway

### **Absent:**

Bob Davidson - Kendall County, Elliott Hartstein - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

### **Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Janet Bright, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, George Johnson, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad, Todd Schmidt

### **Others Present:**

Reginald Arkell – Federal Transit Administration, Len Cannata – West Central Municipal Conference, Chalen Daigle - McHenry County Council of Mayors, Kama Dobbs – DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, John Donovan – Federal Highway Administration, Bud Fleming – South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Bona Heinsohn – Cook County, Charles Ingersoll – Illinois Department of Transportation, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration, Jim LaBelle, - Chicago Metropolis 2020, Wes Lujan – Union Pacific Railroad, Vida Morkunas – Regional Transportation Authority, Leanne Redden – Regional Transportation Authority, David Seglin – Chicago Department of Transportation, Susan Stitt –

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Hannig called the meeting to order. Introductions of those present for the meeting were made.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no changes or announcements.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2010**

On a motion by Mr. Buehler, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting of the Policy Committee were approved.

### **4.0 Agency Reports**

#### **4.1 Council of Mayors' Report**

Mayor Keller reported that the Councils have met their goals in programming funds available from both the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Councils have been engaged in discussions on *GO TO 2040* for the past three years and have worked with local officials to provide communication between the mayors and CMAP.

The next meeting Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 29th.

#### **4.2 CMAP Board Report**

Mr. Schlickman reported that the CMAP Board has met three times since the last Policy Committee meeting, the most recent being yesterday when they approved the FY 2011 budget. He noted that the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund was not funded by the state, but that there was a \$3.5 million appropriation in state transportation funds that would be used to fund MPOs throughout the state. The Board also approved the release of *GO TO 2040* for public comment and they approved the FY 2011 Unified Work Program.

#### **4.3 CMAP Report**

Mr. Kopec followed up on Mr. Schlickman's mention of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund and why although funded, it is not in the manner that would have been preferred by CMAP. He also reported on the status of federal legislation that would mean the loss of \$120 million to Illinois. It appears that Senator Durbin has worked out a compromise with Congressman Oberstar that would prevent this loss of funding.

Mr. Kopec then noted that Illinois EPA has submitted a redesignation request and maintenance SIP for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. This means that the Chicago region is achieving the national air quality standard. However, USEPA is finalizing a new, stricter

standard that will put us out of compliance. The new standard will affect many more regions in Illinois. However, he noted that the region is making progress in cleaning up the air.

Finally, he noted that *Transport Chicago* celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Among the highlights was a panel including IHDA, IDOT and IEPA discussing the implementation of the new federal partnership for the sustainable communities program. Keith Sherman represented IDOT on this panel.

#### **5.0 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Funds**

Teri Dixon reminded the committee that Resolutions 10-03, 10-04 and 10-05 were approved last March and designated Metra, Pace and the CTA as recipients of Section 5307 and 5340 funding. Because USDOT was operating under a continuing resolution of Congress, the amounts only covered a five month period. Complete funding for FY 2010 has now been established. The resolutions have been updated to reflect those changes. On a motion by Mr. Groner, seconded by Mr. Rickert, the updated resolutions were approved.

#### **6.0 GO TO 2040 Draft Plan**

Mr. Kopec began by thanking the Policy Committee members and their staff for all their help in putting together the draft of the *GO TO 2040* plan. He then reviewed the work of the past three years including the goal setting, technical research, unprecedented public outreach and the development of shared priorities.

He then described the layout of the plan document and the intentions for a final product. Meetings will be set up over the next few weeks with each of the Policy Committee members to get their input about the plan. He then described the timeline leading up to consideration of the final plan by the Board and Policy Committee in October.

Mr. Groner stated Metra's concerns: that there is not enough funding allocated to expansion projects; that a number of projects included in the 2030 plan have simply disappeared without any explanation; and, that there is a disparity between highway and transit projects regarding what it takes to enter preliminary or phase I engineering.

