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2024 MCCG Legislative and Transportation Priorities

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Recommendations for Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) – While the MCCG supports exploring ways to address the transit funding shortfall, MCCG takes the following position on governance:

- MCCG opposes the consolidation of the transit boards.
- MCCG supports maintaining the existing appointment authority and transit funding distributions.
- MCCG oppose the consolidation of transit boards that would lessen current local government participation. Furthermore, the MCCG will not support recommendation(s) that shift transit financial burdens to collar counties.

Preserving Local Government Dollars and Eliminating Burdensome Mandates

- The MCCG strongly supports Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars being returned to local governments in the fullest amount possible. The MCCG appreciates the incremental increases over the past two years and requests that LGDF distributions incrementally increase to 8% in the coming years.
- The MCCG requests the FY 2024 Personal Property Replacement (PPRT) reduction be a single-year reduction.
- The MCCG calls for the elimination of the Administrative Fee on taxes returned to local governments.
- The MCCG strongly encourages the legislature to respect self-determination in regards to unfunded mandates and other areas that pertain to local oversight and control. Unfunded mandates, such as lead service line replacement, will cost communities and residents hundreds of thousands of dollars. State programs to assist with those costs, and other unfunded mandates, are needed.

2024 MCCG Transportation Platform

Priority Projects

- 1. Safety Improvement of State Intersections** – The MCCG advocates for state intersection improvement safety projects in McHenry County, including, but not limited to the following. These projects will reduce crashes and increase safety.
 - IL 31 at Three Oaks Road in Crystal Lake
 - IL 47 at Ware Road in Woodstock
 - IL 47 at Charles Road in Woodstock
 - IL 120 at Charles Road/Greenwood Road in Woodstock
 - IL 120 at Chapel Hill Road in McHenry
 - IL 173 at Keystone Road in Richmond
 - IL 173 at US 12 in Richmond
- 2. Passenger Rail Service from Chicago to Rockford** – The MCCG supports the State’s efforts to bring passenger rail service to Elgin, Huntley, Belvidere, and Rockford. As engineering starts, the MCCG strongly advocates for the inclusion of a stop in the City of Marengo.
- 3. Full Improvement of IL 31 from IL 120 in McHenry to IL 176 in Crystal Lake** – This corridor will help move commuters and commerce between McHenry and Crystal Lake with connections to points north into Wisconsin and south to I-90 and beyond.
- 4. Full Improvement of IL 47 from Reed Road in Huntley to US 14 in Woodstock** – This project includes the IL 176 and IL 47 intersection improvement project and is vital to the flow of commerce between I-90, the Village of Huntley, the City of Woodstock and points north.
- 5. Proposed Metra Woodstock Yard Site** - This regionally supported project will ultimately increase service and ridership on the second busiest commuter rail line in the Chicago region. This project has received support at the local, county and federal level.

MCCG Also Supports and Seeks Funding for Local Intersection Improvements:

- US 14 at Three Oaks Road in Cary
- US 14 at West Main Street in Cary
- US 14 at Hartland Road in Woodstock
- Charles Road at Queen Anne Road
- Alden Road at O’Brien Road
- Maple Road at Coral Road
- Spring Grove Road at Miller Road
- Spring Grove Road at Ringwood Road
- Tryon Grove Road at Keystone Road
- Ackman Road Extension
- Ringwood Road at McCullom Lake Road
- Ringwood Road at Barnard Mill Road

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