



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Regional Coordinating Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: March 5, 2014

Re: State Legislative Update

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The 98<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly convened for the second spring session and on January 29, 2014; Governor Quinn delivered the annual [State of the State address](#). The address focused on the economy, including recent legislative and executive efforts to improve fiscal stability through spending cuts and Medicaid and pension reforms. The Governor will deliver his budget proposal on March 26, 2014.

CMAP staff is monitoring the progress and analyzing bills with particular relevance to the agency. Bills included in the following pages of this memorandum either impact [CMAP's 2014 State Legislative Framework and Agenda](#) or are of interest to CMAP and its partners. Staff recommends that the board consider supporting five bills that assist in the implementation of GO TO 2040 by promoting coordinated investment, expanding transit options, improving water conservation, and supporting local food production. Staff also recommends that the board consider opposing three bills that diminish the state and region's ability to invest strategically in transportation.

The deadlines for the introduction of substantive bills passed in both the House and the Senate in February; next, bills must pass out of committee by March 28. Staff will continue to closely monitor General Assembly actions and analyze legislation related to the agency's Legislative Agenda and Framework.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval



## March 2014 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
<b>PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS</b>				
Local Government Dissolution	<a href="#">HB3251</a>	<a href="#">Jack D. Franks</a> (D-Marengo) Provides two different processes by which certain special districts could be dissolved by countywide referendum: a county board resolution or a petition by registered voters.	01/28/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee	
Local Government Dissolution	<a href="#">HB5786</a>	<a href="#">Jack D. Franks</a> (D-Marengo) Provides all counties in the state with the power to dissolve a local government under certain conditions. Currently, only DuPage County has these powers, established by SB494 signed into law in 2013.  GO TO 2040 recommends analyzing the effects of consolidating local governments and sharing services. The bill would provide an avenue for counties to implement local government consolidation.	02/20/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee	<b>Support</b>
<b>INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION</b>				
Vehicle Registration	<a href="#">HB5326</a>	<a href="#">Rita Mayfield</a> (D-Waukegan) Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. It provides that permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued for a one-time fee of \$8 to vehicles owned by counties, townships, or municipal corporations used for the purpose of ridesharing.	03/03/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee	
55/45 Split	<a href="#">HB5373</a>	<a href="#">Luis Arroyo</a> (D-Chicago) Amends the State Finance Act to require that all Road Fund monies be split, with 50 percent going to IDOT District 1 and the other 50 percent to be split among the eight downstate districts. This split would begin in FY 2015.  While the bill seems designed to increase resources to invest in the regional transportation system, and to address the longstanding 55/45 issue, it simply replaces one arbitrary formula with another. To move away from this paradigm, CMAP supports performance-based funding as a transparent, credible, and defensible approach to programming.	02/11/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee	<b>Oppose</b>
TIF Statute	<a href="#">HB5620</a>	<a href="#">Mike Fortner</a> (R-West Chicago) Adds the definition of a transit-oriented development area to the set of definitions within the TIF statute. Specifically, it defines transit-oriented development as a compact development that meets planning and	02/27/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Property Tax Subcommittee	

