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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 3, 2017

Re: State Legislative Update

Since the last CMAP Board meeting, the State of Illinois has made little headway in passing a complete budget, while the bill backlog stands at \$11.6 billion. The deadline for bills to be passed out of their chamber of origin or receive an extension has passed. Staff continues to track and analyze bills with particular relevance to CMAP. Legislation in this memorandum affects CMAP's 2017 State Legislative **Principles** and **Agenda**, or is of interest to CMAP and its partners.

Included in this memorandum is an updated list of Board-supported bills and their positions in the legislative process, as well as two new bills for consideration—SB1029, a bill to maintain and enhance Illinois' natural areas, and SB520, a bill that authorizes continued appropriations for all federal funds to state agencies and partners. Additionally, HB2538, which amends the Regional Planning Act, has been assigned to the Government Reform committee in the Senate.

Staff is not recommending any position changes other than support for SB1029 and SB520. The bills listed contribute to the implementation of GO TO 2040 by bolstering the region's ability to manage stormwater and natural areas, facilitate efficient governance, invest strategically in transportation, and increase our commitment to public transit.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

May 2017 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
MANAGE AND CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY				
Stormwater management	**NEW** SB1337 HB2756	<p>Sen. Sue Rezin (R-Peru) Rep. Mike Fortner (R-West Chicago)</p> <p>SB1337—which was originally filed as SB1507—and its companion bill in the house, HB2756, amend the stormwater management sections of county codes to account for urban flooding, prioritize green infrastructure solutions, and provide grants for stormwater management. The bill also gives stormwater management authority to counties outside the CMAP region.</p> <p>CMAP supports the legislation because it aligns with GO TO 2040 and current program areas in stormwater management by providing communities with tools to mitigate flooding and manage stormwater.</p>	<p>3/10/2017 Senate Third reading <i>(Extension granted until May 31)</i></p> <p>3/23/2017 House Third Reading— <i>Passed (100-011-000)</i></p>	Support
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
Natural area stewardship	SB1029	<p>Sen. Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington)</p> <p>SB1029 creates the Illinois Land Conservation and Stewardship Grant Program and authorizes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to make grants for stewardship of natural areas across Illinois using money in the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund. IDNR can grant these funds to conservation organizations to provide basic maintenance and stewardship to open areas.</p> <p>Although the original bill included language that would allow IDNR to grant money for natural area acquisitions throughout Illinois, staff still recommends the Board support SB1029 because it meets three critical conservation goals of GO TO 2040: the bill</p>	<p>4/27/2017 Senate Third reading <i>Passed Environment & Conservation Committee</i></p>	Recommend Support

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		protects conservation funds from agency sweeps, builds capacity in private conservation organizations, and provides funding for stewardship of vital natural areas.		
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
Local government consolidation	HB496	Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park)	3/29/2017 House Third reading— <i>Passed</i> (111-002-000) 3/30/2017 Senate Referred to Assignments	Support
		Provides a dissolution process for a single township that exists within a coterminous municipality. Currently, only Evanston, which dissolved the coterminous Evanston Township, may use the process outlined in PA 98-127. In the region, Zion, Oak Park, River Forest, Berwyn, and Cicero have coterminous municipalities.		
		CMAP supports this legislation because it provides a process for combining coterminous townships and municipalities, and promotes locally driven efforts to find government efficiencies—both contained in the GO TO 2040 recommendations.		
Local government consolidation	SB3	Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park)	2/28/2017 Senate Third Reading – <i>Passed</i> (043-014-002) <i>with a motion filed by the sponsor to reconsider and three amendments, contingent on Grand Bargain</i>	Neutral
		The bill would make several changes to existing law that facilitate local government consolidation by expanding the DuPage, Lake, and McHenry pilot program allowing the county board to consolidate/ eliminate certain units of government to all counties in Illinois. The bill would allow counties to cease township organization structure (eliminate townships countywide) and choose whether to restructure into a commission form of government, rather than requiring that form of government in order to cease township organization. The bill would remove restrictions that limit townships to 126 square miles. The bill would provide a process by which any township within a coterminous municipality can dissolve and allows township road		

