

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION

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TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: May 11, 2026 (B of T) Date: May 21, 2026

TITLE: DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Membership Dues
2026-2027

SUBMITTED BY: John Schwarz, Deputy Village Manager

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Attached please find information pertaining to a municipal membership of the Village of Lombard to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Information is provided about the value and benefits of annual membership to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and approval for membership at a rate of \$39,035.07. This amount reflects a 1% (one percent) increase in regular dues for the upcoming year. As a reminder, last year's net membership dues were \$28,813.90, which reflected \$38,648.58 in regular dues less a one-time credit of \$9,834.68 for an identified operational surplus returned to member municipalities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

\$39,035.07

Village Attorney _____
Finance Director _____
Village Manager John Schwarz

Date _____
Date _____
Date 5/12/26



MEMORANDUM

TO : Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
FROM : Nicole Aranas, Deputy Village Manager
DATE : May 11, 2026
SUBJECT: **DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP**

Attached please find relevant information regarding Village membership to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC). The DMMC is the local council of governments for DuPage County. As a coalition of 35 local cities and villages in DuPage County, the conference promotes excellence in municipal government, evaluates the impact of pending state and federal legislation, provides research, technical assistance and training to members, and fosters intergovernmental cooperation. The Village of Lombard has maintained membership to DMMC for a number of years and staffs several of the conference subcommittees.

The DMMC is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues and grants. The 2026-2027 annual membership for the Village of Lombard is \$39,035.07. At the April 15th DMMC Conference Business Meeting, the membership approved a 1% (one percent) increase in dues for the upcoming fiscal year. This adjustment was made after careful consideration, recognizing the budgetary pressures that municipalities face while ensuring the Conference's continued strength in supporting and serving all members effectively.

Attached please also find a document that attempts to quantify the estimated value of DMMC membership and highlights a number of conference accomplishments and municipal benefits. Benefits highlighted include lobbyist to advocate for local municipal interests; legislative tracking, research and analysis to monitor member concerns, raise awareness, and support municipal decision-making; coalition participation to represent member interests and identify regional collaboration opportunities; attendance at/monitoring of/reporting on Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Planning Liaison scope of services to represent municipal interests in regional transportation planning efforts.

Please review the attached materials and consider approving membership for the Village of Lombard to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference in the amount of \$39,035.07. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Attachments

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**Attn - Scott Niehaus, Village Manager
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INVOICE NO. 12741A

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Total Invoice Amount	<u>\$39,035.07</u>

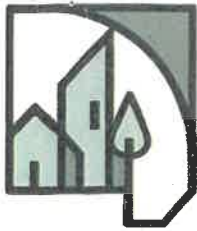
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TO: DMMC Mayors/Presidents and Managers/Administrators
FROM: Suzette Quintell, Executive Director
DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026
RE: DMMC Annual Membership Dues Invoice and Value Statement

Thank you for your continued membership and support of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. As we move into another year of collaboration and advocacy, the enclosed Value Statement highlights our shared successes, active initiatives, and ongoing efforts over the past year. The invoice for your community's 2026-2027 dues is also included.

Throughout the past year, the Conference has remained focused on delivering coordinated advocacy, fostering intergovernmental collaboration, and providing timely information and resources to support local decision-making. This work has included direct engagement with legislators and regional partners, advancement of member-driven initiatives, and the development of tools and materials to assist municipalities in navigating complex and evolving policy issues.

At the April 15 DMMC Conference Business Meeting, the membership approved a 1% increase in dues for the upcoming fiscal year. This adjustment was made after careful consideration, recognizing the budgetary pressures our member communities face and ensuring the Conference's continued strength in supporting and serving all members effectively.

The attached Value Statement outlines the benefits of your membership in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, presenting the quantified value of our services (Exhibit 1) and additional key advantages (Exhibit 2). It also includes our work under the Conference's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, demonstrating our commitment to effective advocacy, intergovernmental collaboration, strategic relationship building, and responsive member service. Additionally, the statement highlights the fiscal benefits and transportation grants received by each member municipality during the reporting period (Exhibit 3), as well as the active involvement of Conference member representatives and staff in meetings of regional and statewide organizations (Exhibit 4).