Mr. Kopec noted that staff will be including a list and description of all the projects on the fiscally unconstrained list. Regarding the preliminary engineering issue, he did not think that any resolution could be expected soon since this would require federal action.

Mr. Schlickman remarked that he is less concerned about expansion projects than he is about bringing the transit system up to a state of good repair. He did express some concern regarding how projects were selected for the fiscally constrained list.

Members then discussed the content and timing of a final report. There was a desire for more graphics and possibly a short version that members could distribute.

The issue of the fiscally constrained list of projects versus the unconstrained projects then dominated the discussion. Ultimately, it was agreed that the rather short list of fiscally constrained projects showed the significant need for additional funding. Mr. Schlickman then suggested that the Policy Committee's SAFETEA-LU Subcommittee meet to discuss the fiscally constrained projects and how much funding has been allocated to capital projects. Mr. Blankenhorn closed the discussion by urging the committee to consider the entire plan. It is much more than just major transportation projects. There are twelve focus areas with recommendations. Transportation needs to be considered within this broader context.

#### **7.0 Proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program**

Patricia Berry first thanked all the implementers for their help in getting the proposed FY 2010-2015 TIP out for comment. She noted that the program contains over 2,000 projects. The TIP document, besides the list of projects, discusses its relation to *GO TO 2040*, talks about how the program is developed, contains a financial plan and details how all federal requirements have been satisfied.

#### **8.0 Conformity Analysis**

Patricia Berry explained that the results of the federally required conformity analysis will be released for a public comment period at the same time as the *GO TO 2040* plan and TIP. She reported that the conformity document shows that the region's transportation projects and programs meet air quality requirements. VOC emissions decrease from roughly 93 tons/day now to 63 in 2040 and NO<sub>x</sub> is reduced from 218 tons per day (tpd) to under 53 tpd. Also PM is reduced from 1,660 tpd to 1038 tpd. Most of the improvement is due to cleaner vehicles, especially diesel trucks. She emphasized that the region is moving toward improved air with a redesignation for ozone submitted last year and a redesignation for PM targeted for submittal in the fall of this year. However, updated standards will affect future attainment status.

#### **9.0 Summer Outreach for *GO TO 2040* Draft Plan**

Erin Aleman directed the committee members to a memo that was distributed at their places. She explained the release of the plan for public comment and the outreach events that will be held during the comment period. In addition to ten public open house meetings, there will be presentations to the councils of government, county boards, council of mayors groups and numerous advocacy groups. If any group desires a presentation, they should contact her to set up a date.

#### **10.0 Nominating Committee for Office of Vice Chairman**

Mr. Kopec announced the members of the Nominating Committee for Secretary Hannig. They are Mayor Schielke, Mr. Buehler, Jack Groner, Joe Deal and Tom Cuculich. This group will discuss and present a nomination for Vice-Chair at the October meeting.

#### **11.0 Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Work Program**

Mr. Maloney informed the committee that the FY 2011 Unified Work Program has been developed and received recommendation for approval from the Transportation Committee.

The program totals nearly \$20 million with nearly \$16 million in federal funds and the balance the local match. A public comment period was held from April 22 to May 7 and no comments were received. An Executive Summary of the program was included in the committee's mailing. On a motion by Mr. Buehler, seconded by Mr. Korpalski, the FY 2011 Unified Work Program was approved.

#### **12.0 Legislative Update**

Mr. Smith reviewed several pieces of legislation with the committee. He noted that HB859 which contains the state funding for CMAP and other MPOs across the state, has been sent to the Governor for his signature. The Governor will more than likely sign this legislation. The Governor has already signed SB3659 which provides for a public-private partnership to construct and operate the Illiana Expressway. This action is consistent with the innovative financing supported by *GO TO 2040*.

Ms. Hamilton inquired about legislation that would require vehicles to stop for pedestrians rather than yield to them. She felt this would be a significant effort to implement. The Governor has not yet signed that legislation. IDOT indicated that they are reviewing the legislation and would ensure state facilities comply with its requirements.