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		<p>districts to be abolished when they have less than 15 center lane miles.</p> <p>While the efficient governance proposals articulated in this bill align well with GO TO 2040, staff recommends a neutral position because this bill is inseparable from the Senate's Grand Bargain.</p>		
INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION				
Continued appropriations for federal funds	SB520	<p>Sen. David Koehler (D-Peoria)</p> <p>SB520 would provide continuing appropriation authority for all federal funding received by the state until the end of FY2018.</p> <p>CMAP staff recommends supporting this bill because of its direct implications for CMAP and other agencies dependent on state funding. Without federal funding, CMAP will not be able to operate into the next fiscal year.</p>	<p>4/27/2017</p> <p>Senate</p> <p>Referred to assignments</p>	Support
Transportation user fees	HB662	<p>Rep. Thomas Morrison (R-Palatine)</p> <p>Increases the state's electric vehicle registration fee from \$35 for two years to \$216 per year, and increases the plug-in hybrid vehicle registration fee from \$101 to \$158.50.</p> <p>CMAP supports the legislation because it will enhance transportation revenues through user fees. As these types of vehicles continue to proliferate, it will be necessary to ensure that users of the system are appropriately charged in order to ensure sufficient funding for transportation.</p>	<p>4/28/2017</p> <p>House</p> <p>Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee</p> <p><i>Lost</i></p>	Support
Motor fuel tax increase	HB3136	<p>Rep. Robert Pritchard (R-Sycamore)</p>	<p>3/14/2017</p> <p>House</p> <p>Transportation: Regulation, Roads &</p>	Neutral

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		<p>As amended, the bill increases the state motor fuel tax (MFT) by 10 cents to 29 cents per gallon and an extra 2.5 cents per gallon for diesel fuel.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 called for an increase in the MFT, and the legislation will increase funding available for the state's transportation system. However, staff does not recommend support of this initiative because it failed to advance out of committee.</p> <p>Staff will work to assist with any future initiatives. Future legislation could be improved by indexing the raised MFT rate to inflation. This would account for rising construction costs that continue to reduce the buying power of the MFT. More importantly, increasing the MFT is an intermediate measure that would not negate the need for a long-term replacement.</p>	<p>Bridges Committee <i>Lost</i></p>	
I-55 managed lanes	SJR7 HJR12	<p>Sen. Martin Sandoval (D-Cicero) Rep. Jim Durkin (R-Western Springs)</p> <p>Authorizes IDOT to begin a procurement process pursuant to the authority provided under the Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for Transportation Act. Specifically, IDOT proposes using a PPP to provide additional highway capacity along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/Interstate 94 in DuPage, Cook, and Will Counties, and tolling the additional capacity.</p> <p>GOTO 2040 called for the I-55 Express Toll Lane in the list of fiscally constrained projects.</p>	<p>1/24/2017 Senate Assignments Committee</p> <p>2/22/2017 House Executive Committee</p>	Support
INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT				
Transit benefits programs	HB2802	<p>Rep. Theresa Mah (D-Chicago)</p> <p>Requires all businesses with more than 20 employees to offer their employees either (1) the federal pre-tax transportation benefit program</p>	<p>4/27/2017 House Third Reading— <i>Pass (062-054-000)</i></p>	Support

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		<p>or (2) a program to supply transit passes to employees or reimburse employees for commute-related parking expenses. The bill would be effective January 1, 2018.</p> <p>Staff recommends supporting this legislation because it is consistent with GO TO 2040's goal of increasing regional transit ridership. Increased access to the benefit program could incentivize more transit ridership.</p>		
RTA working cash	HB3004	<p>Rep. Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest)</p> <p>Allows the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to sell additional Working Cash Notes before July 1, 2020 (now 2018) that are over and above and in addition to the \$100,000,000 authorization. Working Cash Notes are essentially short-term (i.e. less than 24- month) loans to cover operating expenses. As amended, the RTA would also be permitted to establish a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution. To do so, the RTA must pass an ordinance and submit the ordinance to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the State Comptroller.</p> <p>Staff recommends supporting this legislation because the RTA's capacity to access short-term capital is a critical tool for mitigating the impact of the state's practice of delaying payments.</p>	<p>3/22/2017 House Third Reading— <i>Passed (060-056-000)</i></p>	Support

Previously reported bills that have missed legislative deadlines

[SB1507](#) County-led Stormwater Management (CMAP supports)

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