Your membership strengthens our work to advocate for member needs and advance initiatives that support the long-term success of all 35 DMMC member municipalities. We remain dedicated to delivering meaningful results that benefit your community, always striving to exceed expectations in everything we do.

We welcome your feedback and encourage you to share any questions or comments. We look forward to another productive year working together in 2026-2027.

Sincerely,

Suzette Quintell
Executive Director



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**A QUANTIFICATION OF THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF
DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
MAY 1, 2025 – APRIL 30, 2026**

Exhibit 1 – Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits

<u>Activity/Service Provided</u>	<u>Annual Fiscal Benefit</u>
• Professional lobbying services to advocate for member legislative priorities	\$69,000.00
• Legislative tracking, research, and analysis to monitor member concerns, raise awareness, and support municipal decision-making (3/4 FTE)	\$92,000.00
• Coalition participation to represent member interests and identify regional collaboration opportunities [Invest In Communities, Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC), Regional Councils of Government (COGs), Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), Illinois Municipal League (IML)] (1/6 FTE)	\$44,500.00
• Attendance at, monitoring of, and reporting on DuPage County activities to increase member awareness as well as identify opportunities for collaboration (1/5 FTE)	\$22,000.00
• Attendance at, monitoring of, and reporting on Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board and other Committee meetings to increase member awareness of regional transportation planning and initiatives (1/3 FTE)	\$34,500.00
• Planning Liaison (PL) scope of services to represent municipal interests in regional transportation planning efforts (1/3 FTE)	\$34,500.00
• Transportation consultant services to assist with research, educational materials, member workshops, and transportation funding and planning support	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total:	\$321,500.00

Exhibit 2 – Additional Annual Benefits

Legislative

- Engaged in coordinated and strategic efforts to address the Governor’s proposed Building Up Illinois Developments (BUILD) legislation to protect municipal authority and local control over planning, zoning, and development decisions.
 - Created a Local Development Authority Working Group consisting of managers and senior staff from member municipalities, including Downers Grove Village Manager Fieldman, Glen Ellyn Community Development Director Henaghan, Hanover Park Interim Village Manager Sage, Naperville Assistant to the City Manager Schatz, Oak Brook Village Manager Summers, Warrenville City Administrator White, and Willowbrook Village Administrator Halloran. The Working Group developed and executed a coordinated advocacy strategy and produced materials addressing the municipal impacts of the proposed BUILD legislation.
 - Through the Local Development Authority Working Group, developed and advanced a comprehensive set of BUILD advocacy materials, including six fact sheets covering key legislative issues, recent municipal housing activity in DuPage, alternative approaches to support housing development, and two case studies illustrating potential impacts on single-family neighborhoods and historic homes, along with a one-page summary highlighting municipal concerns and priorities. The fact sheets were shared with the regional COGs to support cohesive and unified messaging across the region.
 - Drafted and transmitted a multi-COG letter to the Governor and regional legislators outlining Conference concerns with the proposed BUILD legislation, co-signed by seven regional COGs to present a unified municipal position and strengthen regional advocacy.