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		condition criteria, is no more than 250 acres, and is located within one half mile of an existing or proposed rail, bus, or multimodal passenger facility that is part of a public transit system.		
TIF for Transit Facility Improvement	<a href="#">HB5687</a>	<a href="#">Elaine Nekritz</a> (D-Northbrook) Expands Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district establishment eligibility criteria to include areas within one half mile of a rail transit or bus rapid transit (BRT) station, creating Transit Facility Improvement Areas (TFA). Extends the life of TFAs from the standard TIF 35 years to 50 years and sets aside 20 percent of TFA revenues be shared with underlying districts.	02/14/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee	
Repeal Motor Fuel Tax	<a href="#">HB5999</a>	<a href="#">Brad E. Halbrook</a> (R-Shelbyville) Repeals the Illinois motor fuel tax (MFT) and amend various references to the Illinois MFT located elsewhere in state statute.  This legislation is contradictory to the principles and recommendations of GO TO 2040. It would substantially reduce funding to the state and local highway systems, diminishing the state or region's ability to maintain the system to safe standards, and preclude necessary modernization or expansion of the system.	02/18/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee	<b>Oppose</b>
Motor Fuel Tax Usage	<a href="#">SB2658</a>	<a href="#">Michael Connelly</a> (R-Wheaton) Provides that motor fuel tax (MFT) funds allotted to municipalities may be used for the treatment or removal of trees infected with Dutch elm disease or the emerald ash borer. Trees may be located on any parcel of public or private property within the municipalities.	02/26/2014 <b>Senate</b> Agriculture and Conservation	
State Sales Tax on Motor Fuels	<a href="#">SB2790</a>	<a href="#">Kirk W. Dillard</a> (R-Hinsdale) Reduces the state sales tax on motor fuels and authorizes \$1 billion in new transportation bonds. The bill directs a portion of the proceeds from the sales tax on fuels to repay the transportation bonds.  GO TO 2040 supports additional investment in the transportation, but calls for those investments to be made in a sustainable way. A one-time infusion of \$1 billion in transportation spending will not address the structural funding issues facing Illinois; rather, it is effectively an extension of the State's once-a-decade capital programs.	01/30/2014 <b>Senate</b> Referred to Assignments	<b>Oppose</b>

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<b>INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT</b>				
Bus on Shoulder	<a href="#">HB5664</a>	<p><a href="#">Robert Rita</a> (D-Blue Island) Transitions the bus-on-shoulder pilot program into a permanent program. It allows bus-on-shoulder projects on both the IDOT and Tollway systems, and requires IDOT to develop rules governing the times and locations of bus-on-shoulder service.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 calls for increased commitment to public transit, as well as modernization projects that enhance transit service. Bus-on-shoulder allows for relatively cost-effective new transit service in congested corridors.</p>	03/03/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Mass Transit Committee	<b>Support</b>
RTA Oversight of Transit Budgets	<a href="#">HB5751</a>	<p><a href="#">Michael W. Tryon</a> (R-Crystal Lake) Requires that the Service Boards include detailed revenue and expenditure line items as part of their 2-year financial plans submitted to the RTA. The bill would also empower the RTA to reduce or veto any of the Service Boards' line items.</p>	03/03/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Mass Transit Committee	
CMAP and RTA Planning	<a href="#">HB5754</a>	<p><a href="#">Michael W. Tryon</a> (R-Crystal Lake) Provides that the CMAP Board and RTA Board may agree to consolidate mass-transit planning activities within a single department at the RTA. The language also appears to cover, through the RTA, the mass-transit planning functions of the three Service Boards.</p>	03/03/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Mass Transit Committee	
Red Line Extension	<a href="#">HR675</a>	<p><a href="#">Al Riley</a> (D-Olympia Fields) Calls on the CTA to "prioritize and expedite the planning and construction" of the Red Line South project. The resolution notes the many benefits of the expansion, and notes lack of progress on the project over the past 40 years.</p>	02/26/2014 <b>House</b> Resolution Adopted	
<b>ACHIEVE GREATER LIVABILITY THROUGH LAND USE AND HOUSING</b>				
Green Special Service Area	<a href="#">HB67</a>	<p><a href="#">Lou Lang</a> (D-Skokie) Creates a "green" SSA, which would allow property owners to use the SSA to fund energy efficiency improvements. The bill also allows grants the Illinois Finance Authority power to purchase these bonds and to accept assignments or pledges, or both, of special service area bonds or agreements relating to public and private green special service area projects.</p>	02/20/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Property Tax Subcommittee	

