



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: April 3, 2019

Re: State Legislative Update

Last Friday, March 29, marked the deadline for substantive bills to pass out of committee in their chamber of origin. Many bills failed to meet this deadline, including bills previously supported by the CMAP Board. Next, all substantive bills must pass out their chamber of origin before the legislature's spring break, which begins on Friday, April 12. Both chambers are scheduled to reconvene on Tuesday, April 30 with one month of regular session left to negotiate the fiscal year 2020 budget.

The House convened another Capital Appropriations Committee hearing on mass transit, freight, and stormwater infrastructure. CMAP staff provided testimony which included recent analysis and the [principles for sustainable infrastructure funding](#) adopted by the CMAP Board in January 2019. Staff also shared relevant research with the committee to inform legislators and staff about the region's green infrastructure and natural resources needs. The Senate will host hearings in the Chicago region on infrastructure funding in late April.

Legislators continue to file bills and add amendments with relevance to ON TO 2050 and CMAP's 2019 [Legislative Framework and State Agenda](#). Staff recommends support for a new proposal, HB102, which provides non-home rule municipalities with the authority to raise a local MFT of up to \$0.03 per gallon. Two bills that the board previously supported have been amended to clarify and refine provisions, HB825 addressing stormwater infrastructure and SB1379 property tax assessment data. Staff recommends continued support for both initiatives.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

April 2019 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
REINVESTMENT FOR VIBRANT COMMUNITIES				
Infill development	HB43	<p>Rep. Anthony DeLuca (D-Chicago Heights) Reduces and caps the property tax liability over a period of 12 years for some vacant or empty commercial or industrial properties that are currently under the purview of the South Suburban Land Bank Development Authority. This is an initiative of the South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative.</p>	<p>3/21/2019 House Placed on the Calendar 2nd Reading</p>	
INTEGRATED APPROACH TO WATER RESOURCES				
Stormwater management	HB825	<p>Rep. Anthony DeLuca (D – Chicago Heights) Enables non-home rule municipalities to raise stormwater utility charges to offset the cost of providing local stormwater infrastructure. An amendment to HB825 makes a technical change removing proposed alterations to the definition of sewerage system. The companion bill in the senate, SB213, failed to meet the legislative deadline.</p> <p>ON TO 2050 recommends local governments raise stormwater utility fees to properly maintain this infrastructure. This legislation would provide local governments with a sustainable and user-based means of improving their stormwater infrastructure.</p>	<p>3/21/2019 House Amendment No. 1 Adopted in Cities & Villages Committee (009 – 005 – 000), Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading.</p>	Support
COLLABORATION AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT				
Township consolidation	HB2525	<p>Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) Provides a process for dissolving any township located substantially within the boundary of a municipality by township board or city council (where the council exercises duties of the township board) ordinance, or proposition by petition. Upon the township’s dissolution, all of its duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities transfer to the coterminous municipality.</p>	<p>3/14/2019 House Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading</p>	

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		<p>Although the bill provides voters with a process to express local desire by providing the option to call for dissolving a township, under this bill, the consolidation could be required to occur without checks such as a feasibility study or concurrence from the municipality's governing board and township board.</p>		
CAPACITY TO PROVIDE A STRONG QUALITY OF LIFE				
Property tax assessment	SB1379	<p>Sen. Toi Hutchinson (D-Chicago Heights) Authorizes the Cook County Assessor's Office, and all other county assessor's offices with the approval of their respective county boards, the ability to collect income and expense data—already required for federal tax filings and currently collected for the appeals process—for income generating properties on an annual basis. Amendments have clarified applicability. The requirement applies to larger buildings, non-owner occupied residential buildings with six or more units and commercial properties with a market value greater than \$1 million. Data would be aggregated and anonymized to inform assessment process. This initiative of the Cook County Assessor, would bring county assessment processes in line with other states including New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Washington D.C. The companion bill in the House, HB2217, failed to make the legislative deadline.</p> <p>ON TO 2050 calls for improved access to public information through technology and transparency. Fairer and more predictable assessments could attract additional investments into the region, including in disinvested areas.</p>	<p>3/28/2019 Senate Placed on the Calendar Order of 3rd Reading</p>	Support
NEW Motor fuel tax	HB102	<p>Rep. Mike Zalewski (D – River Forest) Provides that a non-home rule municipality may, by ordinance, impose a tax on motor fuel in once cent per gallon increments, but not to exceed \$0.03 per gallon in total. ON TO 2050 recommends local user fees to help communities meet their unique needs. Further, it also specifically calls for local motor</p>	<p>3/29/2016 House House Floor Amendment No. 1 Adopted by Revenue & Finance Committee (008 – 007 – 000)</p>	Support

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		fuel taxes to recoup the cost of providing road and other transportation infrastructure.		
A MODERN MULTIMODAL SYSTEM THAT ADAPTS TO CHANGING TRAVEL DEMAND				
Transit working cash	HB2823	<p>Rep. Mike Zalewski (D – River Forest) Permits the use of lines of credit for the RTA as an eligible form of short term financing in addition to working cash notes and extends the authorization from 2018 to 2022. Includes language on default proceedings, as well as language specific to allowing CTA to use working cash notes. The companion bill in the Senate, SB2005, failed to make the legislative deadline.</p> <p>Staff recommends supporting this legislation because until the State of Illinois catch ups on its bill backlog, the RTA’s capacity to issue working cash notes is a critical tool for continuing operations and system improvements.</p>	<p>3/26/2019 House Placed on Calendar Order of 3rd Reading</p>	<p>Support <i>*CMAP board supported in prior sessions</i></p>

Roster of previously reviewed bills

The following bills have missed legislative deadlines for year one of the 101st General Assembly. However, they may be revisited later in session.

- [SB2049](#) and [HB270](#) Destination-based sales tax
- [SB198](#) Motor fuel tax eligibility (CMAP supports)
- [SB213](#) Stormwater utilities (CMAP supports)
- [SB2005](#) RTA working cash notes (CMAP Supports)
- [HB2053](#) Electric vehicle fees (CMAP supports)
- [HB2217](#) Income producing properties (CMAP supports)
- [HB2575](#) Autonomous vehicles
- [HJR8](#) I55 Managed lanes (CMAP supports)

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