- Developed and designed 22 individualized member community fact sheets using member-submitted data on housing initiatives, development activity, and planning efforts, highlighting community-specific conditions and equipping members with tailored materials for discussions with legislators and other stakeholders.
- Developed comprehensive redlined revisions to the component bills within the proposed BUILD legislation in response to a request from the Governor's Office, identifying provisions for removal or modification and advancing municipal recommendations to better align with local planning and development practices.
- Engaged with legislators through a coalition of regional and statewide partners to address proposed public safety pension reforms, advocating for municipal interests.
 - Continued participation in the PFIC Coalition with Wheaton Mayor Suess and Woodridge Administrator Stonitsch as Conference representatives, supporting efforts to advocate for equitable pension reforms.
 - Coordinated and executed an educational pension briefing for legislators with NWMC, featuring Naperville City Manager Krieger and NWMC Executive Director Fowler, presenting municipal actuarial study data demonstrating the impacts of SB 1937 to support informed legislative consideration. Presentation materials were provided to legislators at the 2026 DMMC/NWMC Legislative Reception and Dinner.
 - Co-hosted and led a meeting with NWMC of regional COG Presidents to identify opportunities for a coordinated advocacy approach to protect Tier 2 municipal pensions during the spring legislative session.
 - Coordinated a meeting between Conference leadership, IML President Chalmers-Currin, and SSMMA Executive Director DeLaurentiis to advance coordinated pension advocacy efforts and alignment on appointments to the police and fire pension investment fund boards.
 - Coordinated a meeting between Conference leadership and NWMC President Johnson and Executive Director Fowler to align and advance a coordinated regional advocacy strategy to protect Tier 2 municipal pensions.
 - Coordinated and advanced the development of a joint advocacy plan with NWMC and regional COGs for the fall Veto Session to protect Tier 2 municipal police and fire pensions.
 - Evaluated 2025 joint Tier 2 pension advocacy efforts with NWMC and developed a coordinated strategy to strengthen advocacy effectiveness in 2026.
 - Drafted a multi-COG Veto Session letter, in coordination with NWMC, on the taxpayer impacts of SB 1937, co-signed by the leaders of eight regional COGs and distributed to legislators to support Tier 2 pension advocacy.
 - Created a municipal pension fact sheet template, in coordination with NWMC, utilizing municipal actuarial study data and addressing frequently asked questions to support district meetings and advocacy during the spring legislative session.
 - Developed and transmitted a multi-COG letter, co-signed by the leaders of nine regional COGs, urging legislators to protect taxpayers from the fiscal impacts of Tier 2 pension benefit enhancements.
 - Crafted a memo in collaboration with NWMC and SSMMA, at the request of Senator Martwick, detailing the anticipated impacts of Tier 2 police and fire pension benefit increases.
 - Developed and sent a memo to members detailing updates on the joint DMMC and NWMC strategic communications campaign to protect Tier 2 municipal police and fire pensions, reinforcing coordinated regional advocacy efforts.
 - Coordinated with NWMC to draft a joint Letter to the Editor addressing the taxpayer impacts of SB 1937, signed by the Conference and NWMC Presidents and published in the Chicago Tribune, advancing municipal concerns to a broader public and legislative audience.
 - Issued a targeted Action Alert and coordinated advocacy with NWMC on pension reform legislation during Veto Session, supporting member engagement on a time-sensitive legislative issue.
- Engaged in strategic initiatives to address municipal challenges related to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA).
 - The Governor signed SB 243, an omnibus FOIA/OMA bill that included Conference initiative language from HB 2883/SB 2172 and HB 2885/SB 2173, advancing Conference priorities and municipal interests, protecting municipal officials from litigation when relying on Public Access Counselor opinions and improving efficiency through online posting of key documents.
 - Continued coordination of the FOIA Working Group, supporting member discussion and alignment on advocacy strategies related to Conference initiative legislation on FOIA and OMA, with participation from legal and management staff from member municipalities, including Downers Grove Village Attorney Petrarca, Elmhurst City Manager Grabowski, Woodridge Assistant Village Administrator Trucco, and Naperville Assistant to the City Manager Schatz and Senior Assistant City Attorney Lord.