#### **13.0 Other Business**

Mr. Kopec requested that the committee agree to a special meeting in September to provide a final review of the *GO TO 2040* plan. This had been proposed at the March meeting, but no final action was taken. The committee agreed to meet on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for that purpose. It was also noted that the October meeting would be a joint affair with the CMAP Board. It will be held on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

#### **14.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment from the meeting attendees.

#### **15.0 Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.**

There will be a special meeting of the Policy Committee on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Korpalski, seconded by Mr. Groner.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** MPO Policy Committee  
CMAP Board  
Citizens' Advisory Committee  
Working Committees

**Date:** September 1, 2010

**From:** Ylda Capriccioso

**Re:** Final Legislative Report

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As the November General Election and Fall Veto Session approach, Governor Quinn is busy signing, vetoing or amending legislation passed by the General Assembly in its spring 2010, session. CMAP reviewed all introduced legislation, initially tracking 134 bills of interest to us or our planning partners, reducing that to 75 as the session neared conclusion, and further reducing it to those in this memo as it appeared various bills would not advance.

Following are some of the bills CMAP tracked, their current status, a brief synopsis of each bill and, where necessary, an explanation of their impact or potential impact on the region.

### Public Acts

**State Appropriations [HB 859](#)** – This is the spending bill that sets appropriation amounts and revenue sources for various state agencies, including IDOT. CMAP's funding was included in the IDOT portion of the bill. *Regional Impact: Budget cuts will impact county and local governments' budgets.* Public Act [96-0956](#).

**Jobs Creation Tax Credit [SB 1578](#)** – Creates the Small Business Job Creation Tax Credit Act, which allows small businesses of no more than 50-full time employees to receive a \$2,500 tax credit for each full-time employee hired during the state's Fiscal Year 2011. *Regional Impact: Ninety-five percent of Illinois businesses have fewer than 50 employees and according to the U.S. Census Bureau County Business Patterns 2008 data, northeastern Illinois is home to 207,549 such establishments. Incentives for small businesses in our region to create new jobs will continue to strengthen our regional economy.* Public Act [96-0888](#).



**RTA Borrowing** [SB 941](#) – Munoz (D-Chicago); *House Sponsor: Nekritz (D-Northbrook)* – This bill allows the RTA to sell up to \$300 million in working cash bonds. *Regional Impact: This bill will give RTA the much-needed flexibility in paying its debts while waiting for the state to pay what it owes. In the short-term, it staves off fare hikes, layoffs, and other cost cutting measures.* Public Act [96-0906](#).

**Illiana Expressway** [SB 3659](#) – Hutchison (D-Chicago Heights) *House Sponsor: Currie (D-Chicago)* – Allows the Illinois Department of Transportation to actively use public-private partnership (P3) financing mechanisms to design, fund, build and construct the Illiana Expressway. Several other public/private partnership bills with broader impact were also proposed and gained some traction, but in the end the General Assembly passed only this bill to explore the Illiana Expressway. *Regional Impact: If successful, the P3 financing mechanisms to design, fund, build and construct could serve as the model for future P3 transportation projects. However, because the legislation did not provide IDOT with broad P3 authority, other capital projects, such as those in GO TO 2040, are not eligible to actively explore innovative financing options.* Public Act [96-0913](#).

**Water Revolving Loans** [HB 5226](#) – Mell (D-Chicago); *Senate Sponsor: Steans (D-Chicago)* – This bill would authorize funds in the Loan Support Program to be used to finance water pollution control projects. It would allow the Public Water Supply Loan Program to be used to make direct loans and provide subsidies to eligible local governments and privately-owned community water supplies. Certain projects would fulfill federal State Revolving Fund grant requirements for a green project reserve. *Regional Impact: Aging infrastructure is a crisis for both publicly and privately-owned water purveyors and the use of revolving loan programs help aid communities in need of repair or improvements. Additionally, cleaning and transmitting the water to homes and building can be energy intensive. Communities that may want to improve energy efficiency of water or wastewater treatment plants can access revolving funds.* Public Act [96-0917](#).

