MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
Thursday, August 27, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
Meeting Held at DMMC and Via Zoom

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

A. Attendance

Attended In-Person:

Evan Walter, Burr Ridge - Director
Ted Sianis, Elmhurst
Carl Goldsmith, Lombard
Phil Tartaglia, Lombard
Michael Guerra, Villa Park

Attended Remotely:

Kai Liu, Addison
Joel Melin, Addison
Joe Caracci, Bensenville
Brad Hargett, Bensenville
Sean Marquez, Bloomingdale
Matt Eastman, Bolingbrook
David Preissig, Burr Ridge
Adam Frederick, Carol Stream
Scott Vasko, Downers Grove
Rich Daubert, Glen Ellyn
Scott Nielsen, Glendale Heights
Jonathan Stelle, Hanover Park
Matthew Lew, Hinsdale
Mike Subers, Itasca
Mike Barbier, Lisle
Andy Hynes, Naperville
Phil Kuchler, Warrenville
Dave Shah, West Chicago
Greg Ulreich, Westmont
Sarang Lagvankar, Wheaton
Vince Laoang, Wheaton
Rick Valent, Willowbrook
Alan Lange, Wood Dale

Guests:

Matt Cesario, BLA
Al Stefan, CBBEL
Steve Kotecki, Ciorba
Joe Cwynar, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Dave Block, GFT
Chris Snyder, GFT
Moe Kawash, IDOT
Ed Young, Lisle Township
Joel Christell, Peralte-Clark
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Mitch Bright, Traffic Control Corp.
Kris Dunn, Wheaton

Staff:

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

B. Approval of the June 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Goldsmith to approve the June 11, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Sianis. The motion carried.

II. DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT'

No report.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNER UPDATES

A. DuPage County

No update.

B. Metra

No update.

C. Pace

No update.

D. RTA

Informational in packet.

E. CMAP

Informational in packet.

F. Illinois Tollway

No Update.

G. IDOT

Kawash reported that the current project status sheet includes 17 projects and invited members with questions to reach out to him directly

V. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. DuPage Council Surface Transportation Program (STP) Manual Updates

Walter recalled that at the March 24 meeting, staff had shared a memo outlining proposed revisions to Committee and Council policies and the DuPage Council STP Manual, and that the Committee had directed staff to schedule agenda items over the following months for more detailed discussion.

The first item from the memo proposes incorporating previously approved and future administrative policies and procedures as appendices to the Council STP Manual to

make them more accessible. Staff plans to present a revised draft manual reflecting Committee direction and approved revisions next summer, ahead of the Council's next call for STP projects in October 2027.

There were no objections or additional comments. Walter directed staff to include the proposed restructuring as part of the larger manual revision to be presented next summer.

B. Tiebreaker and Remaining Funding Policies

Walter introduced a memo outlining considerations for developing tiebreaker and remaining funding policies. During development of the FFY 2027-2031 DuPage Council STP Program, the Council fully funded the top 10 ranked projects but was left with a $1.7 million unprogrammed fund balance, and that four projects tied for 11th place.

Absent a formal policy, the Committee approved splitting the unprogrammed balance evenly among the four tied projects that chose to accept funding, with any declined share to be redistributed equally among the remaining projects. Following the discussion, the Committee directed staff to develop formal procedures for ranking tied projects and allocating unprogrammed fund balances in future call cycles. Walter noted the attached memo outlines key considerations and sought Committee direction on both policies.

On the tiebreaker policy, Goldsmith questioned using merit as a criterion since all tied projects already meet that threshold, favoring financial commitment and submittal timestamp instead, noting timestamps are commonly used for similar purposes by municipal organizations.

Walter raised a possible collaborative bonus for projects benefiting multiple communities, while acknowledging it could be hard to apply broadly, and said he was less concerned about a timestamp criterion if it's already standard practice.

Stelle asked whether the policy should weigh how many active STP projects a community already has. Barbier cautioned this could produce inequitable outcomes. If Lisle, hypothetically ranking highest on local need in the recent call for project, held two of the four tied projects, it could receive funding for both while Roselle and Bensenville received none.

Subers agreed that communities with less frequent funding access should get some precedence. Goldsmith responded that larger communities often have more FAU-eligible routes, so weighting by funding frequency could unfairly disadvantage them.

Walter noted the rarity of multiple tied projects from a single community and floated limiting a community to one project in the tiebreaker queue if more than one ties. Goldsmith suggested asking sponsors to designate a higher-priority project.

Caracci asked whether a previously submitted but unfunded project should receive

some benefit on resubmittal. Pasquini clarified that local need accounts for time since a community' was last awarded funding for any project and that a previously unfunded project may improve its readiness score through continued development between cycles.

Hynes proposed having sponsors specify a minimum acceptable amount in advance, with funds awarded accordingly if an even split meets that minimum, or redirected to the remaining sponsors if not.

Hearing no further comments on the tiebreaker policy, Walter moved discussion to the remaining funding policy. Pasquini explained that the remaining funding policy addresses situations where a fund balance remains after top-ranked projects are fully funded, whether or not a tie is involved. Staff has historically reached out to sponsors individually to gauge willingness to accept partial funding, and that the goal is to formalize a consistent process. The two approaches outlined in the memo include: asking sponsors to indicate on the project application whether they would accept partial funding and, if so, the minimum amount; or establishing a Council-wide minimum viable award threshold that would apply uniformly to any project receiving partial funding.

Stelle noted that any such threshold apply only to leftover balances, not to reduce full awards to spread funding further. Walter confirmed that was not the intent.

Pasquini confirmed he would use the discussion to develop initial draft policies for further Committee review at the October meeting.

VI. DUPAGE COUNCIL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FY 2027 CMAP Planning Liaison (PL) Agreement

Walter noted that the Committee is being asked to recommend approval of the attached FY 2027 CMAP Intergovernmental Agreement for MPO Activities to the Board of Directors. This annual agreement between DMMC and CMAP outlines the scope and services for the DuPage Council Planning Liaison and the Conference's broader transportation program. The contract is for $280,000, with an 80% federal match provided by CMAP and a 20% local match paid by DMMC. Federal funding to DMMC will be $224,000, reflecting a 4.8% increase from FY 2026.

Motion by Sianis to recommend approval of the FY 2026 CMAP Intergovernmental Agreement for MPO Activities. Second by Goldsmith. The motion carried.

B. DuPage Council STP August Update

Pasquini presented the draft update to the current FFY 2026-2030 DuPage Council STP. He highlighted updated target letting dates reflected in the status sheet and noted a temporary reprogramming of Bensenville's Evergreen Street project, explaining that the reprogramming is intended to ensure that all program years remain fiscally constrained as projects are carried over from the FFY 2026-2030 cycle into the FFY

2027-2031 cycle. No questions were raised.

Motion by Sianis to approve the draft program updates as presented. Second by Goldsmith. The motion carried.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. 2026 STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L Workshop

Pasquini highlighted that registration is open for the 2026 STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L Workshop, a call-for-projects preparatory workshop to help members prepare for the upcoming CMAP transportation call for projects, anticipated to open in October, with registration information included in the packet.

B. STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, TAP-L Methodology Updates

Informational in packet.

C. Award Letters

Informational in packet.

D. CMAP Meetings Summary

Informational in packet.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sianis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Goldsmith. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Pasquini
Transportation Project Manager