



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: October 4, 2017

Re: State Legislative Update

The Illinois General Assembly met in a series of special sessions this summer to address the budget and a number of associated budget provisions. In early July, the General Assembly passed Public Act 100-0021—the fiscal year (FY) 2018 appropriation, which included funding for CMAP and Illinois' 15 other metropolitan planning organizations. They will convene Veto Session on October 24-26 and November 7-9.

The CMAP live streaming bill—HB2538, filed by Representative Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest) in the House and sponsored by Senator McConnaughay (R-West Dundee) in the Senate, now PA 100-0479—was signed into law September 8, 2017. Effective date is January 1, 2018, the law requires CMAP to stream all board meetings and maintain an archive of the meetings online for public viewing.

Of note, a significant number of legislators have announced their plans to retire or to not seek reelection upon completion of their term. From the CMAP region, Leader Christine Radogno (R-Lemont), Leader Barbara Flynn Currie (D-Chicago), Representative Steven Andersson (R-Geneva), Representative Patricia Bellock (R-Westmont), Representative Mike Fortner (R-West Chicago), Representative Emily McAsey (D-Romeoville), Representative Elaine Nekritz (D- Buffalo Grove), Representative Robert Pritchard (R-Sycamore), Representative Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest), Representative Carol Sente (D-Vernon Hills), and Representative Barbara Wheeler (R-Crystal Lake) will retire or have already retired. Other members will seek different offices, including Senator Daniel Biss (D-Evanston), as well as Representative Scott Drury (D-Highwood), Representative Laura Fine (D-Glenview), Representative Cynthia Soto (D-Chicago), and Representative Juliana Stratton (D-Chicago).

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

October 2017 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
EXPAND AND IMPROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE				
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 (IDNR) 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. The grants will be subject to approval by the General Assembly.</p> <p>The legislation fulfills three of GO TO 2040's conservation recommendations by moving the state closer to protecting conservation funds from agency sweeps, building capacity in private conservation organizations, and providing funding for stewardship of vital natural areas.</p>	<p>8/25/2017</p> <p><i>Public Act 100-0420</i></p>	Support
PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS				
Local government consolidation	SB3	<p>Sen. Thomas Cullerton (D-Villa Park)</p> <p>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</p>	<p>8/14/2017</p> <p><i>Public Act 100-0107</i></p>	Neutral

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		<p>coterminous municipality can dissolve and allows township road districts to be abolished when they have less than 15 center lane miles. CMAP took a neutral position while this bill moved through the legislative process because it was coupled with the Senate's Grand Bargain until a few days prior to its passage.</p>		

INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

RTA working cash	HB3004	Rep. Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest)	8/25/2017	Support
		<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. CMAP supported 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>	<i>Governor Amendatory Veto</i>	
		<p>The Governor has filed an amendatory veto on the bill noting the importance of the working cash notes to RTA, however, disagreeing with an amendment detailing the payout of state funds in the event of a default. The amendment would give the Treasurer the authority to purchase bonds in or at risk of default, and prioritizes debt payments over other uses of financial resources.</p>		

Previously reported bills that have missed legislative deadlines

- [SB520](#) Continued federal appropriations (CMAP supports)
- [SB1337](#) Stormwater management (CMAP supports)
- [SB1507](#) County-led stormwater management (CMAP supports)

[HB496](#) Township consolidation (CMAP supports)

[HB662](#) Registration fee increase for electric and alternative fuel vehicles (CMAP supports)

[HB2756](#) Stormwater Management (CMAP supports)

[HB2802](#) Transit benefit programs (CMAP supports)

[HB3136](#) Increase the motor fuel tax (CMAP neutral)

[SJR7](#) and [HJR12](#) I-55 managed lanes (CMAP supports)

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