**Homeowner Emergency Assistance** [HB 2360](#) – Turner (D-Chicago); *Senate Sponsor: Hendon (D-Chicago)* – This bill authorizes the Illinois Housing Development Authority to implement and administer the grant program to assist homeowners facing foreclosure. Eligible applicants receive counseling and may receive assistance up to \$6,000, or the sum of three monthly mortgage payments, whichever is less. *Regional Impact: According to the Woodstock Institute, the first half of 2010 in the six-county Chicago region saw considerable growth in the number of new foreclosure filings when compared to the same period last year.* Public Act [96-0921](#).

**Road Districts** [SB 3430](#) – Althoff (R-Crystal Lake); *House Sponsor: Tryon (R-Crystal Lake)* – This clarifies the authority of a township regarding roads. It states township road commissioners have the same power as road commissioners in non-township areas. *Regional Impact: Strengthens townships' authority in roadway activity.* Public Act [96-0996](#).

**Bicyclist Safety** [SB 2951](#) – Silverstein (D-Chicago); *House Sponsor: Sente (D-Chicago)* – This bill makes it a Class A misdemeanor to intentionally menace bicyclists, pedestrians or equestrians on roadways, and a Class 3 felony if that crowding or threatening results in great bodily harm or disfigurement of the bicyclist, pedestrian or equestrian. *Regional Impact: Bicycling is serving as*

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*a reliable and preferred mode of transportation for many residents in northeastern Illinois and this bill improves. Public Act [96-1007](#).*

**Motor Fuel Tax [SB 3462](#)** – Link (D-Waukegan); House Sponsor: Winters (D-Shirland) – This bill amends the MFT law to allow road districts to collect a portion of MFT taxes. *Regional Impact: Upholds township authority in roadway activity and requires that road townships receive \$12,000 per mile of road, funneling off a portion of the MFT directly to road districts. Public Act [96-1024](#).*

**Illinois Fertilizer Act [HB 6099](#)** Currently, local governments regulate the use of phosphorus on lawns. The law requires the Illinois Department of Agriculture determine rules for implementation of phosphorus standards on turf grass, unless the municipality has an ordinance in place. *Regional Impact: Restricts local governments from determining ordinances that may be more restrictive than the state allows, potentially limiting local control over land. Public Act [96-1005](#)*

**Loc Govt/School – Energy Conservation [SB 2810](#)** Gives the Capital Development Board more authority over local government contracts for energy savings. Also, it extends the length of allowable energy savings from 10 to 20 years and permits energy savings under these contracts to come from carbon credits, energy use reduction, and offsetting sources of renewable energy funds. *Regional Impact: The extension of allowable energy savings up to 20 years provides economic benefits. Public Act [96-1197](#).*

**Energy Efficiency [HB 4758](#)** – Tryon (R-Crystal Lake); Senate Sponsor: Althoff (R-Crystal Lake) – This bill would authorize a county to enter into voluntary agreements with property owners in unincorporated areas in order to provide for contractual assessments to finance the installation of distributed generation, renewable energy sources or energy efficiency improvements. The new laws extend property tax relief for wind farms and give local governments the authority to finance green projects in unincorporated areas of the state. Illinois has one of the most aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standard policies in the country. It requires Illinois utilities to supply 25 percent of their power from renewable energy resources by 2025, at least 75 percent of which must be generated by wind power. *Regional Impact: They can represent new sources of economic development all over Illinois, and communities across the state are already benefitting from wind energy. According to the Illinois Wind Energy Association, there are three wind farms in northeastern Illinois. Rural communities often see the greatest benefit from wind development in the form of landowner payments, property taxes and locally-sourced components and labor. Public Act [96-1032](#).*

