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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Staff
Date: May 4, 2011
Re: Legislative Update

Much of the activity in the last few weeks in Springfield focuses on redistricting and budget issues. The press is reporting that budget reductions, specifically to local government revenues, are being discussed. This issue has tremendous impact on all of the communities in our region and CMAP will keep abreast of the issue. May is the final month for the General Assembly and several deadlines are forthcoming. Friday, May 13, is both the House and Senate deadline for bills to pass out of committee and Friday, May 27, is 3rd reading deadlines.

As you recall, many of the bills CMAP has tracked and supported strengthen many of the recommendations in the plan. Many of these bills also fall in line with many of our 2011 State Legislative Priorities. CMAP staff will provide an update to the board on the bills in the Bill recap that have aligned with our State Legislative Agenda and what efforts CMAP has put forth to get these bills recognized.

Bill Recap

**Indicates similar bill was filed in a previous session.*

***New bills added to the list from the previous report.*

Over the last several weeks many bills have advanced out of both chambers. Final adjournment is scheduled for May 31, with sessions scheduled nearly every day, including weekends and Memorial Day. The deadline for bills coming out of committee is May 13, and final floor readings must be completed by May 27. 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 Executive on 4/27/11.

[HB 585](#) – Nekrtiz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL on this bill that requires ADA Para transit funding to be appropriated first by RTA prior to the service boards' budgets. Senate Transportation Hearing May 5 2011 11:00 AM Capitol 400.

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[HB 1091](#) – Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow the state to enter into public-private partnerships for transportation projects. Passed the House on 4/12/11 and was assigned to Senate Executive on 4/27/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

[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 Transportation on 4/27/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

[HB 1884](#) (Rita, D-Blue Island) 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 highway and tollway shoulders commencing Jan. 1, 2012. Passed the House on 3/17/11 and referred to Senate Transportation on 4/27/11.

[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 Transportation on 4/27/11.

[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 Transportation on 4/27/11.

[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 and referred to Senate Transportation on 4/27/11.

[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. Passed the House on 4/15/11 and referred to Senate Environment on 4/27/11.

[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, 2013, and to create a universal fare card by 2015. Passed the House on 4/12/11 and referred to Senate Transportation on 4/27/11.

[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. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/18/11.

[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 third reading on 4/12/11.

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[SB 1312](#) – Schoenberg (D-Evanston) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to use the design-build delivery method for public projects. Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/18/11.

[SB 1323](#) – Cullerton (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL on 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 Executive Committee on 4/11/11.

[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 third reading on 4/12/11.

[SB 1856](#) – McCarter (R-Highland) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to protect land from being developed in future road corridors. Passed Senate on 4/14/11 and referred to House Transportation Roads and Bridges on 4/21/11.

[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.

[HJR 24](#) – Soto (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this resolution requiring the House Mass Transit committee to host at least one meeting on creating an efficient mass transit system and report findings to the General Assembly by December 2011. Placed on House Calendar Resolutions 4/28/11.

Land Use:

[HB 1109](#) – Yarbrough (D-Broadview) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow local governments to enact ordinances to hold financial institutions and others responsible for maintaining and securing vacant properties. 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. Hearing scheduled May 5.

[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. Re-referred to Rules on 4/15/11.

[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. Passed House on 4/13/11 and referred to Senate Local Government on 4/27/11. A companion bill died in the Senate.

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[*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. Passed Senate on 4/14/11 and referred to House Revenue on 4/25/11.

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. Held on calendar order second reading on 4/14/11.

[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. Passed Senate on 4/8/11 and referred to House Executive on 4/12/11.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and direction to staff

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