



DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

an association of municipalities representing 1,000,000 people

2025 Legislative Action Program

A coalition of cities and villages working together, the Conference fosters collaboration and advocates for excellence in municipal government.

Municipal Revenues and Unfunded Mandates

Per-capita funding through the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) benefits all municipalities, supporting community services such as infrastructure, social services, public safety pensions, and unfunded mandates such as lead service line replacement. LGDF allows local officials to invest locally generated revenue where it is needed most without raising taxes.

Unfunded mandates preempt local control and divert revenue from essential programs and services our communities rely upon.

Sustainable Public Pension Systems

Municipalities take pride in generously compensating our heroic first responders and dedicated employees for their service to the community. "Safe Harbor" for municipal police and firefighters was fully addressed in 2019, and taxpayers are beginning to see the benefits of Tier 2 and the consolidation of downstate public safety pension funds.

Public pensions, and the taxpayers that fund them, must be protected by preventing further Tier 2 pension benefit increases for police, fire, and IMRF.

Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act

Common sense changes to the Freedom of Information Act, such as adopting the federal definition of commercial requests & requiring a conviction for the public release of body camera arrest footage to protect citizens' privacy, will preserve transparency & mitigate the abuse of FOIA for entertainment & profit.

Open Meetings Act changes to allow remote meetings of committees and advisory boards that refer final action to another decision-making body will increase efficiency, transparency, and public participation.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Investments in local infrastructure and a robust, reliable, and affordable public transit system are critical for the prosperity of our region. Legislation to reform public transportation must prioritize consensus-driven governance, local control, equitable service levels across the region, and a sustainable funding model.

Municipal representation in transit governance must be preserved and strengthened to align regional decision-making with the needs of our communities.