**Municipal Borrowing [HB 5540](#)** – Cavaletto (R-Salem); Senate Sponsor: Jones (R-Mt. Vernon) – Allows Regional Planning and Development Commissions to lend money to municipalities at reduced interest rates. *Regional Impact: No direct impact, but can set an example for other regional planning authorities to be granted authority to borrow money for lending to local communities for planning, technical assistance, and business development financing. Public Act [96-1047](#).*

**Sales Tax** [SB 3134](#) – Harmon (D-Oak Park); *House Sponsor: Yarbrough (D-Broadview)* – This bill allows non-home rule municipalities to use non-home rule sales tax receipts for municipal operations in addition to expenditures for public infrastructure, but only if the referendum that authorized the tax states it may be used for municipal operations. *Regional Impact: Many non-home rule municipalities' budgets have been severely reduced. The result is many communities cut back on operating costs in order to fund basic services, program needs, and infrastructure improvements. There are about 149 non-home rule municipalities in this region, which represents about 18 percent of the region's total population. If approved by the voters those municipalities will have greater flexibility to use funds from non-municipal sales tax proceeds for municipal operations.* Public Act [96-1057](#).

**Road Districts** [SB 3592](#) – Bond (D-Grayslake); *House Sponsor: Froelich (D-Schaumburg)* – This bill requires IDOT to inventory all township road districts in counties with one million or more inhabitants, and contiguous counties, including miles of roads, costs for maintenance, taxes, number of employees, etc., and to deliver a report on its findings to the governor and General Assembly no later than December 31, 2010. *Regional Impact: Explores the role of township road districts to identify areas for efficiency.* Public Act [96-1060](#).

**Farmers' Markets** [HB 4756](#) – Ford (D-Chicago); *Senate Sponsor: Hutchison (D-Olympia Fields)* – This bill would create a special fund in the state treasury to implement the Farmers' Market Technology Improvement Program that would help farmers purchase or rent wireless POS terminals to process SNAP benefits from the Illinois LINK program. *Regional Impact: This will help facilitate farmers markets and alternative models of distribution such as roadside farm stands, mobile farmers markets, farm-fresh food kiosks, home delivery, and urban farm stands across Illinois to accept food stamp benefits disbursed under the Illinois LINK program.* Public Act [96-1095](#).

**Pedestrian Stop** [HB 43](#) – Arroyo (D-Chicago); *Senate Sponsor: Steans (D-Chicago)* – The bill would require the driver of a vehicle to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian at a crosswalk and in school zones. *Regional Impact: The latest CMAP study shows that nearly 25 percent of fatal accidents in Chicago involve pedestrians. There are nearly 5,000 of these accidents each year throughout the region, resulting in approximately 100 pedestrian deaths per year. The law previously required drivers to "slow down or stop if need be" to yield right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Clearly, this resulted in driver confusion as to what was meant by "slowing down." This law elevates the importance of public safety by linking pedestrian and vehicle traffic.* Public Act [96-1165](#).

**Tax Caps** [SB 3139](#) – Harmon (D-Oak Park); *House Sponsor: Nekritz (D-DesPlaines)* – This bill allows taxing districts, specifically park districts, to increase debt service extension base by either five percent or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding calendar year. *Regional Impact: Currently, taxing districts can only increase debt limits by referendum. Gives taxing districts more authority to increase debt limits to cover needs and services without public referendum.* Public Act [96-1202](#).

**Annexation** [HB 4968](#) – Farnham (D-Elgin); *Senate Sponsor: Holmes (D-Plainfield)* – This bill would allow a municipality to annex territory which is not contiguous to the municipality if the

territory is separated by an area dedicated to conservation and owned by a not-for-profit organized under Section 501(c)(3). *Regional Impact: Allows municipalities to capture parcels of land that are not adjacent to municipal boundaries further expanding municipal boundaries into unincorporated parts of a county.* Public Act [96-1233](#).

