

**VILLAGE OF LOMBARD  
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Resolution or Ordinance (Blue)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)  
  X   Other Business (Pink)

**TO:** PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**FROM:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

**DATE:** September 8, 2025 (B of T) Date: September 18, 2025

**TITLE:** DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Membership Dues  
2024-2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nicole Aranas, 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 \$28,813.90. This amount reflects a decrease of \$9,834.68 to the regular dues of \$38,648.58 due to an identified operating fund surplus that is being passed along to the 35 member communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:**

\$28,813.90

Village Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Manager  Date 9/8/25





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager  
**FROM :** Nicole Aranas, Deputy Village Manager  
**DATE :** September 8, 2025  
**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 2025-2026 annual membership for the Village of Lombard is \$38,648.58 which reflects an overall increase of 1% along with a credit disbursement to members for identified fund surplus in the amount of \$9,834.68 as explained in the attached memo from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.

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, public communications on issues regarding Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), development of Legislative Action Program, oversight of local Surface Transportation Program, development of ad hoc Public Works and Human Resources working groups, coordination with the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, and development and sharing of municipal survey data.

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 \$28,813.90. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Attachments

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**5/21/2025**

Attn - Scott Niehaus, Village Manager  
Village of Lombard  
255 East Wilson Ave.  
Lombard, IL 60148

INVOICE NO. **12417A**

Description	Total
2025-2026 Conference Membership Dues	38,648.58
Credit Disbursement to Members for Identified Operating Fund Surplus (See attached letter for details)	-9,834.68
<b>Total Invoice Amount</b>	<u>\$28,813.90</u>

### Detach and Return with Remittance

**Please Remit To:**

Village of Lombard  
255 East Wilson Ave.  
Lombard, IL 60148

DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE  
1220 OAK BROOK ROAD  
OAK BROOK, IL 60523-2203

Invoice No:	12417A
Date:	5/21/2025
Amount Due:	\$28,813.90
Due Date:	6/21/2025





## DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

*an association of municipalities representing 1,000,000 people*

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*Founded June 19, 1962*

### MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

Addison  
Aurora  
Bartlett  
Bensenville  
Bloomingdale  
Bolingbrook  
Burr Ridge  
Carol Stream  
Clarendon Hills  
Darien  
Downers Grove  
Elmhurst  
Glen Ellyn  
Glendale Heights  
Hanover Park  
Hinsdale  
Itasca  
Lemont  
Lisle  
Lombard  
Naperville  
Oak Brook  
Oakbrook Terrace  
Roselle  
Schaumburg  
Villa Park  
Warrenville  
Wayne  
West Chicago  
Westmont  
Wheaton  
Willowbrook  
Winfield  
Wood Dale  
Woodridge

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Western Springs

TO: DMMC Mayors/Presidents and Managers/Administrators  
FROM: Suzette Quintell, Executive Director  
DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
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 efforts over the past year. The invoice for your community's 2025-2026 dues is also included.

Reflecting on our past fiscal year, we are pleased to report that the Conference issued a pro-rata credit to your 2025-2026 membership dues, marking the second consecutive year of such reimbursements and reinforcing our commitment to proactive financial management in response to an overage in our Cash Reserve Fund. Additionally, a check is enclosed representing your portion of the \$185,779 from the Debt Service Fund Balance, distributed to members based on each municipality's contributions to the Conference office building investment, concluding a long-term financial strategy initiated in 2001.

At the April 9 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 financial responsibility and effective leadership. 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 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 2025-2026.

Sincerely,

Suzette Quintell  
Executive Director



**A QUANTIFICATION OF THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF  
DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP  
MAY 1, 2024 – APRIL 30, 2025**

**Exhibit 1 – Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits**

<b><u>Activity/Service Provided</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Fiscal Benefit</u></b>
• Professional lobbying services to advocate for member legislative priorities	\$65,000.00
• Legislative tracking, research, and analysis to monitor member concerns, raise awareness, and support municipal decision-making (3/4 FTE)	\$84,500.00
• Coalition participation to represent member interests and identify regional collaboration opportunities [Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC), Regional Councils of Government (COG), Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), Illinois Municipal League (IML)] (1/6 FTE)	\$38,000.00
• Attendance at, monitoring of, and reporting on DuPage County activities to increase member awareness and identify opportunities for collaboration (1/5 FTE)	\$18,500.00
• 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)	\$33,500.00
• Planning Liaison (PL) scope of services to represent municipal interests in regional transportation planning efforts (1/3 FTE)	\$33,500.00
• Communications consultant services to raise public awareness of DMMC legislative initiatives	\$17,400.00
• Transportation consultant services to assist with research, educational materials, member workshops, and transportation funding and planning support	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>

