

**MEMORANDUM**

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: March 7, 2018

Re: State Legislative Update

The second year of the 100th Illinois General Assembly began on Tuesday, January 23. Thus far, the Governor has delivered both the State of the State and the Budget addresses, numerous committees have convened, and over 4,000 bills have been filed in both chambers. Several bills and hearings have focused on transportation and infrastructure funding. Committee leadership in the House Transportation Regulation, Roads, and Bridges Committee filed notable infrastructure legislation, summarized in the attached review. The legislation continues conversations that took place during a hearing in December on the cost of maintaining the transportation system. CMAP and partners testified about the state's severely inadequate infrastructure funding and steps to address the problem in the near and long-term.

Beyond transportation and infrastructure, both chambers are considering measures ranging from government consolidation, stormwater management, and agricultural land preservation. Legislation in this memorandum spans both years of the 100th General Assembly and either affects [CMAP's 2018 State Legislative Principles and Agenda](#), or is of interest to CMAP and its partners. It includes new legislation filed this year and bills supported by the board in 2017 that are still under consideration.

Staff is providing this memo for informational purposes only, as most of these bills have not reached substantive committees. The House and Senate will recess on the March 8 and 15, respectively, in advance of the March 20 primary election and an extended spring break. They will reconvene on the Monday, April 9. The next legislative deadline is Friday, April 13, for substantive bills to pass out of committee in both chambers.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

March 2018 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
EXPAND AND IMPROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE				
Natural area conservation	SB2555	<p>Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry)</p> <p>Amends the Illinois Agricultural Areas Conservation Act and aims to incentivize private landowners to designate their farmland as an “Agricultural Area” under existing laws. The bill would reduce the size minimum for designated agricultural zones depending on county population, providing more opportunities for smaller farms to use the program. Once established, these zones offer farms preferential land assessments for property tax values based on soil productivity rather than market valuation of the land.</p> <p>Although this bill has the potential to increase open space holdings throughout the region, it does not provide new incentives or other tools beyond what municipalities can already provide to farmers interested in participating in the program.</p>	<p>2/14/2018</p> <p>Senate</p> <p>Agriculture Committee</p>	Neutral
INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT				
Increase transit ridership	HB5518	<p>Rep. Theresa Mah (D-Chicago)</p> <p>Refiled version of last session’s transit-benefits bill, HB2802. Requires employers of a certain size in some parts of the six-county Regional Transportation Authority area to provide employees with pre-tax transit commuting benefits, which include transit passes and qualified parking.</p> <p>This initiative would incentivize transit use, supporting the GO TO 2040 goal of increasing transit ridership.</p>	<p>2/16/2018</p> <p>House</p> <p>Rules Committee</p>	Neutral

INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION

Infrastructure investment	HB5048	Rep. Marcus Evans (D-Chicago)	2/26/2018 House Transportation: Regulation, Roads, & Bridges Committee	Neutral
		<p>Proposed fiscal year 2019 (FY19) IDOT capital appropriations and motor fuel tax distributions to localities. The proposal is an increase of \$1.04 billion relative to FY18. However, the appropriations are based on revenue that would be derived from an increase to an as yet unidentified source.</p> <p>The bill appears to be an effort to continue discussions about raising funds for infrastructure and how to address the current state of the transportation system throughout Illinois. Overall goals of this initiative align with GO TO 2040 which calls for implementing new revenues to support transportation, performance-based funding rather than the arbitrary 55-45 split, and an increased commitment to public transit.</p>		
Infrastructure Investment	HB5468	Rep. Margo McDermed (R-Frankfort)	2/16/2018 House Rules Committee	Neutral
		<p>Proposes numerous large-scale state transportation policy changes in areas such as design-build, revolving loan programs, asset management, transit fares and RTA borrowing, and public-private partnerships. It also changes the name of the Road Fund to the Transportation Mobility Fund.</p> <p>The bill raises registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles currently (\$35 every two years) to that of regular passenger vehicles (\$101 annually), eliminates RTA's free-ride mandates, and proposes efficiency reports to identify five percent savings for transportation agencies.</p>		
User fees for transportation	HJR98	Rep. Mark Batinick (R-Plainfield)	2/6/2018 House Rules Committee	Neutral
		<p>Authorizes the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to begin procurement for a project to provide additional highway capacity</p>		

along Interstate 55 from Interstate 355 to Interstate 90/94 and toll the additional capacity. The previous managed-lanes proposal for I-55 (SJR7 and HJR12) gave the project authority to IDOT.

Increasing capacity along this corridor is a key initiative of GO TO 2040 and the plan supports managed lanes and congestion pricing, however, it does not specify what state agency must implement these programs. Through the Expressway Vision currently in development, CMAP, IDOT and the Tollway are in the process of identifying goals for the region's expressway system as a whole.

User fees for transportation	HB5190	Rep. Larry Walsh (D-Joliet)	2/27/2018 House Tollway Oversight Committee	Neutral
		Requires the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to conduct a feasibility study on tolling Interstate 80 in Illinois. A written report must be delivered to the General Assembly by December 1, 2018, after which the General Assembly will decide on next steps.		

MANAGE AND CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY

County stormwater management	HB4748	Rep. Mike Fortner (D-West Chicago)	3/1/2018 House Calendar of Second Reading	Neutral
		Provides county governments with policy tools to manage stormwater and raise revenues for stormwater infrastructure improvements. The language in HB4748 mirrors the stormwater bills filed last year, HB2756 and its companion SB1337.		
		GO TO 2040 supports comprehensive watershed planning and green infrastructure solutions, initiatives covered within the scope of this bill.		

2017 Roster of CMAP Board-reviewed bills

The following bills missed previous legislative deadlines, however, they may be revisited in the current session.

[HB3004](#) RTA working cash notes (CMAP supports)

[SB520](#) Continued federal appropriations (CMAP supports)

[SB1337](#) and [HB2756](#) 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)

[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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