**Housing Tax Credit** [HB 6038](#) – Turner (D-Chicago); *Senate Sponsor: Clayborne, Jr, (D-East St. Louis)* – The Illinois' Affordable Housing Tax Credit expires 2011; this bill would extend it to 2016. This credit supplies crucial support for employer assisted housing programs across the state. The state allocates \$2M per year for EAH, leveraging \$8M in private investment. *Regional Impact: Renews a tax incentive to continue to entice private business to support employer-assisted housing (EAH), which can be used as a tool for recruiting and retaining their employees.* Public Act [96-1276](#).

**H+T Affordability Index** [SB 374](#) – Raoul (D-Chicago); *House Sponsor: Tryon (R-Crystal Lake)* – This bill creates the Housing+Transportation Affordability Index, and requires various state agencies to use it to measure housing and transportation affordability and utilize it as a development tool when considering funding allocation, distribution of incentives, and facility siting in Metropolitan Planning Organization areas. *Regional Impact: The use of this tool by the state will help to measure the true cost of housing, recognizing that housing prices may be less in low density areas, the transportation costs may be higher due to longer commutes or lack of access to transit.* Public Act [96-1255](#).

**County Water Commissions** [SB 580](#) – Cronin (R-Elmhurst); *House Sponsor: Ramey (R-Carol Stream)* –Passed in response to financial irregularities at the DuPage Water Commission, this bill dissolves all water commissions as of January 1, 2011, and sets forth procedures for appointing new boards and their various powers and duties. It also specifies powers and duties of commission general managers, finance directors and treasurers, including more stringent financial oversight and reporting rules. It also ends water commission taxing authority in 2016, unless voters authorize it via referendum. *Regional Impact: Largest impact could be directly to water customers after 2016. If the tax is eliminated, residents water bills could increase in order to cover the costs for line maintenance and construction, and administration.* Public Act [96-1389](#).

**TIF Notice** [SB 3152](#) – Link (D-Waukegan); *House Sponsor: Froelich (D-Schaumburg)* – This is a sunshine bill that requires municipalities and counties to disclose in yearly status reports the amount of revenues generated in and expenditures made by the governing body in economic development/TIF areas. *Regional Impact: Gives the public access to TIF financial information in an easily accessible or electronic format and further encourages transparency and accountability in government.* Public Act [96-1335](#).

**Truck Lengths** [HB 5819](#) – Beiser (D-Alton); *Senate Sponsor: Sandoval (D-Chicago)* – Trucks exceeding 65 feet long are allowed to travel on county, township or municipal roads from state highways for a distance of no more than 5 miles for delivery purposes only; and on side streets

for no more than one mile. *Regional Impact: Would allow tandem trailers and longer vehicles such as moving vans greater access to smaller roads and streets.*

**Water Systems** [SB 3070](#) – Althoff (R-Crystal Lake); House Sponsor: Tryon (R-Crystal Lake) – This bill requires owners or operators of a community water system to submit a response plan to the Illinois EPA if carcinogenic compounds are detected in the water system. *Regional Impact: Provides some safeguard to communities who think their water, particularly groundwater that may be polluted even after purification process. Municipal and private water purveyors may be required to incur additional infrastructure expenses to address the pollutant in the drinking water.* Public Act [96-1366](#).

**Business District Development** [SB 2523](#) – Clayborne (D-Belleville); House Sponsor: Holbrook (D-Belleville) – This bill would allow municipalities to issue bonds without referendum for business district development and sets out procedures for public hearings. *Regional Impact: Provides more tools for economically depressed or blighted areas to benefit from business development. Municipalities will have the potential to raise revenue if new business development districts are created. Business development district plans do not have to conform to municipal comprehensive plans.* Public Act [96-1394](#).

