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2025 MCCG Legislative Priorities

Addressing Public Transit's Fiscal Cliff and Reform

- Increasing representation on the RTA Board of Directors to 18 voting members, a Chair and 6 non-voting members to include 5 from Suburban Cook County, 5 from the City of Chicago, 5 from the Collar Counties and 3 appointed by the Governor as voting members.
- Funding the regional transit system through a \$1.5 billion yearly investment in operating funding.
- Upholding the understanding transit requires sustainable funding that reflects an investment in the region's ongoing economic success, including a mix of revenues that do not place an undue financial burden on riders or taxpayers and avoids shifting legacy financial obligations or debt onto other constituent groups.
- Funding that includes an RTA Sales Tax increase.
- Maintaining the CTA, METRA and PACE service agency boards.
- Enhancing the leadership and associated authority role of a more broadly representative RTA Board of Directors.
- A supermajority voting requirement of 13 voting members of the enhanced board required for all key decision items including but not limited to the distribution of financial resources to the service agencies, annual budget(s), two-year financial plan, five-year capital program, five-year strategic plan, and issues of accountability.

Preserving Local Government Dollars and Eliminating Burdensome Legislation

- The MCCG strongly supports Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) dollars being returned to local governments in the fullest amount possible. The MCCG requests that LGDF distributions increase to 8% in 2025. The MCCG calls for the elimination of the Administrative Fee on taxes returned to local governments.
- The MCCG urges the legislature to prioritize self-determination when considering legislation that imposes unfunded or underfunded obligations on local governments. The MCCG appreciates costs analyses on bills that impact local government budgets.
- The MCCG supports legislation and programs that assist local governments and residents with workforce housing opportunities and mandates including, but not limited to lead service line replacement, IEPA phosphorous and PFAS/PFOS regulations.
- Reconsideration of solar legislation to provide local governments greater oversight and conditional control of solar farms. Further, solar farm total footprint should be restricted to 5% of local government jurisdictional planning area.

2025 MCCG Transportation Platform

Priority Projects

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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
 - US 14 at Three Oaks Road in Cary
 - US 14 at West Main Street in Cary
 - US 14 at Hartland Road in Woodstock
 - 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
 - IL 173 at Greenwood Road
5. **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.

MCCG Also Supports and Seeks Funding for Local Intersection Improvements:

- Spring Grove Road at Miller Road
- Spring Grove Road at Ringwood Road
- Charles Road at Queen Anne Road
- Alden Road at O’Brien Road
- Maple Road at Coral Road
- Tryon Grove Road at Keystone Road
- Ackman Road Extension
- Ringwood Road at McCullom Lake Road
- Ringwood Road at Barnard Mill Road