

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
Meeting Held at DMMC and Via Zoom

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Grabowski called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A. Attendance

Attended In-Person:

Jim Grabowski, Elmhurst - Director
Evan Walter, Burr Ridge

Ted Sianis, Elmhurst
Tim O'Malley, Oak Brook

Attended Remotely:

Kai Liu, Addison
Joel Melin, Addison
Nick Talarico, Bartlett
Joe Caracci, Bensenville
Brad Hargett, Bensenville
Matt Eastman, Bolingbrook
Adam Frederick, Carol Stream
Brendan McLaughlin, Clarendon Hills
Scott Vasko, Downers Grove
Rich Daubert, Glen Ellyn
James Patton, Glendale Heights
Jonathan Stelle, Hanover Park
Mike Subers, Itasca
Mike Barbier, Lisle

Carl Goldsmith, Lombard
Philip Tartaglia, Lombard
Andy Hynes, Naperville
Kristin Mehl, Roselle
Phil Kuchler, Warrenville
Dave Shah, West Chicago
Amy Ries, Westmont
Sarang Lagvankar, Wheaton
Vince Laoang, Wheaton
Rick Valent, Willowbrook
Rahat Bari, Winfield
Chris Bethel, Woodridge
Matthew Pocius, Woodridge

Guests:

Sam Hughes, Bartlett
Jacob Thede, BLA
Matt Cesario, BLA
Jim Woods, Civil Tech
Kathleen Ebeling, CBBEL
Dan Nowak, DuPage County

Joseph Cwynar, Engineering Enterprises
Andrea Nair, GFT
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering
K. VanDeWoestyne, Thomas Engineering
Mitch Bright, Traffic Control Group
Kris Dunn, Wheaton

Staff:

Suzette Quintell, Executive Director
Matt Pasquini, Transportation Project Manager
Kimberly Blair, Director of Member and Partner Engagement

B. Approval of the January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Sianis, second by Goldsmith, to approve the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

II. DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report

III. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNER UPDATES

A. DuPage County

No update.

B. Metra

No update.

C. Pace

Informational in packet

D. RTA

Informational in packet.

E. CMAP

Informational in packet

F. Illinois Tollway

Informational in packet.

G. IDOT

No update.

IV. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Public Participation Policy

Grabowski presented a revised draft of the Public Participation Policy for Committee reconsideration. He noted that the initial draft was presented at the January 22 meeting, and the Committee recommended Board approval. Following the meeting, the Conference received feedback from consultant engineering partners regarding the distribution of full agenda packets in advance of meetings. He explained that historically, agenda packets have been distributed only to Committee members, and that the feedback indicated potential value in extending full packet distribution to non-voting members as well.

Grabowski noted that Conference staff consulted Committee leadership and, at his direction, did not present the recommended draft to the Board. Since Committee meeting materials related to the federal transportation funding planning process are

already subject to FOIA, it was determined that a revised draft reflecting the consultant engineering partners' feedback should be presented to the Committee for further discussion.

Grabowski noted the revisions to the policy, which CMAP staff reviewed and concurred were aligned with the public participation requirements outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement with CMAP and in CMAP's Active Program Management policies and procedures. Grabowski then invited the Committee to provide initial comments.

Goldsmith asked if there is a process for consultant engineering partners to begin receiving full agenda packets. Pasquini responded that the policy states requests should be directed to Conference staff.

Grabowski asked if any consultant is eligible to request packets. Pasquini responded that the policy specifies consultant engineers who work with municipalities to implement projects receiving federal funding distributed through the DuPage Council may request full packets.

Motion by Goldsmith, second by Mehl, to recommend Board approval of the revised draft Public Participation Policy. The motion carried.

B. STP Shared Fund Collaboration Workshop

Pasquini presented a draft outline for the STP Shared Fund Collaboration Workshop, scheduled for April 30 at 9:00 a.m. at Oak Brook Village Hall. He highlighted a mapping exercise in which member communities submit STP-Shared Fund-eligible projects from their capital improvement plans, which will be compiled into a map overlaid with various regional data layers to identify opportunities for intergovernmental coordination. A straw poll suggested four to five communities already had projects in mind.

Caracci asked whether train station projects were eligible and whether funds could be transferred between funding programs. Pasquini replied that transit station projects are more likely to receive funding through STP-Local or CMAQ. He also clarified that funds cannot be transferred between sources and that applications must be submitted through the relevant call for projects.

C. Bartlett Roadway Functional Classification Revision Request

Grabowski explained that the DuPage Council STP Manual includes a process for adding local streets to the federal aid highway system. Both Bartlett and Oak Brook submitted reclassification requests, which staff confirmed met federal guidelines and CMAP's Roadway Functional Classifications Guidebook.

Hughes presented Bartlett's request to reclassify a 1.86-mile segment of Munger Road from a local road to a collector road.

Pasquini noted that upon Committee recommendation for approval, the recommendation would proceed to the Board of Directors, after which staff would submit the request to IDOT for review. IDOT would then amend the FAU route map and forward it to FHWA for final approval.

Motion by Caracci, second by Shah, to recommend Board approval of the attached resolution supporting Bartlett's roadway functional classification request for Munger Road. The motion carried.

D. Oak Brook Functional Reclassification Request

O'Malley presented Oak Brook's request to reclassify three road segments from local to collector status. The three segments are Spring Road (York Road to 31st Street), St. Paschal Drive (31st Street to 35th Street), and Timber Edge Drive (Harbor Drive to Frontage Road).