**Exempt Waste Facilities** [SB 2490](#) – Althoff (R-Crystal Lake); House Sponsor: Tryon (R-Crystal Lake) - The bill exempts from regulation of a pollution control facility portions of the site that accept general construction or demo debris and is located in a county with a population over three million or a county that is adjacent to that county. *Regional Impact: Accepting certain types of solid waste could potentially impact groundwater sources and other environment and natural resources.* Public Act [96-1068](#)

**Green Manufacturing** [HB 6030](#) – May (D-Highland Park); Senate Sponsor: Steans (D-Chicago) – Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to offer grants up to \$250,000 for developing, expanding, or retooling a manufacturing facility to produce renewable energy or energy efficiency products or components. *Regional Impact: Access to grants to provide long-term saving in operational costs can retain existing manufacturing and recruit new operations in the region.* Public Act [96-1413](#).

**High Speed Rail** [SR 806](#) – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission to recommend the best structure for a public-private partnership to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail system. Although several bills were introduced pertaining to high-speed rail, this is the only legislation that passed. Resolution Adopted [059-000-000](#).

**Telecom Deregulation** [SB 103](#) Bond (R-Grayslake); House Sponsor: McCarthy (D-Orland Park) - Modernizes telecommunications law to address widespread use of cell phones and broadband internet by allowing telecommunications companies to opt-in to a new form of regulation that will promote more competition and encourage more investment in modern broadband and wireless technologies. *Regional Impact: Although broadband and cell phone usage is relatively common*



*in the region this law could considerably increase greater private sector broadband investment throughout the state. Public Act [96-0927](#).*

**Open Meetings [HB 5483](#)** – Renée Kosel (R-Mokena); *Senate Sponsor: Garrett (D-Highwood)* – This bill amends the Open Meetings Act to require public bodies to allow public comments at all meetings and to set time limits for approving meeting minutes. Requires minutes to be approved and made available after 30 days or at the public body's second subsequent regular meeting. Previously minutes, once approved, were made available within seven days; the new law requires that it be made available in seven days. *Regional Impact: Increases accountability and transparency in government. Public Act [96-1473](#).*

#### **Bills Vetoed by Governor**

**FOIA [HB 5154](#)** – Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora); *Senate Sponsor: Lightford (D-Westchester)* – This bill would exempt the disclosure of performance evaluations from the Freedom of Information Act in the state of Illinois. The amendatory veto recommended that the performance evaluations of only State and local peace officers (instead of all personnel) be prohibited from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act *Regional Impact: Anyone employed by the government except for state or local peace officers are no longer exempted from the disclosure of performance evaluations under FOIA. Amendatory Veto.*

#### **Other Bills or Issues**

Many bills did not pass during the 2010 spring session. Many bills were stalled because consensus could not be reached, lack of funding, or other political issues. Listed below are the issue topics with the associated bills and status. This list below is not exhaustive, but shows some of the major bills CMAP tracked.

#### **Transportation Finance**

**Means Test for Seniors Ride Free [HB 4654](#)** – Bassi (R-Palatine); *Senate Sponsor Rodogno (R-Lemont)* – that transportation services shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet specified requirements. Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to [Assignments](#) 04/23/2010.

**RTA Tax Opt-Out [HB 2516](#)** – Franks (D-Woodstock); *Senate Sponsor: Althoff (R-Crystal Lake)* – The bill provides counties an option to opt out of any tax increase imposed by the RTA tax and that the county would no longer receive distributions or any other benefits from the increase. Submission of the opt-out is to be submitted to the RTA in the form of a resolution. Passed House, sent to Senate Assignments on 05/07/2010.

**Public Private Partnerships [HB 4623](#)** – Jakobsson (D-Champaign); *Senate Sponsor Steans (D-Chicago)* – Creates the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act for the Illinois Department of Transportation. Re-referred to House Rules on 06/27/2010.

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**Public-Private Partnerships** [SB 3482](#) – Steans (D-Chicago) – This bill would promote public-private partnerships for transportation by authorizing IDOT and ISTHA to enter into agreements related to the development, operation and financing of transportation facilities & to encourage the practice of congestion pricing in connection with toll highways. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 6/27/2010.