**Exhibit 2 – Additional Annual Benefits**

**Legislative**

- Continued to lead collaborative advocacy efforts to restore 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 (MWCOG), 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). The COGs met weekly throughout the 2025 spring legislative session.
  - Conference President Levin and Executive Director Quintell participated in an IML-hosted meeting to discuss possible statewide LGDF advocacy strategies, attended by leadership from 13 of the 17 invited COGs.
  - Coordinated meetings between DMMC and NWMC leadership to discuss LGDF strategies and coordinate advocacy in support of municipal revenue priorities.
  - Coordinated a press conference with regional COG partners where former Conference President Suess and two other COG Presidents called on the General Assembly to address LGDF and unfunded mandates. The event drew over 50 mayors and received media coverage from the Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, WBBM, and WBEZ.



- Engaged in strategic initiatives to address municipal challenges related to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA).
  - Created a FOIA Working Group consisting of legal and management staff from member municipalities, including Downers Grove Village Attorney Petrarca, Elmhurst City Manager Grabowski, Itasca Assistant to the Village Administrator Curelo, Woodridge Assistant Village Administrator Halik, and Naperville Assistant to the City Manager Schatz and Senior Assistant City Attorney Lord. The Working Group met periodically to develop draft language and discuss advocacy strategies for Conference initiative legislation on FOIA and OMA.
  - Coordinated a strategic meeting between Senator Glowiak Hilton, Representative Costa Howard, Representative Yang Rohr's Chief of Staff, the Conference lobbyist, and the FOIA Working Group to refine advocacy strategies and the draft FOIA and OMA language. The final draft legislation incorporated the legislators' feedback, enhancing alignment with legislative perspectives.
  - Coordinated a FOIA Working Group meeting at the request of the Conference lobbyist and Senator Glowiak Hilton to prioritize three of the Conference's FOIA and OMA legislative initiatives filed in the Senate, supporting strategic legislative engagement.
  - Convened the FOIA Working Group at the request of Representative Yang Rohr to review feedback from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Conference initiative legislation HB 3515, leading to ongoing negotiations to address the opposition of the ACLU as an influential stakeholder and advance the legislation.
  - Crafted and shared a template email with members regarding the Conference's 2025 FOIA and OMA initiative legislation to encourage and support consistent member messaging and advance legislative advocacy efforts.
- 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 FY 2023-2024 Conference President and Wheaton Mayor Suess and Conference Legislative Committee Director and Woodridge Administrator Stonitsch as Conference representatives. Actively engaged in Coalition meetings throughout the legislative sessions to advocate for equitable pension reforms and crafted summaries of meetings, sharing them with the membership.
  - Partnered with NWMC to engage a strategic communications consultant for a targeted digital campaign on pensions, designed to strengthen coordinated advocacy, reach key House and Senate members, and expand public understanding of municipal funding challenges.
  - Created the *Taxpayers Fund Pensions* and *Safe Harbor for Public Safety* fact sheets as advocacy tools to equip municipal leaders in educating and facilitating conversations with legislators on key issues. The fact sheet was shared with the membership, PFIC Coalition, and regional COGs to strengthen collective advocacy efforts during the 2025 spring legislative session.
  - Crafted and sent a letter to Senator Ventura regarding Safe Harbor compliance for municipal police and fire pensions, reinforcing municipal perspectives and supporting continued dialogue with legislators.
  - In collaboration with NWMC and PFIC Coalition partners, added a pensions section to InvestInCommunities.org and developed a newsletter drop-in to help members increase community awareness of local pension issues.
  - Collaborated with the PFIC Coalition, NWMC, and the communications consultant to draft and submit an op-ed highlighting municipal compliance with federal Safe Harbor standards and advocating for targeted pension reform to protect the long-term stability of local pension systems.
- Engaged in concerted efforts to steer regional transit reform, coordinating with legislators and regional partners to ensure municipal interests are represented and advanced.
  - Crafted and coordinated a multi-COG letter reiterating suburban municipal priorities for regional public transit legislation in collaboration with eight other regional COGs to present a unified message. The letter was shared with all DuPage legislators to strengthen advocacy efforts.
  - Developed a fact sheet outlining Conference priorities for regional public transit reform, signed by seven regional COGs, and shared with members and all DuPage legislators to support consistent regional messaging and strengthen legislative outreach.



