



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs staff

Date: April 3, 2024

Subject: Legislative updates

Action Requested: Information

The Illinois General Assembly is back in session following a brief recess at the end of March. The next deadlines ahead for lawmakers include a third reading on substantive bills on Friday, April 12th for the Senate and Friday, April 19th for the House. Next, the House and Senate will focus on the opposite chamber's bills.

Additionally, CMAP staff are continuing to review the Governor's FY25 budget proposal. Staff will provide a longer update on key highlights of the budget proposal at the next Board meeting.

Below, please find an update on key bills and legislative activity of interest. This information is up to date as of April 1, 2024.

SB3389/HB5078: RPA Modernization Bill

Following the March Board meeting, sponsors filed amendments to SB3389 and HB5078 to reflect the Board's approved language. The amendment to SB3389 was posted for the March 20 Senate Transportation Committee hearing. Legislators advanced the bill via the agreed bill list. As of April 1, SB3389 is on third reading in the Senate. The amendment to HB5078 has been assigned to the House Executive Committee and is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, April 3rd.

SB3388/HB5077: RPA Appropriation Bill

These bills, which would appropriate \$5 million to CMAP to carry out the regional planning objectives identified in the Regional Planning Act, have remained in their respective

committees. SB3388 has been assigned to Senate Appropriations - Public Safety and Infrastructure and HB5077 has been assigned to Appropriations-General Services Committee.

OMA legislative activity

CMAP has prepared draft legislative language that would provide the CMAP Board and its committees with the flexibility to allow for members to participate virtually and be counted toward quorum. The language and a legislative strategy are currently under discussion with the Illinois Municipal League, who has been pursuing other OMA legislative changes.

Other bills of interest

CMAP staff continues to track legislation before the Illinois General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to CMAP's work. The following has been identified by CMAP staff as pieces of legislation being considered before the Illinois General Assembly that may be of interest to the CMAP Board.

It should be noted this list is not an exhaustive list of legislation being tracked by CMAP staff. For more information on other tracked legislation by CMAP staff, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at rgougis@cmaphillinois.gov.

Climate

[HB5145](#) – EV CHARGER GRANT ACT (Rep. Evans, Jr.)

Description: Creates the Electric Vehicle Charger Grant Act. Provides that any State agency that disburses grant funds for electric vehicle charging stations must include provisions in the criteria for awarding grant funds that encourage the use of equity eligible contractors by the grantees. Provides that the provisions shall include, but not be limited to, additional points to those grantees who commit to exclusively using equity eligible contractors, a portion of the grant funds devoted exclusively for equity eligible contractors, and inclusion of aspirational goals for all grantees to use equity eligible contractors.

Status: Placed on House Calendar 2nd Reading on 3/14/24

[SB1556 SA2](#) – EPA-CLEAN TRANSPORT STANDARD (Sen. Koehler)

Description: Creates the Clean Transportation Act and requires the IEPA to adopt rules creating a clean transportation standard that reduces carbon intensity from the on-road transportation sector by 25% within 10 years of the IEPA's adopted rules.

Status: Held in Senate Energy and Public Utilities on 3/22/24

[SB3323 SA2 & 3](#) – ACCESSIBLE EV CHARGING STATION (Sen. McConchie)

Description: Creates the Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Station Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to ensure that charging stations in the State are sufficiently accessible to allow independent use by drivers with disabilities, including people who have limited or no hand dexterity, limb differences, or upper extremity amputations and use adaptive driving controls. Requires chargers designed to serve people who use mobility devices

to be located on an accessible route. SA2 adds language providing that the Attorney General shall have the authority to enforce the Act and that the Attorney General may investigate any complaint or reported violation of the Act and, if necessary, to ensure compliance. SA3 provides that the Act does not apply to a charger owned by a resident of a single-family home, a condominium association, a common interest community association, a master association, or a residential housing cooperative if the charger is not used for a commercial purpose.

Status: Placed on Senate Calendar Order of 3rd Reading on 3/14/24

[SB3651](#) – **REVENUE-ELECTRIC VEHICLES** (Sen. Villivalam)

Description: Creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Tax Act. Provides that a tax is imposed on the privilege of engaging in business as an electric vehicle power provider in this State. Provides that, from January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2026, the rate of tax shall be \$0.06 per kilowatt hour of electric vehicle power. Provides that the rate of tax shall be increased on January 1 of each year by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index. Amends the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Creates a dynamic wireless electric vehicle charging pilot program. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to provide for emergency rulemaking. Effective January 1, 2025.

Status: Referred to Senate Assignments on 2/9/24

Transit and Bike/Ped

[SB2844](#) – **RTA ACT – REDUCED FARES** (Sen. Simmons)

Description: Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that, by December 31, 2025, RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace shall create a program to provide free rides to persons earning under 138% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines.

Status: Assigned to Senate Appropriations – Public Safety and Infrastructure on 1/31/24

[SB3202](#) – **BIKEWAY ACT-TRANSPORT PLAN** (Sen. Toro)

Description: Amends the Bikeway Act. Provides that a municipality or county may prepare a bicycle transportation plan. Specifies the information that must be included in the plan.

Status: Placed on Senate Calendar Order of 3rd Reading on 3/22/24

[SB3309 SA1](#) – **VEH CD-BIKE TRAIL SIGNS** (Sen. Simmons)

Description: Requires the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over a publicly owned paved bicycle trail in the State to erect permanent regulatory or warning signage be posted 150 feet in advance of a crossing alerting pedestrians or cyclists of highway crossings unless the intersection where the trail crosses the highway is controlled by an official traffic control device or sign (now, the signage is required regardless of whether the intersection is controlled by an official traffic control device or sign).

Status: Placed on Senate Calendar Order of 3rd Reading on 3/14/24

Transportation Infrastructure

[HB5100](#) – **UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS** (Rep. Hoffman)

Description: Provides that nothing in specified provisions concerning prohibited bidders shall prohibit a person or business from submitting an unsolicited proposal under the Public-Private Partnership for Transportation Act.

Status: Placed on House Calendar 2nd Reading on 3/7/24

[HB5171/SB3798](#) – **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNER-NOTICES** (Rep. Mah/Sen. Villivalam)

Description: Amends the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Provides that each year, at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the responsible public entity's fiscal year, the responsible public entity shall submit to the General Assembly a description of potential projects that the responsible public entity is considering undertaking under the Act to each county, municipality, and metropolitan planning organization, with respect to each project located within its boundaries.

Status: HB5171 assigned to House State Government Administration on 3/5/24; SB3798 assigned to Senate Executive Subcommittee on Procurement on 3/7/24

Water Resources Management

[HB5386/SB3669](#) – **WETLANDS AND SMALL STREAMS** (Rep. Moeller/Sen. Ellman)

Description: Creates the Wetlands and Small Streams Protection Act to restore protections for wetlands and small streams that were formerly protected from pollution and destruction by the Clean Water Act.

Status: HB5386 placed on House Calendar 2nd Reading on 3/13/24; SB3669 Placed on Calendar Order of 2nd Reading on 3/7/24

[SB2743 SA1](#) – **WATER PLAN TASK FORCE ACT** (Sen. Ellman)

Description: Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act. Establishes the State Water Plan Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall be chaired by the Director of the Office of Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources and composed of the directors, or their designee, from various other State entities. Requires the Task Force to identify critical water issues, to develop and implement recommendations that address the critical water issues, and to reevaluate critical water issues and needs. Requires the Task Force to publish a State Water Plan not less than every 10 years. SA1 removes the Office of the Governor from the State Water Plan Task Force.

Status: Placed on Senate Calendar Order of 3rd Reading on 3/21/24