- Collaborated with the Conference lobbyist and FOIA Working Group to secure Representative Deuter as the chief sponsor of Conference FOIA/OMA legislation in the House, advancing Conference legislative priorities.
- Coordinated with Representative Deuter and Senator Glowiak Hilton to advance Conference initiative legislation HB 2881/SB 2171 and HB 2887/SB 2170 during the spring legislative session, supporting advancement of Conference priorities.
- Coordinated a meeting between the FOIA Working Group and the Better Government Association, at the recommendation of Representative Yang Rohr's office, on Conference initiative legislation HB 3515 related to body-worn camera FOIA requests, resulting in draft language for consideration and discussion with stakeholders to address municipal workload, cost, and legal considerations.
- Prepared FOIA Working Group Leader Petrarca with talking points for oral testimony at a House Executive Committee subject matter hearing on FOIA and OMA, ensuring Conference priorities were communicated on initiative legislation HB 2883, HB 2884, HB 2885, HB 2888, and HB 2890.
- Engaged in concerted efforts to steer regional transit reform, coordinating with legislators and regional partners to ensure municipal interests are represented and advanced.
 - Crafted a multi-COG statement on regional public transit reform addressing governance, land use, safety, and revenue, incorporating feedback from NWMC. The statement was co-signed by LCML, NWMC, SSMMA, and SCM and, along with an accompanying letter signed by COG Presidents, was shared with House and Senate leadership, the Governor's Office, DuPage legislators, and mayors across the region to reinforce a unified regional position.
 - Advanced efforts to restore local authority over minimum parking requirements by filing trailer legislation HB 4588, sponsored by Representative Hirschauer.
 - Advocated for an amendatory veto of SB 2111 through a Conference-crafted letter to the Governor regarding member concerns with suburban representation in transit governance and the preemption of local authority to set parking minimums. The communication was shared with regional COGs, several of which adopted Conference language in their own communications, strengthening a unified regional advocacy position.
 - Crafted and shared a memo with members outlining ongoing Conference public transit reform advocacy efforts since 2024 and municipal impacts of SB 2111, including the preemption of local authority over parking requirements and the implications on development decisions.
 - Prepared and shared a memo with members summarizing HB 3438 – SA 03, legislation proposing to restructure the RTA as the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) and establish new regional transit revenues, assessing municipal and regional impacts. The Conference took a position of oppose to protect municipal interests and local authority.
 - Coordinated Conference representation by President Pileski and MMC Executive Board member Mayor Marchese at meetings of the MMC Public Transit Working Group to support development of a regional advocacy plan on public transit reform. Shared staff-prepared summaries and updates with members throughout the process to support awareness and ongoing engagement.
 - Shared a letter with members outlining suburban concerns and priorities for public transit, drafted and signed by a group of regional mayors, to support coordinated advocacy.
- Continued to lead collaborative advocacy efforts to restore the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), coordinating with the Barrington Area Council of Governments (BACOG), Lake County Municipal League (LCML), McHenry County Council of Governments (MCCG), Metro West Council of Government (MWCOCG), Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC), South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA), Southwest Conference of Mayors (SCM), West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC), and Will County Governmental League (WCGL) during the 2026 spring legislative session.
- Developed a member-driven *2026 Legislative Action Program (LAP)* reflecting members' priorities to guide legislative efforts. Four legislative priorities were identified: protect sustainable municipal pensions, invest in local communities, modernize public records management, and adapt to evolving mobility choices. Created a template municipal resolution endorsing the *2026 LAP* that was distributed to the membership.
- Drafted a companion document to the *2026 LAP* summarizing Conference legislative initiatives for 2026, providing members with a concise resource to reference in conversations with legislators and stakeholders.
- Conducted a membership survey to gather feedback on the *2025 LAP* and solicit recommendations for the *2026 LAP*, reinforcing member-driven advocacy and supporting continued improvement of the Conference's legislative planning process.