- Crafted a letter reemphasizing Conference priorities for regional transit reform and shared it with the General Assembly, along with the supporting fact sheet, to strengthen legislative outreach and reinforce member advocacy efforts.
- Crafted and shared a Conference statement on the *Suburban Impacts of Proposed Regional Transit Legislation*, detailing municipal concerns and priorities and serving as a resource to guide member conversations with legislators and stakeholders.
- Crafted a resolution supporting efforts to improve regional transit in Northeastern Illinois and shared it with the Governor, legislative leaders, all DuPage legislators, CMAP, and MMC to reinforce a unified regional position.
- In partnership with NWMC, crafted the *Regional Transit Legislation Guiding Principles* document to support member discussions with legislators and stakeholders on regional transit needs and improvements.
- Crafted and shared a template email with members regarding the Conference's public transit priorities, offering it as a tool to strengthen member engagement with legislators on regional transit needs.
- At the request of Leader Avelar, led a discussion at the Transportation Policy Committee on SB 1938 and HB 2963, labor coalition transit governance reform bills. Prepared a summary memo, reviewed by the Committee, and continued engagement with the Coalition and bill sponsors to convey municipal perspectives and encourage collaborative dialogue.
- Prepared remarks for Conference Vice President Pileski for a House Working Group on Transit meeting, where the Conference and four other regional COGs presented perspectives on proposed regional transit reforms to support a unified municipal voice.
- Prepared Conference Vice President Pileski with talking points for oral testimony at two public hearings of the Senate Transportation Committee on proposed regional transit reforms, ensuring Conference priorities were communicated.
- At the request of IML, the Transportation Policy Committee reviewed and provided feedback on a letter from Conference President Levin outlining concerns with proposed regional transit reforms to ensure Conference perspectives were reflected in testimony by IML at a Senate Transportation Committee hearing.
- Coordinated a meeting between Lieutenant Governor Stratton and Conference representatives, including Conference Vice President Pileski, Darien Mayor Marchese, Naperville Mayor Wehrli, Villa Park President Cuzzone, to advocate for municipal perspectives in state-level discussions on pending regional transit legislation.
- Coordinated a meeting between DuPage County Board Chair Conroy and Conference leadership to discuss regional transit language. The Transportation Policy Committee later reviewed and recommended feedback on the County's proposed governance changes to support continued collaboration and ensure strong suburban representation.
- At the request of Senator Ellman, Conference Executive Director Quintell met with the Senator to discuss the Metropolitan Mobility Authority (MMA) Act and share municipal perspectives.
- Hosted a meeting of the regional COG Presidents, Executive Directors, and leadership from RTA, Pace, and Metra to discuss the fiscal cliff and regional transit reform legislative proposals.
- Maintained ongoing coordination with NWMC and MCCG to align on regional transit legislation efforts and advance shared municipal priorities.
- Attended Representative Blair-Sherlock's Transportation Town Hall meeting focused on the public transit fiscal cliff and the state of public transportation services in DuPage County, supporting member awareness and engagement on key transportation issues.
- Attended Senate Transportation Committee public hearings across the region, prepared meeting summaries, and shared key updates with members to support awareness of legislative developments.
- Developed a member-driven *2025 Legislative Action Program (LAP)* reflecting members' priorities to guide legislative efforts. Four legislative priorities were identified: municipal revenues and unfunded mandates, sustainable public pension systems, transportation and infrastructure, and reforming FOIA and OMA. In response to member feedback, the template *Resolution of Support for the 2025 LAP* was revised and shared with members to facilitate alignment and advocacy.
- Drafted an informational handout summarizing Conference legislative initiatives for 2025, created as a companion document to the *2025 LAP*, which was sent to all DuPage legislators along with a letter requesting their consideration to support and co-sponsor the Conference legislative initiatives.



