

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs staff

**Date:** August 28, 2024

**Subject:** State legislative update

**Action Requested:** Information

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The Illinois General Assembly remains adjourned until veto session, which will take place on November 12-14 and November 19-21. Over the summer, the Intergovernmental Affairs team has met with members of CMAP's legislative delegation to enhance existing and build new relationships and provide update about our work. We have also been closely monitoring the Senate Transportation Committee hearings that have taken place across the region to provide a forum for input on local and regional transit service needs.

Below, please find below an update on key bills and legislative activity of interest. This information is up to date as of August 28, 2024.

**SB3389/HB5078: RPA Modernization Bill**

SB3389 was signed into law by the Governor on August 8, 2024. It is now Public Act 103-0986. The Act goes into effect on January 1, 2025.

**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 and were recently signed into law by the Governor.

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@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:rgougis@cmap.illinois.gov).

**Transit and Bike/Ped**

### [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:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0950)

## **Transportation Infrastructure and Funding**

### [HB5511](#) – **PROCUREMENT-BID PREFERENCE** (Rep. Hoffman/Sen. Castro)

**Description:** Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. One change of note included in this procurement omnibus bill is the restoration of the language stricken last session from the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act that requires any transportation facility developed under this act to be consistent with the regional plan of the MPO in whose boundaries the project is located. It also expands the definition of a “responsible public entity” to also include the five most populous counties in Illinois, in addition to IDOT and Tollway.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0865)

## **Climate**

### [SB1289](#) – **SAFETY AND AID FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION ACT (SAFE CCS Act)** (Sen. Fine/Rep. Williams)

**Description:** Creates the Safety and Aid for the Environment in Carbon Capture and Sequestration Act (SAFE CCS Act). Places two-year moratorium on CO2 pipelines or until the federal Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration finalizes safety and oversight rules. Sets forward new provisions regarding safeguards for sequestration sites and injection well monitoring. Set standards for safety and CCS-related disaster response. Includes several additional provisions.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 7/18/2024 (P.A. 103-0651)

## **Water Resources Management**

### [SB2628/HB4207 HCA1 & HFA2](#) – **TRANSPORTATION-FLOOD INSURANCE** (Sen. Koehler/Rep. Chung)

**Description:** Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Requires the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that State agencies comply with the National Flood Insurance Program requirements. Requires all State agencies to obtain a special flood hazard area development permit before undertaking development activity on State-owned property that is located in a special flood hazard area. Requires the Department to adopt an administrative rule setting forth a State special flood hazard area development program to ensure that specified conditions are met for the issuance of permits prior to any State agency development within a special flood hazard area. Allows the Department of Natural Resources to adopt emergency rules.

**Status:** SB2628 signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0905)

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

**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:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0917)

**[SB2781: FORESTS-WETLANDS-PRAIRIES](#)** (Sen. Ventura/Rep. Huynh)

**Description:** Creates the Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Act. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant plan for the preservation and enhancement of forests, prairies, and wetlands in Illinois. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the comprehensive plan and subject to appropriation, shall establish and administer a Forests, Wetlands, and Prairies Grant Program to restore degraded forest lands and native prairies, and to promote the growth of native vegetation that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and help to mitigate the impact of climate change.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0923)

## **Regional Economy**

**[SB3455 – IDOR-PROP TX STUDY](#)** (Sen. Martwick/Rep. Canty)

**Description:** Provides that the Department of Revenue, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, shall conduct a study to evaluate the property tax system in the State. Provides that the Department of Revenue may determine the scope of the historical data necessary to complete the study, but in no event shall the scope or time period be less than the 10 most recent tax years for which the Department has complete data.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-1002)

**[SB692: INTERJURISDICTIONAL INDUSTRIAL ZONING TASKFORCE](#)** (Sen. Morrison/Rep. Morgan)

**Description:** Amends the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. Effective immediately.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0882)

## **Accessibility**

**[SB3762: LANGUAGE EQUITY AND ACCESS ACT](#)** (Sen. Villa/Rep. Avelar)

**Description:** Creates the Language Equity and Access Act. Requires the Governor's Office of New Americans, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, to: prepare a Language

Needs Assessment Report that identifies the languages spoken throughout the State; assist State agencies in the creation of language access plans; provide oversight and central coordination to State agencies in the implementation of language access requirements under this Act; ensure that each State agency develops an internal complaint and review process specific to the provision of language assistance services in addressing complaints in a timely manner; and perform other duties.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor 8/9/2024 (P.A. 103-0723)