- Updated the DMMC Witness Slip Guide to reflect changes to the Illinois General Assembly website and shared the guide with members, simplifying the process for submitting witness slips and supporting member participation in legislative advocacy.
- Hosted a webinar attended by 35 municipal elected officials and staff on filing legislative witness slips, providing step-by-step instructions and an overview of Conference Action Alerts to support timely and effective member participation in the legislative process. The webinar was shared with partner COGs to encourage regional participation, and presentation materials were distributed to attendees and members.
- Shared Action Alerts throughout the 2025-2026 legislative sessions on critical issues, including municipal finance, local authority, pension reform, FOIA and OMA, transportation and infrastructure, housing regulations, public administration, health and safety, environmental management, and workplace policies. Shared the DMMC Witness Slip Guide with Action Alerts as a supporting resource.
- Collected and compiled data from non-home rule members on hotel/motel tax revenues and unspent fund balances for Representative Deuter and the House Property Tax Working Group to inform legislation expanding non-home rule hotel/motel tax authority.
- Coordinated efforts resulting in the filing of HB 4598 and SB 3625 by Senator Lewis and Representative Blair-Sherlock to extend the current sunset of the Conference non-home rule hotel/motel tax initiative, supporting increased flexibility in how municipalities use hotel/motel tax revenue.
- Coordinated a working group of non-home rule members that levy a hotel/motel tax, at the request of Representative Deuter, to develop a proposed list of eligible uses for promotion and tourism revenue, informing potential legislation and supporting municipal flexibility.
- Drafted and distributed a legislative update to members following the Governor's State of the State Address and proposed budget, identifying key municipal impacts related to the BUILD housing initiative and proposed LGDF reduction and supporting member engagement in coordinated advocacy efforts.
- Conducted a member survey on anticipated municipal impacts of HB 2987 related to building inspector certification requirements, informing Conference advocacy to support legislation extending the compliance deadline, providing municipalities additional time to meet state requirements.
- Drafted and sent a letter to the Governor requesting an amendatory veto of HB 2987 regarding building inspector certification requirements, to address municipal impacts and implementation timeline concerns.
- Crafted and transmitted a letter to the Governor requesting enactment of HB 2336 regarding non-home rule lift assist fees, supporting Conference advocacy on municipal revenue authority.
- The Governor signed legislation supported by the Conference, HB 2336, allowing non-home rule municipalities to recover costs for non-emergency lift-assist services and reduce strain on emergency response resources.
- Developed a grocery tax FAQ as an educational resource to support member communications and resident awareness.
- Transmitted a letter outlining member concerns with TIF legislation HB 4712, advocating to protect local control over TIF surplus use and existing intergovernmental agreements.
- Coordinated Conference participation in a regional E-Mobility Legislative Working Group, with Burr Ridge Village Administrator Walter and Hinsdale Village Manager Gargano representing the Conference. The Working Group proposed state regulation of e-bikes and other e-mobility devices, which was filed as HB 4840, and supported legislation to establish a statewide regulatory framework and clearer local enforcement authority.
- Shared information and resources from the NWMC E-Mobility Devices Summit with members to support informed local decision-making on emerging e-mobility issues.
- Facilitated Legislative Committee discussion of a legislative proposal on mega projects establishing negotiated payments in lieu of property taxes at the request of the Village of Arlington Heights, advancing strategies to protect and strengthen municipal revenue from large-scale developments.
- Coordinated and hosted the 2026 Legislative Reception and Dinner in partnership with NWMC, facilitating direct engagement between members and 21 legislators, including Leaders Castro, Curran, Holmes, Murphy, and Ugaste, and providing a forum to present joint legislative priorities, specifically advancing a unified regional approach to opposing Tier 2 municipal police and fire pension reform.
- Provided members with opportunities to connect with legislators and participate in the legislative process through the 2025 Springfield Drive Down. Meetings were held with the Speaker of the House, Senate Minority Leader, Senate President Pro Tempore, IDOT, and nine DuPage and other legislators.

- Provided members with opportunities to connect with legislators at the 2025 Annual Coffee Break with Legislators. The event was attended by Leaders Avelar and Holmes, Senator Ellman, Representatives Hirschauer and Yang Rohr, and legislative staff from the Offices of the Governor and Representatives Deuter, La Ha, and Sanalidro.
- Coordinated district meetings with members and Speaker of the House Welch, Leaders Avelar, Curran, and Murphy; Senators Ellman, Glowiak Hilton, and Lewis; and Representatives Blair-Sherlock, Costa Howard, DeLaRosa, Deuter, Hirschauer, La Ha, Sanalidro, and Yang Rohr to advocate for DMMC legislative initiatives.
- Led weekly conference calls with COG Executive Directors and MMC staff, and regularly consulted regional COG lobbyists to provide input on regional legislative priorities.
- Supported legislative engagement by drafting and transmitting formal correspondence to newly appointed and transitioning legislators, establishing early connections and maintaining strong working relationships.
- Developed and distributed a memo evaluating federal advocacy resources through IML, National League of Cities, and U.S. Conference of Mayors, identifying opportunities for member municipalities to directly engage in federal advocacy efforts.
- Coordinated member contributions, assembled, and delivered holiday wellness and cheer packages to 30 DuPage legislators and the Governor, supporting ongoing legislative outreach and sustained relationship-building efforts.
- Shared legislative updates from Conference lobbyists, including Abbreviation and Synopsis reports, to keep members informed throughout the legislative sessions.