- Created a *2025 Priority Legislation* document outlining Conference positions of support and opposition on priority bills, offering a resource to strengthen member advocacy efforts. The document was shared with members and all DuPage legislators and updated throughout the session as new positions were approved and active legislation was identified.
- Worked with the Conference lobbyists to identify sponsors and introduce 21 bills in support of the Conference's 2025 legislative initiatives, including FOIA and OMA and non-home rule hotel/motel tax.
- Conducted a membership survey to gather feedback on the *2024 LAP* and solicit recommendations for the *2025 LAP*, reinforcing member-driven advocacy and supporting continued improvement of the Conference's legislative planning process.
- Conducted a membership survey, refined by a focus group of mayors and managers, to evaluate the DMMC Action Alerts process and identify opportunities for improvement. Feedback from 20 member municipalities led to three enhancements to strengthen member engagement.
  - Added links to IML bill pages for legislation not yet officially positioned by the Conference.
  - Developed and shared a Witness Slip Guide as a reference document to assist members in responding to Action Alerts.
  - Hosted a webinar on how to file a witness slip, explaining the process and its relevance to the General Assembly's procedures and Conference legislative advocacy efforts.
- Shared Action Alerts throughout the 2024-2025 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.
- Crafted and shared a template email with members regarding the Conference's 2025 legislative initiatives, offering it as a tool to streamline outreach and support coordinated member advocacy for legislative co-sponsorship requests.
- Presented the *2025 LAP* and provided members with opportunities to strengthen relationships and discuss DMMC legislative priorities with legislators at the 2025 Annual Legislative Reception and Dinner. The event was attended by 16 legislators, including Leaders Curran and Holmes, along with more than 150 additional participants.
- Provided members with opportunities to connect with legislators at the 2024 Annual Coffee Break with Legislators. The event was attended by Leaders Curran, Holmes, and Murphy; Senators DeWitte, Glowiak Hilton, Lewis, and Villa; and Representatives Blair-Sherlock, Costa Howard, and Yang Rohr.
- Coordinated district meetings with members and Speaker of the House Welch, Leaders Avelar, Curran, Holmes, and Murphy; Senators Ellman, Glowiak Hilton, Ventura, and Villa; and Representatives Blair-Sherlock, Costa Howard, Deuter, La Ha, and Yang Rohr to advocate for DMMC legislative initiatives.
- Hosted and participated in multiple meetings with regional COG Presidents and Executive Directors to develop a unified legislative strategy and ensure DMMC priorities were included in regional advocacy efforts.
- Coordinated a call between Conference staff and Representative Blair-Sherlock to discuss key aspects of the Conference hotel/motel initiative legislation.
- At the invitation of Representative Katz Muhl, participated in a study group in collaboration with NWMC and SSMMA to collect data on non-home rule restrictions impacting municipalities.
- Led weekly conference calls with COG Executive Directors, MMC staff, and IML staff, and regularly consulted regional COG lobbyists to provide input on regional legislative priorities.
- Facilitated member questions on legislation affecting local government revenue at the request of the Conference lobbyist, with responses from Representative Costa Howard and the Office of the Governor shared back to the membership.
- At the request of Representative Deuter, formed a joint working group of legal and administrative staff from DMMC and NWMC member municipalities, including Downers Grove Village Attorney Enza, Naperville Assistant to the City Manager Schatz, Skokie Corporation Counsel Lorge, and Wheaton City Attorney Didier, to address concerns with HB 1429. Crafted a letter outlining these concerns, which was sent to Representative Deuter and bill sponsor Representative Olickal to ensure municipal perspectives were communicated and considered during ongoing legislative conversations.
- Coordinated a meeting between the HB 1429 Working Group and Representative Olickal to further discuss municipal concerns with the proposed bill language, facilitating direct dialogue with the bill sponsor and advocates.



