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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 6, 2015

Re: State Legislative Update

On March 27, 2015, the State of Illinois enacted [Public Act 99-0001](#) and [Public Act 99-0002](#) to close gaps in the state budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Under Public Act 99-0001, appropriations for FY15 are reduced by 2.25 percent across line items funded by General Funds (i.e., the General Revenue Fund, Common School Fund, and Education Assistance Fund). Public Act 99-0002 transfers to the General Revenue Fund \$1.3 billion from 106 special funds. Among the special fund sweeps are several accounts important to transportation programs that benefit northeastern Illinois, including \$250 million from the Road Fund, \$50 million from the State Construction Account Fund, \$50 million from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, and \$10 million from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund. Staff [analysis](#) examined the provisions of the bill, fiscal impact, and potential implications of future infrastructure investments.

Following the introduction of over 6,000 bills, numerous initiatives have failed to meet legislative deadlines, including several bills previously reported to the Board. The deadline for substantive Senate bills to be out of committee in the House is Friday, May 8; House bills must be out of Senate committees by Friday, May 15. The third reading deadline for both chambers is Friday, May 22.

CMAP staff continues to monitor the progress and analyze bills with particular relevance to the agency. Bills included in the following pages of this memorandum either impact CMAP's 2015 State Legislative [Principles](#) and [Agenda](#) or are of interest to CMAP and its partners.

Staff recommends the Board continue to support four bills that assist in the implementation of GO TO 2040 by providing consensus-driven processes to pursue local government consolidation, enabling the state to collect additional user fees for transportation, and supporting public transit.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

May 2015 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
County-led consolidation	HB229	<p>Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock) Sen. Pam Althoff (R-McHenry)</p> <p>Provides McHenry and Lake counties with the power to dissolve a local government under certain conditions. Currently, only DuPage County has these powers, established by PA 98-0126 signed into law in 2013. Also, requires the transfer of all former employees of the dissolved unit of government to the receiving unit and preserves those employees' existing collective bargaining agreements.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 recommends analyzing the effects of consolidating local governments and sharing services. The bill would provide an avenue for additional counties to implement local government consolidation.</p>	4/28/2015 Senate Referred to Assignments	Support
Coterminous township consolidation	SB40	<p>Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry)</p> <p>Provides a process by which a single township that is within a coterminous municipality could dissolve. Currently, only Evanston may use the process outlined in statute, PA 98-127. If a township were dissolved under this process, the coterminous municipality would have to take on its duties. If the municipality is coterminous with the township, there will likely be no township roads that need to be maintained. The municipality would have to provide general assistance programs and assessor services, which are only provided at the township level.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 recommends the consolidation of government, where appropriate. This legislation provides a process for combining a coterminous township and municipality, and promotes locally driven efforts to find potential efficiencies.</p>	2/19/2015 Senate To Subcommittee on Governmental Operations (Note: Rule 2-10 establishes the 3rd Reading Deadline as May 15, 2015 for this bill.)	Support

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INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION				
<p>***New bill*** TIF for select transit projects</p>	<p>SB277</p>	<p>Sen. Heather Steans (D-Chicago)</p> <p>Amends the TIF statute to create a Transit Facility Improvement Area (TIA) designation, with initial establishment limited to Chicago’s Union Station, Red and Purple Modernization, Blue Line Modernization and Extension, and Red Line south Extension. The District would last for 50 years. The Chicago Public Schools would be exempt from the TIF. Additionally, 20 percent of incremental revenues to underlying districts.</p>	<p>4/15/2015 Senate Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading April 16, 2015</p>	
<p>MFT on other fuels</p>	<p>SB1907</p>	<p>Sen. Don Harmon (D-Oak Park) Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Buffalo Grove)</p> <p>Amends the Motor Fuel Tax statute to include compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and propane to the motor fuel tax base when used as motor fuel. Under the bill, compressed natural gas utilized as motor fuel would be taxed at a rate of 19 cents per gallon, like regular motor fuel, and liquefied natural gas or propane used as motor fuel would be taxed at a rate of 21.5 cents per gallon, just like diesel fuel.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 supports the implementation of user fees for transportation. This legislation would enhance the MFT’s ability to act as a use fee for road usage through broadening the base to include other types of motor fuel usage.</p>	<p>4/29/2015 House Referred to Rules Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>
INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT				
<p>RTA working cash notes</p>	<p>HB2685</p>	<p>Rep. Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest) Sen. Michael E. Hastings (D-Matteson)</p> <p>Allows the RTA to sell additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2018 (now 2016) that are over and above and in addition to the</p>	<p>4/29/2015 Senate Assigned to Transportation</p>	<p>Support</p>

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		\$100,000,000 authorization. Working Cash Notes are essentially short-term (i.e. less than 24- month) loans to cover operating expenses.		

Previously reported bills that have missed legislative deadlines

[HB174](#) Non-home rule consolidation

[HB3174](#) MFT and sales tax on motor fuels

[HB420](#) Rail crossings

[SB1773](#) Rail crossings

[HB1375](#) MFT split (*CMAAP opposed*)

[SB1865](#) Rail crossings

[HB1517](#) Land banks for public uses

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