### **Economic Development**

**TIF Valuations** [SB 3151](#) – Link (D-Waukegan) – This bill would amend TIF statutes by requiring assessed valuations in each area to increase by an amount equal to the consumer price index. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 06/27/2010.

**Foreign Trade Zones** HB 4959 Walker (X-XXX); Senate Sponsor: – Authorizes the Port Authority to apply to the US authorities to establish, operate, maintain, and lease foreign trade zones and sub-zones within a specific area that is located within Cook and DuPage counties. Re-referred to Assignments 04/23/2010.

**Innovation Zones** SB 3638 Link (R-Waukegan); Senate Sponsor: Winters (R-Rockford) – These “technology neighborhoods” are designed to spur collaborative efforts and encourage innovation. This bill was amended and passed as tax-related bill on homestead exemptions and taxpayer action boards. Public Act [96-1418](#).

### **Energy**

**Green SSAs** [SB 2505](#) – Frerichs (D-Champaign); *House Sponsor: Lang (D-Skokie)* – This bill would allow municipalities to establish and issue bonds for a green energy special service area to fund energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy improvements. Passed Senate, sent to House Rules on 05/28/2010.

**Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)** [SB 2505](#) Frerichs (D-Champaign); *House Sponsor: Lang (D-Skokie)* – Allows municipalities and counties to establish “green energy special services areas” which shall include only property for which each owner of record has executed a contract or agreement with a municipality or county consenting to be in the “green energy special service area” and now arrange for energy efficiency improvements and may obtain financing for the improvements. Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee 05/27/2010.

### **Water**

**Rainwater Harvesting** [SB 2549](#) – Garrett (D-Lake Forrest); *House Sponsor McCarthy (D-Orland Park)* Would allow rainwater harvesting practices to be used for indoor non-potable uses, like flushing toilets and require IDNR to develop rules. Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee 4/30/2010.

**Water Authority Incorporation** [HB 4757](#) Tryon (R-Crystal Lake); *Senate Sponsor: Althoff (R-Crystal Lake)*– Exempts areas located within a county with an adopted groundwater protection

ordinance from being incorporated as a water authority or be annexed to an existing water authority. Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to [Rules Committee](#) 03/15/2010.

### **Land Use Housing**

**Prevent Foreclosure / Preserve Neighborhood** No Bill # This issue was a priority for many housing advocates. The key elements to the legislative initiative were to 1.) Enhance municipal authority to address the foreclosure crisis; and 2.) Fund efforts to keep homeowners in their homes.

**Farmland Preservation Act of 2010** [HB 5215](#) Tryon (D-Crystal Lake) – No text available an effort of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Referred to [Rules Committee](#) 02/03/2010.

### **Bills for Veto Session**

These bills are newly filed in the month of August.

**Enterprise Zones** [HB 6900](#) – Flider (D-Decatur) Amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. Provides that an Enterprise Zone may be extended for an additional 20 years upon application by the corporate authorities of the county or municipality that designated the Enterprise Zone. Amends the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. Provides that exemptions granted under the Act for tangible personal property used or consumed in an Enterprise Zone may be in effect for not more than 50 (instead of 20) years. Amends the Public Utilities Act to make conforming changes in provisions concerning tax exemptions for businesses located in Enterprise Zones. Filed 08/24/2010.

**Illiana Expressway** [HB 6895](#) Arroyo (D-Chicago) Amends the Public Private Agreements for the Illiana Expressway Act. In provisions authorizing public private agreements in connection with the expressway, requires that the Department of Transportation's rules promulgated under the Act establish firm goals, standards, processes, appeals procedures, reporting requirements, and penalties by which the Department ensures that the contractor or contractors promote and permit the participation of businesses that are subject to the provisions of the Business Enterprise for Minorities. Filed 08/16/2010.

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