- Facilitated ongoing discussions at the Managers Committee on local grocery taxes, leading to the formation of a Grocery Tax Working Group to support continued internal discussions and information sharing.
- Crafted a multi-COG letter on LGDF and the grocery tax in collaboration with the regional COGs, MMC, and ISACo and shared it with members to support outreach to legislators.
- Summarized the *Modernizing Illinois' Sales Tax* report in a memo reviewed by the Transportation Policy Committee to gather member feedback in preparation for potential legislation introduced in the General Assembly.
- Established Conference positions on the Clean and Equitable Transportation Act and related component acts in coordination with regional COGs and DuPage County, advocating for suburban interests and addressing municipal concerns.
- Endorsed the *2025 MMC Legislative Principles and Priorities* to align regional advocacy efforts. Through an accompanying letter, encouraged the Caucus to submit future public transit position statements to regional COGs for review, helping ensure municipal perspectives are included in regional transit policy discussions.
- Attended a presentation by State Treasurer Frerichs, with participation from Wheaton Mayor Suess and Conference Executive Director Quintell, to maintain engagement with state leadership.
- Wheaton Mayor Suess and Executive Director Quintell attended a presentation by State Treasurer Frerichs to support continued engagement with state leadership.
- Coordinated legislative advocacy efforts that led to the General Assembly adopting Conference initiative legislation SB 536 to expand municipal investment opportunities and HB 4615, which included a sunset extension for the DuPage non-home rule hotel/motel tax legislation. Both bills were signed by the Governor.
- 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 the MMC on municipal stretch energy codes and building performance standards, followed by a listening session that provided members an opportunity to share implementation challenges, express community concerns, and identify areas where technical support is needed. Mayors, managers, and community development directors from DMMC and NWMC were invited to participate.
- Coordinated a presentation from ComEd on summer and winter storm response, storm hardening efforts, and communications with local officials at the request of the Regulatory Issues Committee, providing members with insights into enhanced response strategies and improved preparedness.
- Coordinated a special meeting of the Regulatory Issues Committee for a ComEd presentation on data center market trends and development considerations, informing members about emerging infrastructure demands, with Conference members invited to attend.
- Coordinated a presentation to the Regulatory Issues Committee by DuPage County on current waste management and recycling initiatives to support member awareness of county environmental programs and priorities.
- Coordinated a presentation to the Regulatory Issues Committee on the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Future of Natural Gas proceedings and shared supporting materials.
- Other presentations made to the Regulatory Issues Committee included the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup (DRSCW) on their current initiatives and activities and Nicor Gas on their Journey to Net Zero initiative.
- Shared a range of housing, energy, and digital equity resources with the Regulatory Issues Committee, including analyses, guidebooks, and state-issued materials from the MMC, DePaul University, Illinois Capital Development Board, and others to inform members of evolving policy and planning considerations.

## 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 seven DuPage projects totaling \$7,535,800 in STP funds.
- Assisted members in applying for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP funding programs by reviewing applications and providing guidance on the programs requirements. Five applications from DuPage were submitted.



- Renewed an intergovernmental agreement with CMAP, providing \$209,125.12 to the Conference for transportation planning in FY 2024.
- Coordinated a workshop on the FFY 2026-2030 STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP Program Call for Projects with 27 members and transportation partners in attendance, featuring a DMMC-led presentation with materials also contributed by CMAP, delivering key information on funding opportunities, eligibility criteria, and the application process.
- Launched a three-month trial of a staff-developed monthly transportation newsletter to deliver timely updates, funding opportunities, and regional transportation news in a concise and accessible format for members.
- Created and implemented a process for providing letters of support for future transportation grant funding applications, enhancing member access to funding and reinforcing the Conference's role in supporting regional infrastructure projects.
- Reviewed, recommended, and received approval of a revised STP Manual reflecting member input.
- Collected feedback from the Transportation Technical Committee on the process used to allocate DuPage Council subregional priority points during the STP Shared Fund Call for Projects, enhancing the process to better support the transportation priorities of members.
- Provided 16 letters of support to 11 member communities and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County for their 2024 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding cycle applications, supporting member-led infrastructure projects across DuPage.
- Crafted and sent a letter to Acting Secretary of Transportation Biagi requesting an update on the \$400 million Road Fund allocation for local projects, ensuring continued advocacy for municipal funding.
- Crafted a letter of support for the Chicago Hub Improvement Program as requested by Amtrak, reinforcing regional support for transportation improvements.
- Coordinated a presentation from CMAP on their Speed Management Report to the Transportation Policy Committee, exploring traffic safety enhancements through speed reduction strategies and policy measures.
- Coordinated a presentation to the Transportation Policy Committee on ReVision: Pace's Network Restructuring Project and facilitated member feedback to inform regional transit planning.
- 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 municipal engagement in regional, state, and federal transportation initiatives, including feedback on DuPage County's Safety Action Plan, Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) work, and the Illinois Tollway's strategic and multi-year capital planning efforts.