Valent asked whether the gate at 31st Street and Spring Road would be affected; O'Malley confirmed it would remain operational under current restrictions, with any future changes subject to FHWA review if federal aid is sought.

Pasquini mentioned that the next steps will mirror the process used for Bartlett's request. Subject to Board of Directors approval, staff will submit the application to IDOT for review and revisions to the FAU route map, which will then be forwarded to FHWA for final approval.

Motion by Lagvankar, second by Daubert, to recommend Board approval of the attached resolution supporting Oak Brook's roadway functional classification requests for Spring Road, St. Paschal Drive, and Timber Edge Drive. The motion carried.

V. DUPAGE COUNCIL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FFY 2027 STP-L and STP Shared Fund Programming Marks

Pasquini summarized the CMAP memo on STP programming marks for FFY 2027–2031, noting that marks for FFY 2027–2029 align with projections from the past two years. Given the expiration of the current federal transportation authorization at the end of this fiscal year, IDOT and CMAP took a conservative approach to estimates, reflected in both the current FFY 2026–2030 and draft FFY 2027–2031 programs. This was presented for informational purposes.

B. Draft FFY 2027-2031 DuPage Council STP Program

Pasquini presented the draft FFY 2027–2031 DuPage Council STP-L Active and Contingency Programs, developed following the Committee's January approval of draft scores at the January 22 meeting.

The draft includes 10 new, fully funded projects. After programming the top-ranked projects in FFY 2030 and 2031, \$1.7 million remained unprogrammed in 2031. Four

projects tied for 11th place with a score of 53: Roselle's Lawrence Avenue/Plum Grove Road project, Bensenville's Spruce Avenue Reconstruction, and two Lisle Main Street Resurfacing projects.

Since neither the DuPage Council STP Manual nor CMAP policies address partial funding allocation among tied projects, three options were presented to the Committee for consideration: Option A would award remaining funds to the highest-scoring project in the local need category; Option B would split funds evenly among the four, with declined shares redistributed to accepting projects; and Option C would leave funds unprogrammed for future cost increases or programming flexibility.

Goldsmith flagged that Lombard's Main Street Resurfacing project is not included in the draft program. Pasquini noted that it is currently targeting the November 2026 letting and that a six-month extension would need to be submitted to move it into FFY 2027.

Regarding options to address unprogrammed funds, Grabowski opposed Option C, noting the importance of maximizing the Council's funding allocation.

Caracci asked whether Option A included a secondary tiebreaker in the event that the local need category also resulted in a tie. Grabowski confirmed that Option A presents a clear winner, but acknowledged that a future policy should address cascading tiebreakers.

Barbier supported Option A, noting that Option C was unfair to applicants who had invested significant effort and that Option B poses budgeting challenges given the small partial amounts involved.

Mehl expressed a preference for Option A, noting that Roselle has not received federal funding in recent years. She also supported Option B.

Bethel asked whether a project declining partial funding under Option B would result in reallocation of that share among the remaining accepting projects, and Pasquini confirmed that it would. Bethel suggested that Option B may be the most equitable approach for the current situation, given the tie, and that a future policy could prioritize communities that score higher in the local need category.

Caracci asked whether partial funding accepted under Option B could later be supplemented if additional 2031 funds became available. Pasquini explained that the federal match percentage is fixed at the time of award, so a project accepting approximately 20% federal match under the partial award would remain subject to that percentage, and increasing the federal match percentage would require the project to reapply during the next call for projects.

Following discussion, motion by Bethel, second by Goldsmith, to approve Option B, splitting the remaining unprogrammed funds in FFY 2031 evenly among the four tied projects that accept the funding, with any declined share redistributed equally among

the remaining accepting tied projects, and to release the draft FFY 2027-2031 DuPage Council STP-L Active and Contingency Programs for public comment between February 19 and March 23. The motion carried.

Following the vote, Grabowski directed staff to develop a formal policy for allocating funding to tied projects in future call for projects cycles. Pasquini noted that the intent would be to present a draft policy proposal at a future meeting.

C. Wheaton Cost Increase Request – Gary Avenue Reconstruction

Grabowski noted that Wheaton submitted a \$445,752 cost increase request for the Gary Avenue Reconstruction project, confirmed funds were available, and invited Lagvankar to present.

Lagvankar explained that following the project's April 2024 letting, utility companies were notified of conflicts and asked to relocate. Delays from multiple utilities led the City to defer construction to early 2025, resulting in out-of-sequence construction, contractor cost impacts, redesign work, and additional construction engineering expenses. The cost increase reflects these escalations and utility-related costs.

Bethel asked whether construction engineering reimbursement was included in the original grant; Lagvankar confirmed it was. Motion by Sianis, second by Kuchler, to approve the cost increase. The motion carried.

D. DuPage Council STP Program February Update

Pasquini provided an overview of the draft update to the current FFY 2026–2030 DuPage Council STP Program included in the packet.

Motion by Sianis, second by Daubert, to approve the draft updated FFY 2026-2030 DuPage Council STP Program. The motion carried.

VI. INFORMATION

A. IDOT Kickoff Meeting Guidance

Pasquini shared guidance from IDOT staff on submittal of PPI forms and the process for requesting IDOT kickoff meetings.

B. Post-Obligation Cost Increase Reminder

Pasquini highlighted CMAP guidance on post-obligation cost increase requests included in the packet and encouraged sponsors with questions about post-obligation cost increases to contact him directly.

C. CMAP Meetings Summary

Informational in packet.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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A. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Grabowski adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Pasquini
Transportation Project Manager