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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

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Re: State Legislative Update

Both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly have been in recess since the Board's last meeting on March 14. Accordingly, few committees have met and only a limited number bills have been introduced or amended during that timeframe. CMAP continues to monitor measures ranging from funding and operating the state's transportation systems, 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. Due to the long recess, few bills have advanced over the last month. The Illinois General Assembly will reconvene on the Monday, April 9. The next legislative deadline in both chambers is Friday, April 13, for substantive bills to pass out of committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

April 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 could incentivize transit use, supporting the GO TO 2040 goal of increasing transit ridership.</p>	<p>3/7/2018</p> <p>House</p> <p>Assigned to House Mass Transit Committee</p>	Neutral

INVEST STRATEGICALLY IN TRANSPORTATION

Infrastructure investment	HB5048	Rep. Marcus Evans (D-Chicago)	3/6/2018 House Assigned to Motor Fuel Tax Subcommittee	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. This initiative broadly aligns 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)	3/7/2018 House Assigned to Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges 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. 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 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.</p>		

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)	3/9/2018 House Passed (101-000-000) Senate Assignments	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 100th Illinois General Assembly session extends over a two-year time period, therefore 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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