### **Membership/Fiscal Responsibility**

- Identified \$179,098 in operating fund surplus and distributed a pro-rata reimbursement to the membership, in keeping with DMMC Financial and Investment Policies.
- Distributed the remaining \$185,779 from the Debt Service Fund Balance to the membership using a proportional formula based on total contributions, following the full repayment of all loans by FY 2019 and interest accrual through FY 2024, concluding the long-term financial management of the Conference's office building investment.
- Actively solicited and secured \$34,200 in sponsorships for 2024-2025 Conference events, including the Annual Golf Outing, Annual Dinner, Conference Business Meetings, Annual Legislative Reception, and Springfield Drive Down to further the Conference's financial goals and mission and offset membership dues.
- Actively solicited and recruited five additional firms to participate in the Corporate Partnership Program and continued to strengthen relationships with all 50 Corporate Partners, resulting in over \$103,000 in revenue to offset membership dues.
- Enhanced the Corporate Partnership Program by redesigning the brochure layout, refining partner levels, adjusting annual fees, and expanding benefits to increase program value and attract new partners.
- Enhanced the 2023-2024 Survey of Municipal Tax Rates and Revenues through feedback from four Conference members' finance staff. Twenty-two responses were compiled and received. 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 third consecutive year, including the 2025 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 2023-2024 Audit.
- 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 2024-2025 DMMC Committees and Working Groups, providing group-specific descriptions, meeting schedules, rosters, guidelines, and relevant documents to support informed and active 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**

- Provided information and technical assistance on over 47 state and federal grants to members throughout the year.
- At the request of the Office of the Governor, shared information with mayors regarding an urgent conference call with Deputy Governor Manar on a federal funding directive. Crafted and shared a follow-up summary with members outlining key points discussed, municipal concerns raised, and guidance for reporting challenges, supporting municipal awareness and response efforts.
- Successful transportation grant funding for members can be found in Exhibit 3.

### **Information/Publications and Training/Networking**

- Collected and shared valuable information and data on a variety of topics through 41 member surveys.
- Coordinated and hosted the Annual Roundtable with Federal Legislators, attended by U.S. Representatives Casten, Foster, Krishnamoorthi and Ramirez, to maintain engagement 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 19 members from 15 municipalities and 29 representatives from 19 Corporate Partners.
- Hosted a well-attended Municipal Innovation Celebration highlighting four innovative and creative ways members are improving their municipalities, solving problems, and bringing value to their residents.
- Explored ways to enhance member engagement and collaboration, resulting in the decision to expand the 2025 Newly Elected Officials Workshop to include additional regional COGs, creating broader networking and training opportunities for municipal leaders.
- Coordinated a meeting between Conference mayors/presidents, DuPage County Board Chair Conroy, and DuPage County State's Attorney Berlin to discuss pretrial release and detention data in DuPage along with the Pretrial Fairness Act, offering valuable insights and updates to members.
- Coordinated a meeting with Conference mayors/presidents and DuPage County Board Chair Conroy to discuss regional collaboration opportunities.
- Facilitated a leadership meeting between DuPage County Board Chair Conroy and Conference officers to foster collaborative dialogue and align priorities between the Conference and the County.
- 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 and holding meetings between senior Conference Staff and DuPage County counterparts.
- Coordinated a meeting between Conference Executive Director Quintell and newly appointed Senior Advisor Custer from the Office of the DuPage County Board Chair to establish a working relationship and maintain open communication.