Regulatory

- Coordinated a presentation to the Regulatory Issues Committee by DuPage County Facilities Management on ComEd-funded retro-commissioning assessments for public buildings, highlighting available programs, energy conservation opportunities, and potential cost savings.
- Coordinated a presentation from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to members on the 2025 Resource Adequacy Study, following Regulatory Issues Committee discussion, providing insight into projected electric grid capacity challenges and their implications for local planning and development.
- Participated in MMC Data Centers Task Force meetings and developed and shared a memo summarizing municipal concerns and emerging best practices related to data center development. Coordinated outreach to MMC to expand opportunities for member participation and access to Task Force resources.
- Communicated key provisions of omnibus energy legislation SB 25 to members, including changes to municipal authority to regulate wind and solar developments, facilitating awareness of new limitations and allowances under state law.
- Collected municipal licensing agreements with fiber companies and shared them in the members-only section of the Conference website, giving members direct access to examples from peer communities to support negotiations and strengthen local outcomes.

Transportation/Planning

- Coordinated with CMAP and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to ensure proper Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), resulting in the letting of 15 DuPage projects totaling \$19,703,434 in STP funds.
- Renewed an intergovernmental agreement with CMAP, providing \$213,788 to the Conference for transportation planning in FY 2025.
- Coordinated a workshop on the FFY 2027-2031 STP-L Call for Projects with 28 members and transportation partners in attendance, featuring presentations from DMMC, CMAP, and IDOT, delivering key information on funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, and the application process.
- Explored ways to strengthen member participation in the Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund, resulting in the coordination of a workshop to support project competitiveness and access to federal funding.
- Developed and shared information on IDOT's 2024 Local Project Funding Call for Projects, including sample letters created in coordination with the Conference lobbyist to assist members in requesting legislative support for their applications.
- Shared information on the DuPage Council of Mayors STP Methodology and solicited member feedback in advance of the 2025 Call for Projects, leading to a revised methodology aligned with member priorities and funding needs.

- Established a bi-monthly transportation newsletter schedule based on member feedback collected through a survey of the pilot program, aligning frequency and content with member preferences.
- Established a Public Participation Policy for the Transportation Technical Committee and DuPage Council of Mayors, aligning meeting procedures with CMAP public participation requirements.
- Expanded distribution of project-related communications to include municipal-designated technical, financial, and consultant project managers, improving coordination and ensuring timely access to critical project information.
- Continued to foster regular involvement of staff from CMAP, DuPage County, IDOT, Illinois Tollway, Metra, Pace, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), through presentations, summaries, informational materials, and updates to the Transportation Technical and Policy Committees.
- Shared opportunities for member engagement in regional, state, and federal transportation initiatives. These included IDOT plan feedback and submitting input for the CMAP Regional Transportation Plan, as well as project submissions for the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan. Members were also invited to comment on the proposed draft FFY 2026-2030 STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L programs, and to apply for the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly Community designation. Additional opportunities involved submitting comments on the Pace and RTA ADA paratransit programs, providing feedback to RTA Governmental Affairs staff regarding the RTA's transition to NITA, and input on Pace's I-290/I-88 Express Service Study and the Pulse Cermak/22nd Street Rapid Transit Project.
- Managed the call for projects and development of the draft FFY 2027-2031 DuPage Council STP Program, resulting in a recommendation of \$32,981,831 in new funding for 12 member projects for approval by the DuPage Council of Mayors.

Membership/Fiscal Responsibility

- Actively solicited and secured \$46,500 in sponsorships for 2025-2026 Conference events, including the Annual Golf Outing, Annual Dinner, Conference Business Meetings, Legislative Reception, and Springfield Drive Down to further the Conference's financial goals and mission and offset membership dues.
- Actively solicited and recruited three additional firms to participate in the Corporate Partnership Program and continued to strengthen relationships with all 48 Corporate Partners, generating over \$100,000 in revenue to offset membership dues.
- Developed Corporate Partnership Program Application and Review Guidelines to establish eligibility standards and formalize the application and review process, ensuring consistent review and a high-quality program aligned with member interests.
- Enhanced the 2024-2025 Survey of Municipal Tax Rates and Revenues to reflect member feedback. Twenty-five responses were received and compiled. The results were shared with the membership and posted in the members-only section of the Conference website.
- Continued fostering regional collaboration through the membership's approval of the Associate Membership Program for a fourth consecutive year, including the 2026 renewal of the Village of Western Springs Associate Membership.
- Coordinated a presentation from the Conference Auditors to the Budget and Operations Committee, providing a detailed review of the FY 2024-2025 Audit and Form 990.
- Continued to participate in the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC), allowing members to reduce costs and save staff time. Updates were regularly provided to the membership regarding informational items and participation opportunities.
- Developed and distributed welcome packets to members of the 2025-2026 DMMC Committees and Working Groups, providing group-specific descriptions, meeting schedules, rosters, guidelines, and relevant documents to support informed and active participation.
- Designed and implemented a framework to benchmark and evaluate member engagement across committees, events, and feedback opportunities, and produced the 2024-2025 Engagement Evaluation Report to guide improvements in member programming and participation.
- Maintained ongoing engagement between the Executive Director and Conference leadership to promote organizational alignment, support effective governance, and reinforce the Conference's ability to serve its members consistently and responsively.

