



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 4.3

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## MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board  
From: CMAP Staff  
Date: September 3, 2014  
Re: State Legislative Update

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Over the summer, Governor Quinn considered numerous bills that passed out of the General Assembly during its spring session. Staff monitored actions taken on bills that impact CMAP's [2014 State Legislative Framework](#) and [Agenda](#) or are of interest to CMAP and its partners. A full list of bills and the Governor's actions is included on the following pages.

Staff wrote several policy updates on recently enacted legislation. An analysis on the \$1.1 billion [state capital program](#) showed that while the new revenues authorized by [HB 3794](#) and [SB 3224](#) deliver additional resources for the State, they do not address any of the structural [policy issues](#) facing transportation funding in Illinois – namely, the need for steady, reliable revenues and [performance-based](#) project selection. Staff also developed a two-part series on local government consolidation. The first [policy update](#), explained the prevalence of special districts in Illinois, reviewed findings of the Local Government Consolidation Commission, and discussed processes established by recent local government discontinuance legislation, [HB 5785](#). The second [policy update](#) examined recent local government consolidation efforts in Evanston and River Forest Townships, as well as DuPage County. CMAP will continue to monitor these efforts because GO TO 2040 recommends that metropolitan Chicago [pursue coordinated investments](#) and analyze the effects of consolidating local governments.

The General Assembly's fall veto session is scheduled for November 19-21 and December 2-4, 2014.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational



## September 2014 Legislative Summary

Subject	Bill	Summary	Status	Agency Position
<b>PURSUE COORDINATED INVESTMENTS</b>				
Local Government Dissolution	<a href="#">HB4418</a>	<p><a href="#">Jay Hoffman</a> (D-Belleville)  <a href="#">William Delgado</a> (D-Chicago)</p> <p>Prohibits a municipality from closing any facilities that provide fire protection or advanced life support services without the passage of a referendum.</p> <p>To the extent that the legislation would undermine the consolidation of local services, it may not support the implementation of GO TO 2040.</p>	6/25/2014 Public Act 98-0666	<b>Oppose</b>
Capital Bills	<a href="#">HB3794</a> <a href="#">SB3224</a>	<p>Rep. <a href="#">Michael J. Madigan</a> (D-Chicago)  Sens. <a href="#">Toi W. Hutchinson</a> (D-Chicago Heights), <a href="#">Andy Manar</a> (D-Saunton)</p> <p>HB 3794 provides \$1.1 billion in new bond-financed capital spending on transportation, with \$1 billion for IDOT and \$100 million to local governments. SB 3224 authorizes bonding for the \$1.1 billion program.</p>	7/22/2014 Public Acts 98-0780 and 98-0781	
Special District Consolidation	<a href="#">HB5785</a>	<p><a href="#">Jack D. Franks</a> (D-Marengo)  <a href="#">Daniel Biss</a> (D-Skokie)</p> <p>Provides a process for consolidating a variety of special districts with other governmental units.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 encourages intergovernmental collaboration and coordinated investments. The legislation provides special districts, counties, and municipalities that have analyzed the effects of consolidation and determined that consolidation would be beneficial with an avenue for implementing consolidation.</p>	8/18/2014 Public Act 98-1002	<b>Support</b>
Local Government Dissolution	<a href="#">SB1681</a>	<p><a href="#">Terry Link</a> (D-Waukegan)  <a href="#">Jay Hoffman</a> (D-Belleville)</p> <p>Establishes a process by which a Regional Fire Protection Agency could be established. Local governments can generally make</p>	8/26/2014 Public Act 98-1095	<b>Oppose</b>

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		<p>agreements that have the effect of consolidating services under 5 ILCS 220/3 and 5 ILCS 220/5. Consolidation agreements already established are not subject to the process set forth in this legislation.</p> <p>The legislation may create a more complicated process for consolidation of services, which does not support GO TO 2040 recommendations for sharing services and efficient governance.</p>		
<b>INCREASE COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT</b>				
Bus-on-Shoulder	<a href="#">HB5664</a>	<p><a href="#">Robert Rita</a> (D-Blue Island)  <a href="#">Martin A. Sandoval</a> (D-Cicero)</p> <p>Transitions the bus-on-shoulder pilot program into a permanent program. It allows bus-on-shoulder projects on both the IDOT and Tollway systems, and requires IDOT to develop rules governing the times and locations of bus-on-shoulder service.</p> <p>GO TO 2040 calls for increased commitment to public transit, as well as modernization projects that enhance transit service. Bus-on-shoulder allows for relatively cost-effective new transit service in congested corridors.</p>	8/11/2014 Public Act 98-0871	<b>Support</b>
<b>EXPAND AND IMPROVE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE</b>				
Environmental Restoration	<a href="#">SB3000</a>	<p><a href="#">Daniel Biss</a> (D-Evanston)  <a href="#">Emily McAsey</a> (D-Romeoville)</p> <p>Establishes the Illinois Natural Resource Restoration Trust Fund to receive funds resulting from litigation or settlement for DNR to investigate, assess, restore, or replace injured or damaged natural resources.</p>	8/19/2014 Public Act 98-1010	
<b>REFORM STATE TAX POLICY</b>				
Study of State Sales Tax	<a href="#">SB2612</a>	<p><a href="#">Dan Kotowski</a> (D-Park Ridge)  <a href="#">Barbara Flynn Currie</a> (D-Chicago)</p> <p>Creates a Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force to study</p>	8/26/2014 Public Act 98-1098	

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		modernizing the sales tax structure, modify existing provisions on sales tax sourcing, provides for penalties for local governments that do not report sales tax rebate agreements to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR), and transfers funds for the purposes of additional audit and compliance staff at IDOR.		
<b>OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST</b>				
Ethics Policies for County Appointees	<a href="#">SB3552</a>	<a href="#">Julie A. Morrison</a> (D-Deerfield) <a href="#">Sam Yingling</a> (D-Hainesville) Provides that a county board may by ordinance adopt a code of conduct regarding the accountability, fiscal responsibility, procurement authority, transparency, and ethical conduct of county appointees in addition to those mandated by law. Code is applicable to the appointees of any unit of local government. The county may establish a process to remove appointees found to have violated the code. Affects DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Will, and Lake Counties in northeastern Illinois.	7/21/2014 Public Act 98-0779	

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