- Conference Executive Director Quintell accepted an invitation from Forest Preserve District of DuPage County President Hebreard to tour the district's headquarters and learn about current initiatives, strengthening intergovernmental relationships.
- Conference leadership and staff attended events hosted by regional COGs, including WCMC, BACOG, and NWMC, to demonstrate inter-organizational support and maintain strong relationships with peer organizations and their member municipalities.
- Crafted and sent a letter to MMC Executive Board Chair Rotering and the MMC Executive Board to encourage alignment with shared regional priorities and express Conference perspectives on organizational matters.
- Coordinated a meeting between MMC Executive Board Chairman Burns, Conference MMC Executive Board representative and Darien Mayor Marchese, and Executive Director Quintell to discuss organizational matters and improve collaboration.
- Burr Ridge Mayor and CMAP Board Member Grasso and Conference Executive Director Quintell met with CMAP Executive Director Aleman and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Carpenter to discuss the CMAP Board of Directors and Council of Mayors, reinforcing intergovernmental relationships.
- Attended the Suburban Mayors Summit, hosted by U.S. Representatives Krishnamoorthi and Ramirez, to discuss federal legislative activity and hear local updates from mayors in their district, connecting federal efforts with local priorities.
- 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:
  - Burr Ridge Administrator Walter, Roselle Administrator Bielawski, and West Chicago Administrator Guttman were appointed to the DuPage County Police Records Management System (PRMS) Oversight Committee.
  - Coordinated meetings across all six DuPage County districts to appoint or reappoint municipal representatives to the DuPage County Stormwater Management Committee, ensuring regional representation with appointees from each district. Appointees included Wood Dale Mayor Pulice (District 1), Oak Brook Trustee Tiesenga (District 2), Westmont Mayor Nero (District 3), Glen Ellyn Trustee Fasules (District 4), former Naperville Councilman Hinterlong (District 5), and former Warrenville Mayor Brummel (District 6).
- Attended meetings of regional and partner organizations, crafted summaries, and shared them with Conference Committees, the Board of Directors, and the membership, as appropriate.
- Coordinated check-in meetings between Conference leadership and five member municipalities to maintain ongoing communication and strengthen relationships.
- Attended events hosted by member municipalities to maintain visibility, demonstrate support, and foster meaningful relationships with members.
- Coordinated a presentation from the DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau (DCVB) at the November Conference Business Meeting on the 2026 Presidents Cup, providing valuable updates and engagement opportunities to members.
- In response to member requests, coordinated six various presentations at the Managers Committee to provide information, further educate, and answer member questions.
- 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.
- Shared engagement opportunities with members at the request of DuPage County and the DCHD, connecting municipalities with County-led initiatives.
- Periodically shared news, informational materials, and press releases with members from CMAP, DuPage County, DuPage County Animal Services (DCAS), DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), DuPage Water Commission, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois Tollway, the Office of the Governor, Metra, MMC, Pace, and RTA.
- Periodically shared upcoming events and webinars/workshops with members from the Active Transportation Alliance, College of DuPage (COD) Public Service Institute (PSI), DuPage County, DuPage Railroad Safety Council, Illinois DCEO, Metra, MMC, Pace, RTA, and U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT).



### **Exhibit 3 – Fiscal and Grant Benefits by Municipality**

<u><b>Municipality and Source</b></u>	<u><b>Fiscal Benefit</b></u>
<b>Addison</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$1,450,072.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,765,472.00</b>
<b>Aurora</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Bartlett</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Bensenville</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Bloomington</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$918,895.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,234,295.00</b>
<b>Bolingbrook</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Burr Ridge</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Carol Stream</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$464,700.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$780,100.00</b>
<b>Clarendon Hills</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Darien</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Downers Grove</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Elmhurst</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program	\$1,529,243.00
Transportation Alternatives Program	\$529,243.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,373,886.00</b>
<b>Glen Ellyn</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Glendale Heights</b>	
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)	\$315,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>



<b>Hanover Park</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$530,307.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$845,707.00</b>
<b>Hinsdale</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Itasca</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Lemont</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Lisle</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Lombard</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$1,205,000.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,520,400.00</b>
<b>Naperville</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Oak Brook</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Oakbrook Terrace</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Roselle</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Schaumburg</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Villa Park</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Warrenville</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Wayne</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>West Chicago</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Western Springs</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Westmont</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>



<b>Wheaton</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Willowbrook</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Winfield</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Wood Dale</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$315,400.00</b>
<b>Woodridge</b>		
Quantifiable Annual Fiscal Benefits (Exhibit 1)		\$315,400.00
Surface Transportation Program		\$1,255,583.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,570,983.00</b>



## **Exhibit 4 – Leveraging the Collective Knowledge of Members and Staff**

### **Meetings**

### **Person(s) Attending**

Choose DuPage Meetings	DMMC Members
CMAQ and PL Bi-Weekly Calls	DMMC Staff
CMAQ Board Meetings	DMMC Members and 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 CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and 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 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 Executive Board Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Legislative Committee Meetings	DMMC Members and Staff
MMC Quarterly Meetings	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