Grant Assistance

- Shared information on over 25 state and federal grant opportunities with members throughout the year, including details on eligibility, timelines, and application requirements to support member awareness of funding opportunities.
- Successful transportation grant funding for members can be found in Exhibit 3.

Information/Publications/Training/Networking

- Collected and shared valuable information and data on a variety of topics through 31 member surveys.
- Coordinated roundtable meetings between DMMC mayors and members of the U.S. House of Representatives in their districts, including Representatives Casten, Foster, and Ramirez, to maintain engagement between municipal and federal leaders and discuss municipal priorities.
- Facilitated a meeting between Conference leadership and U.S. Senator Durbin, at the invitation of his office, to share community perspectives on ongoing federal railroad merger proceedings and to support mutually beneficial partnerships between municipal and federal leaders.
- Facilitated member outreach and information-sharing sessions by organizing and hosting four Mayors Only Coffees.
- Hosted a Corporate Partner Thank You Coffee attended by 21 members from 17 municipalities and 31 representatives from 20 Corporate Partners.
- Hosted a well-attended Municipal Innovation Celebration highlighting five innovative and creative ways members are improving their municipalities, solving problems, and bringing value to their residents.
- Led the coordination and planning of a multi-COG Newly Elected Officials Workshop in partnership with MCCG, MWCOG, NWMC, SSMMA, and SCM, with 85 elected officials from 46 municipalities participating in sessions on leadership, governance, legislative engagement, and legal responsibilities. Sessions featured state legislators, municipal leaders, and legal experts, including Leader Evans, Representative Costa Howard, and Ancel Glink, P.C., providing direct access to expertise and strengthening local leadership.
- Coordinated welcome meetings between Conference leadership and 10 newly elected mayors and presidents, establishing early relationships and connecting new elected officials to Conference priorities, resources, and opportunities for regional collaboration.
- Coordinated welcome meetings between Conference managers and four newly appointed managers and administrators, strengthening peer connections and integrating new administrative leadership into Conference initiatives, resources, and regional collaboration.
- Coordinated a meeting between Conference mayors/presidents, DuPage County Board Chair Conroy, and DuPage County State's Attorney Berlin to discuss best practices for responding to resident concerns regarding federal immigration enforcement and identify opportunities to align messaging.
- Coordinated two meetings with Conference mayors/presidents and DuPage County Board Chair Conroy to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for regional cooperation.
- Coordinated semi-annual DuPage County Board District meetings to strengthen relationships and share Conference priorities.
- Maintained a consistent line of communication with DuPage County officials by convening multiple productive meetings of the Joint County-Conference Intergovernmental Committee.
- Facilitated member appointments to external committees to ensure DMMC representation in regional decision-making, with appointees sharing updates to keep members informed and strengthen awareness of intergovernmental initiatives and discussions:
 - Addison Village Manager Maranowicz was reappointed to the DuPage County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).
 - Carol Stream Village Manager Holmer, Villa Park President Patrick, and Willowbrook Village Administrator Halloran were appointed to the DuPage County Police Records Management System (PRMS) Oversight Committee.
 - Itasca Village Administrator Ergo was appointed to the SPC Governing Board.
- Facilitated peer mentorship connections between municipal managers and administrators to support leadership transitions and introduce new leaders to Conference resources and support.