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Affordable Housing	<a href="#">HB5538</a>	<a href="#">Barbara Flynn Currie</a> (D-Chicago) Extends and expands the current housing opportunity area program, which provides property tax abatement to landlords that are located in low-poverty areas and rent to housing choice voucher holders. Landlords renting to section 8 voucher holders would also now be eligible, and the definition of poverty has been expanded.	2/27/2017 <b>House</b> Assigned to Property Tax Subcommittee	
<b>MANAGE AND CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY</b>				
Water-Loss Accounting	<a href="#">HB5629</a> <a href="#">SB3047</a>	<a href="#">Robyn Gabel</a> (D-Evanston) <a href="#">Dan Kotowski</a> (D-Park Ridge) Directs the IEPA, in collaboration with other state agencies, to commission a study on water-loss issues, costs, and practices throughout Illinois. The study is designed to raise awareness of the issue, including costs to society, and lead to “higher-profile” support for a suite of corrections to solve the problem. HB5629 and SB3047 are companion bills.  This legislation supports GO TO 2040’s recommendations to encourage management and conservation of water resources.	02/14/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee  02/27/2014 <b>Senate</b> Environment	<b>Support</b>
<b>EXPAND AND IMPROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE</b>				
Fox Waterway Dissolution	<a href="#">SB2696</a>	<a href="#">Terry Link</a> (D-Waukegan) Dissolves the Fox Waterway Management Agency and transfers its powers and duties to the DNR.	02/26/2014 <b>Senate</b> Agriculture and Conservation	
Environmental Restoration	<a href="#">SB3000</a>	<a href="#">Daniel Biss</a> (D-Evanston) Establishes the Illinois Natural Resource Restoration Trust Fund to receive funds resulting from litigation or settlement for DNR to investigate, assess, restore, or replace injured or damaged natural resources.	02/26/2014 <b>Senate</b> Agriculture and Conservation	
<b>PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOODS</b>				
Sustainable Local Food Production	<a href="#">HB5907</a>	<a href="#">John D. Anthony</a> (R-Morris) Authorizes the Illinois Finance Authority to guarantee loans of up to \$35,000 for up to 7 year payment periods to small family farm operations, operators of community-supported agriculture, and beginning farmers.  This legislation would support the implementation of GO TO 2040 which promotes sustainable local food. It furthers the plan’s recommendation to facilitate sustainable food production, supporting local food production	02/14/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee	<b>Support</b>

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		through institutional supports and implementing food financing incentives.		
<b>SUPPORT ECONOMIC INNOVATION</b>				
Collar County Economic Development	<a href="#">HB5819</a>	<a href="#">Darlene J. Senger</a> (R-Naperville) Creates the Illinois Collar Country Economic Development Task Force comprised of DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties. The task force is charged with identifying and making recommendations on issues in the collar counties ranging from transportation, workforce, regulation, and tax policy to the Governor and General Assembly.	02/27/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Economic Development Committee	
<b>REFORM STATE TAX POLICY</b>				
Corporate Income Tax	<a href="#">HB4479</a>	<a href="#">Michael J. Madigan</a> (D-Chicago) Lowers the state corporate income tax to 3.5% on January 1, 2014. The rate is currently 7%, but was scheduled to drop to 5.25% on January 1, 2015.	02/03/2014 <b>House</b> Referred to Rules Committee	
<b>IMPROVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION</b>				
Transit Agency Financial Records	<a href="#">HB5752</a>	<a href="#">Michael W. Tryon</a> (R-Crystal Lake) Requires the CTA, Metra, Pace, and Pace ADA to provide the RTA access to their financial information systems as well as financial reports. Under current law, the RTA has a right to access and examine all books, documents, papers, or records of the transit service boards. This legislation requires the service boards to provide the RTA access to their financial information systems.	03/03/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Mass Transit Committee	
<b>OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST</b>				
Non-Home Rule Pilot Program	<a href="#">HB5329</a> <a href="#">SB3111</a>	<a href="#">Robert W. Pritchard</a> (R-Sycamore) <a href="#">Linda Holmes</a> (D-Aurora) Establishes a pilot program to allow non-home rule municipalities the same powers as home rule municipalities except powers to tax and impose fees. The program would include municipalities of more than 5,000 in DeKalb, Kane and Kendall counties. HB5329 and SB3111 are companion bills.	02/24/2014 <b>House</b> Assigned to Cities & Villages Committee  02/25/2014 <b>Senate</b> Assigned to Local Government	

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Ethics Policies for County Appointees	<a href="#">SB3552</a>	<a href="#">Julie A. Morrison</a> (D-Deerfield) Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a county board may by ordinance adopt a code of conduct regarding the accountability, fiscal responsibility, procurement authority, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees in addition to those mandated by law for and applicable to the appointees of any unit of local government. <a href="#">SB2618</a> , also filed by Sen. Morrison, is similar.	02/14/2014 <b>Senate</b> Referred to Assignments	

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