- Attended meetings of regional and partner organizations, crafted summaries, and shared them with Conference Committees, the Board of Directors, and the membership, as appropriate.
- Attended events hosted by member municipalities to maintain visibility, demonstrate support, and foster meaningful relationships with members.
- At the request of members, periodically shared municipal event and meeting invitations with the membership to support peer communication and intergovernmental engagement.
- Coordinated a presentation from the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) at the April Conference Business Meeting on the Crisis Recovery Center (CRC), providing members with updated operational data and outcomes and guidance to support local coordination and response to behavioral health calls.
- In response to member requests, coordinated four various presentations at the Managers Committee to provide information, further educate, and answer member questions.
- Drafted and transmitted a letter to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) addressing member concerns regarding service delays and responsiveness, advancing feedback from members to support improved service for municipalities.
- Organized sharing of municipal best practices via the Ad Hoc Public Works Directors Working Group and Ad Hoc Human Resources Directors Working Group, resulting in greater intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration within the membership.
- Periodically shared news, informational materials, and press releases with members from CMAP, DuPage County, DuPage County Animal Services (DCAS), DuPage County Department of Transportation (DuDOT), DCHD, DuPage County PRMS Oversight Committee, DuPage Water Commission, ICC, Illinois DCEO, Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), IDOT, IMRF, Illinois Tollway, Metra, MMC, National Highway Institute, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Office of the Governor, Pace, RTA and Ride Illinois.
- Periodically shared upcoming events and webinars/workshops with members from the Active Transportation Alliance, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), ADA National Network, CMAP, COD PSI, Conservation Foundation, DuPage County, DCAS, DuDOT, DuPage Railroad Safety Council, FHWA, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), IDOT, Metra, MMC, Municipal Clerks of DuPage County (MCDC), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), NWMC, RTA, Ride Illinois, and Zephyr Foundation.

Exhibit 3 – Fiscal and Grant Benefits by Municipality

<u>Municipality and Source</u>	<u>Fiscal Benefit</u>
Addison	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Aurora	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Bartlett	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Bensenville	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Bloomingtondale	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Bolingbrook	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Burr Ridge	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Carol Stream	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$750,000.00
Total:	\$1,071,500.00
Clarendon Hills	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Darien	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Total:	\$321,500.00
Downers Grove	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$905,548.00
Total:	\$1,227,048.00
Elmhurst	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$2,744,548.00
Total:	\$3,066,048.00
Glen Ellyn	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$1,540,094.00
Total:	\$1,861,594.00
Glendale Heights	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$562,865.00
Total:	\$884,365.00

Hanover Park		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$2,898,380.00
	Total:	\$3,219,880.00
Hinsdale		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Itasca		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Lemont		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Lisle		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Lombard		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$1,572,000.00
	Total:	\$1,893,500.00
Naperville		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Oak Brook		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Oakbrook Terrace		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Roselle		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Schaumburg		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Villa Park		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Warrenville		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Wayne		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
West Chicago		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$1,709,532.00
	Total:	\$2,031,032.00
Western Springs		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Westmont		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00

Wheaton		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Willowbrook		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Winfield		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00
Wood Dale		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$831,600.00
	Total:	\$1,153,100.00
Woodridge		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$321,500.00
	Total:	\$321,500.00

Exhibit 4 – Leveraging the Collective Knowledge of Members and Staff

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Person(s) Attending</u>
Choose DuPage Meetings	DMMC Members
CMAQ and PL Bi-Weekly Calls	DMMC Staff
CMAQ Board Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
CMAQ CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
CMAQ Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
CMAQ Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
CMAQ STP Project Selection Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
CMAQ Transportation Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
CMAQ UWP Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
COGs Meetings/Calls	DMMC Staff
DuPage County Board and Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
DuPage County District Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
DuPage County Municipal IT Leadership Roundtable	DMMC Members and Staff
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Coordination Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
IDOT Kickoff Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
IMET Annual Participants Meeting	DMMC Members and Staff
IMET Board of Trustees Meetings	DMMC Members
IML Board of Directors Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
IML Legislative Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
IML Managers Committee Meetings	DMMC Members
Joint County-Conference Intergovernmental Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Data Centers Task Force	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Executive Board Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Legislative Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Public Transit Working Group	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Quarterly Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
NWMC E-Mobility Legislative Working Group	DMMC Members and Staff
NWMC Transportation Committee Meetings	DMMC Staff
PFIC Coalition Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
SPC Joint Purchasing Program Governing Board Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff