

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE, KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
800 GAME FARM ROAD ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**

Mayor Golinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Warren called the roll.

Ward I	Koch	Present
	Colosimo	Present
Ward II	Milschewski	Present
	Plocher	Absent
Ward III	Frieders	Present
	Funkhouser	Present
Ward IV	Tarulis	Present
	Peterson	Present

Also present: City Clerk Warren, City Attorney Orr, City Administrator Olson, Police Chief Hart, Deputy Chief of Police, Public Works Director Dhuse, Finance Director Fredrickson, EEI Engineer Sanderson, Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble, Building Code Official Ratos, Director of Parks and Recreation Evans

**QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Alderman Funkhouser requested that Item #1 on the Consent Agenda, Unified Development Ordinance (EDC 2018-72) be moved to the regular agenda under the Economic Development Report and Item #13 on the Consent Agenda Municipal Facilities Master Plan RFP (ADM 2018-89) be moved to the regular agenda under Administration report.

Amendment approved unanimously by a viva voce vote.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Kiwanis**

Representatives from Kiwanis spoke and thanked the City for its support and cooperation.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Robyn Sutcliff spoke about the past and current financials for the old jail. She discussed the minimum necessary repairs to keep the building from further deteriorating.

Johanne Byram followed up about the historic covenants. She stated that can be done free of charge by Landmark Preservation. This would include any legal documentation as well as facilitation the sale and transfer of ownership of the building.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Ordinance 2018-53** Repealing Registration and Licensing Requirements for Bicycles – *authorize Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PS 2018-19)
2. Sanitary Sewer Lining – Change Order No. 2 – *authorize the Mayor to execute* (PW 2018-89 2018)
3. Yorkville Christian School – Grant of Easement – *authorize the Mayor to execute*(PW 2018-90)
4. Cedarhurst – Grant of Easement – *authorize the Mayor to execute* (PW 2018-91)
5. Grande Reserve – Grant of Easement – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2018-92)
6. **Ordinance 2018-54** Proposing the Establishment of Special Service Area Number 2019-1 and Providing for Other Procedures in Connection Therewith (Prestwick aka The Highlands at Ashley Pointe) – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2018-93)
7. Capital Improvement Plan – 5 Year Plan (PW 2018-95)
8. **Ordinance 2018-55** Authorizing the Ninth Amendment to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2018 and Ending on April 30, 2019 (Radio Purchases) – *authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute* (PW 2018-96)
9. Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2018 (ADM 2018-81)
10. Annual Treasurer's Report (ADM 2018-86)

11. Tax Levy Estimate – *approve a tax levy estimate for 2018, to be used for the purposes of conducting a public hearing on the tax levy in the amount of \$4,132,939 (ADM 2018-87)*

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. So moved by Alderman Frieders; seconded by Alderman Koch.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0  
Colosimo-aye, Milschewski-aye, Tarulis-aye, Frieders-aye,  
Funkhouser-aye, Koch-aye, Peterson -aye

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

None.

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mayor Golinski stated that the bills were \$1,521,893.55.

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**REPORTS**

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Fairness and Equality Proclamation**  
(CC 2018-46)

Mayor Golinski read the fairness and Equality Proclamation.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Old Jail RFP**  
(PW 2018-71)

- a. Resolution Authorizing a Contract with D. Construction, Inc. for the Building Demolition and Site Restoration Project for the Property at 111 W. Madison Street

Alderman Frieders made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a contract with D. Construction, Inc. for the building demolition and Site Restoration Project for the Property at 111 W. Madison Street and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Colosimo.

Alderman Frieders stated the last time the Old jail was discussed at a Council meeting a lot of pertinent information was brought to light regarding its restoration and the impact it would have on City funding. Given this information, Alderman Frieders is no longer in support of tearing the Old Jail down. He is looking forward to selling. Alderman Funkhouser stated that the Admin Committee is going to have a proposed recommendation within a week or so. City Administrator Olson stated the recommendations will be ready for the November 13, 2018 City Council meeting. Alderman Colosimo agrees with Alderman Frieders. Sell it or tear it down. He would like to see a deadline set so that this does not drag on for an indefinite period of time. Mayor Golinski asked how long was the initial idea for the time frame to move forward. City Administrator Olson stated the committee discussed 120 days, which he believes is a reasonable amount of time. Alderman Colosimo asked about the appraisal and selling price of the Old Jail. City Administrator Olson stated typically City properties can be sold at no less than 80% of appraised value but given TIF statutes the property could sell for as little as a dollar with a commitment of restoration within a specific time frame. Alderman Koch agrees with Alderman Colosimo and Alderman Frieders. Alderman Koch and City Administrator Olson discussed the options for the sale of the Old Jail.

- b. Ordinance Authorizing the Tenth Amendment to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on May 1, 2018 and Ending on April 30, 2019

Mayor Golinski stated it would be appropriate to do a motion to table on both of these items.

Alderman Frieders made a motion to table both items until the Council has discussed the RFP for the next City Council meeting; seconded by Alderman Peterson.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0  
Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye,  
Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye, Peterson-aye

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Unified Development Ordinance**  
(EDC 2018-72)

Alderman Koch made a motion that staff is seeking authorization by the City Council to solicit an RFP from qualified paintings or engineering firms for the creation of unified development ordinance; seconded by Alderman Colosimo.

Alderman Funkhouser stated the City is publishing this for 20 days. He would like to extend the time period an additional week due to it being right next the Thanksgiving. Community Development Director Barksdale-Noble has no problem in doing that.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0  
Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye, Peterson-aye,  
Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Ordinance 2018-56**

**Authorizing the Local Liquor Control Commissioner the Authority  
to Exempt the Location of an Establishment with a Liquor License  
from the 100 Foot Rule of the Liquor Control Act  
(PS 2018-17)**

Alderman Colosimo made a motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the local liquor control commissioner the authority to exempt the location of an establishment with a liquor license from the 100 foot rule of the liquor control act and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute; seconded by Alderman Frieders.

Alderman Funkhouser stated he does not see the justification for this change. Alderman Koch asked for clarification of the 100 foot rule for pre-schools. City Administrator Olson stated the rule applies to government schools and or not for profit schools and was not intended for daycare facilities. There was further discussion concerning the designation of a school and its boundaries. Alderman Frieders clarified if this impacts any existing businesses in Yorkville. City Administrator Olson says this is about giving the liquor commission more flexibility and City Attorney Orr concurred. Mayor Golinski, City Attorney Orr, and Council continued to discuss 100 foot rule ordinance.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-1  
Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye, Funkhouser-nay,  
Milschewski-aye, Peterson -aye, Koch-aye, Frieders-aye

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Municipal Facilities Master Plan RFP  
(ADM 2018-89)**

Alderman Milschewski made a motion authorizing the staff to issue a request for proposal or municipal facilities master plan; seconded by Alderman Funkhouser.

Alderman Funkhouser stated the end date is between Christmas and New Years. He would like to push that out a week due to the holidays. City Administrator Olson said there would be no objection on that and he will move it to the first full week of January. Alderman Funkhouser also mentioned the time frames, and the fact that there was a discrepancy between two pages. City Administrator Olson discussed this issue. Alderman Funkhouser and City Administrator Olson discussed this issue in more detail. Alderman Frieders asked if this was an RFP or something else. City Administrator Olson discussed this issue further.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0  
Milschewski-aye, Peterson-aye, Koch-aye,  
Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye, Colosimo-aye, Funkhouser-aye

**PARK BOARD**

No report.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

**Ordinance 2018-57**

**Amending the Yorkville Zoning Ordinance by Amending  
the Regulations for Wall Signs  
(PZC 2018-17 and EDC 2018-66)**

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to approve an ordinance amending the Yorkville zoning ordinance by amending the regulations for wall signs and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. So moved by Alderman Frieders; seconded by Alderman Colosimo.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-7 Nays-0  
Colosimo-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Milschewski-aye,  
Peterson -aye, Koch-aye, Frieders-aye, Tarulis-aye

**CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

No report.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMUNITY & LIAISON REPORT**

No report.

**STAFF REPORT**

No report.

**PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)**

**Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Presentation**  
(CC 2018-47)

A representative of the City's audit firm gave an overview of the audit. Finance Director Fredrickson was pleased to announce that the City received a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for the seventh year in a row for fiscal year 2017. Finance Director Fredrickson gave a brief power point overview of the physical audit.

**Metra Presentation**  
(CC 2018-48)

City Administrator Olson stated the following presentation is from Oswego. The next step is to get a lobbyist contract to be able to get money from the state. City Administrator Olson then proceeded to give a Metra overview power point presentation. Alderman Colosimo stated that this service is needed. All the Council is on board with going forward.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Golinski entertained a motion to go into Executive Session

1. For the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.
2. Litigation

So moved by Alderman Funkhouser; seconded by Alderman Milschewski.

Motion approved by a roll call vote. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Present-1  
Tarulis-aye, Milschewski-aye, Colosimo-aye, Peterson-aye,  
Koch-aye, Funkhouser-aye, Frieders-present

The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

The City Council returned to regular session at 8:44 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Golinski stated meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:



Beth Warren,  
City Clerk, City of Yorkville, Illinois



# UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE

## *Fairness and Equality Proclamation*

WHEREAS, December 3, 2018, marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Illinois becoming the 21<sup>st</sup> state in the union; and

WHEREAS, the United City of Yorkville joins partners across the state in recognizing the Illinois Bicentennial, and celebrating what is BORN, BUILT, AND GROWN in Illinois throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Rights is celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial by engaging at least 200 units of local government throughout the state to join the Fairness and Equality Campaign; and

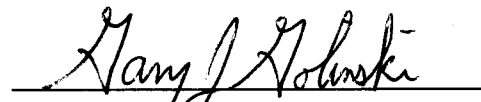
WHEREAS, the Fairness and Equality Campaign aims to celebrate and reaffirm the Land of Lincoln's rich history of valuing diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination; and

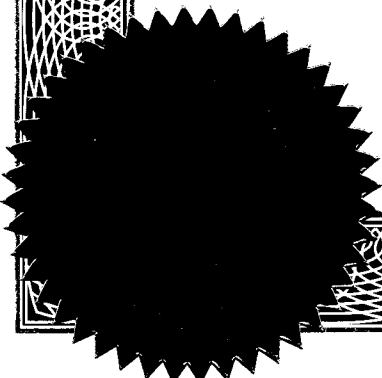
WHEREAS, by supporting the Fairness and Equality Campaign, the United City of Yorkville hopes to inspire a welcoming and inclusive community that fosters greater understanding of others; and

WHEREAS, the United City of Yorkville is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign and urges local units of government throughout the State to reaffirm that the Campaign's core principles are essential to an open, thriving, and diverse community.

THEREFORE, I, Gary J. Golinski, Mayor, do proclaim that the United City of Yorkville, Illinois is proud to support the Fairness and Equality Campaign in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial, and encourage all residents to recognize and honor the core principles of diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018, A.D.

  
Gary J. Golinski, Mayor



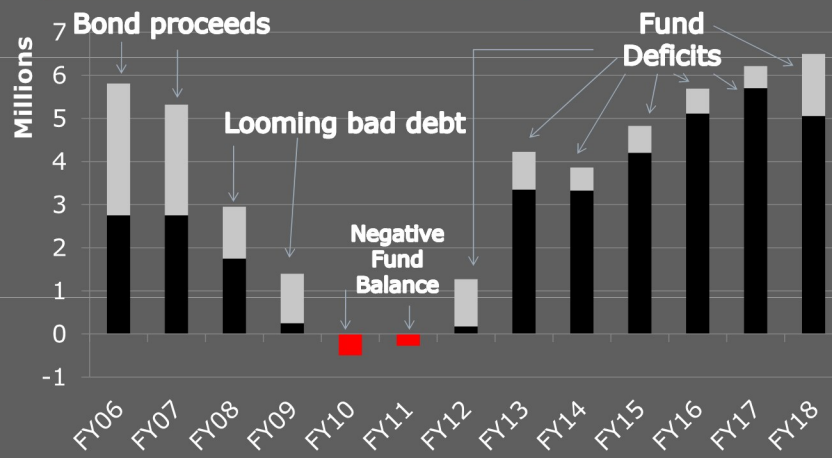
# United City of Yorkville

Audit Overview – Fiscal Year 2018  
City Council  
October 23, 2018

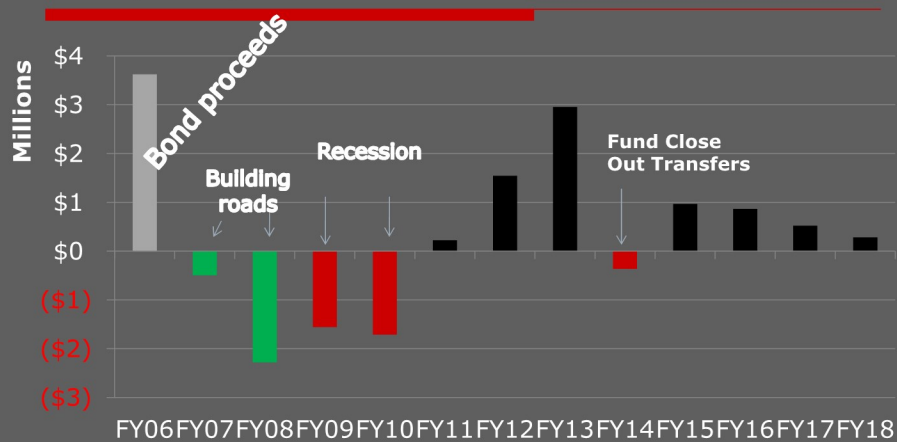
## Another award

7th time  
Certificate of Achievement for  
Excellence in Financial Reporting Award  
by the Government Finance Officers Association  
of the US and Canada in FY 17

## General Fund Fund Balance History



## General Fund Budget Surplus/Deficit



## Revenue performance

Page 76 of paper copy, page 113 of pdf copy

Revenue Line-Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount
Property Tax	\$3,090,510	\$3,093,892
Sales Tax (local)	\$3,012,750	\$3,002,133
Sales Tax (non-home rule)	\$2,332,950	\$2,325,623
Utility Tax	\$923,300	\$962,006
Income Tax	\$1,739,021	\$1,640,291
Use Tax	\$436,101	\$474,797
Hotel Tax	\$85,000	\$79,602
Video Gaming Tax	\$90,000	\$119,733
Excise (i.e. Telecom) Tax	\$361,000	\$368,287
Cable TV Franchise Tax	\$285,000	\$290,669

## Controlling costs

Page 78 of paper copy, page 115 of pdf copy for General Fund

Page 86 (123 pdf) for Library / Page 89-90 (126-127 pdf) for Parks and Rec

Page 108 (151 pdf) for Sewer / Page 109 (152 pdf) for Water

Department	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses
Administration	\$877,275	\$860,857
Finance	\$466,157	\$444,035
Police	\$5,558,217	\$5,283,553
Community Development	\$700,647	\$629,894
Public Works / Streets	\$907,258	\$787,964
Admin Services	\$3,266,156	\$3,293,231
Library Operations	\$833,454	\$758,411
Parks	\$983,590	\$973,464
Recreation	\$1,040,287	\$996,366
Sewer Operations	\$1,054,515	\$651,888
Water Operations	\$2,880,585	\$1,918,529

## General Fund Performance

	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Revenues	15,130,621	15,410,075	279,454
Expenditures	(12,814,710)	(12,440,151)	(374,559)
Net Transfers	(2,941,210)	(2,687,640)	(253,570)
Surplus(Deficit)	(625,299)	282,284	907,583

## Engineering Costs

- ❑ FY 10, 5 FTE in-house for \$535,000
- ❑ FY 18, outsource for \$448,420
  - \$261,297 of routine engineering
  - \$187,123 for subdivision inspections
- ❑ Additional \$176,598 in reimbursed development work
- ❑ Additional \$705,072 gross in capital project expenses (\$430,447 net cost to City)
  - These items would not likely have been handled by in-house employees

## Items of Note

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- ☐ Fund balance categories and amounts
    - Paper pages 7-8, pdf pages 39-40
    - Restricted amount of \$726k due to IMRF levy, will be zeroed out in 2-3 years
  - ☐ Pensions (notes & add'l info)
    - Paper page 54-72, pdf pages 88-107
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## Items of note

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- ☐ Long term debt summary on paper pages 39-47 and pdf pages 73-81
    - Debt service schedules on paper pages 112-128 and pdf pages 158-174
  - ☐ Developer commitment narratives start on paper page 51, pdf page 85
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## Other items of note Statistical Section

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- ❑ Pages 129 -162 and pdf pages 177-213
  - ❑ Historical Trends covering:
    - City finances
    - Revenue & debt capacity
    - Demographic & economic information
    - Operating information
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## Other items of note Statistical Section

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- ❑ Paper pages 156-157, pdf pages 207-208 employee counts
    - 79 full-time employees in 2018
    - 96 full-time employees in 2008
    - 73 full-time employees in 2005
  - ❑ Paper pages 158-162, pdf pages 209-213 miscellaneous service data
    - Traffic violations
    - Permits issued
    - Streets resurfaced, in miles
    - Street inventory
    - New housing starts per year
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## Management Letter

Current Year

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### ☐ Downtown TIF

- Over budget due to journal entry to record bank loan proceeds.
  - Offsetting transaction – no effect on ending fund balance.
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## Management Letter

Prior Year, Recommendation #1

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### ☐ GASB Statements No. 74 & 75

- Additional note disclosure and supplementary information for sponsored OPEB (other post-employment benefits) plans (i.e. retiree health insurance). Will also be included on the financial statements.
  - To be implemented for the FYE 2019
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## Management Letter

Prior year, Recommendation #2

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### ☐ Funds with deficit equity

- Countryside & Downtown TIF's
    - ☐ Over time development in the TIF Districts should yield sufficient surpluses to eliminate negative equity position.
  - Sunflower Special Service Areas
    - ☐ Due to one-time expenditures and will be paid back with SSA property tax proceeds.
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## Management Letter

Prior year, Recommendation #2 (cont.)

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### ☐ Funds with deficit equity

- Land Cash
    - ☐ Temporary in nature, due to the construction of Riverfront & Bristol Bay parks. Will be reimbursed by State OSLAD grant in FY 19.
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## Upcoming

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- ☐ 2018 Tax Levy discussion
    - Tax levy estimate approval
      - ☐ October 17 Administration Committee
      - ☐ October 23 City Council meeting
    - Public Hearing
      - ☐ November 13 City Council meeting
    - Discussion and potential vote
      - ☐ November 27 or December 11
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## Upcoming

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- ☐ FY 20 Budget rollout
    - November 10 goal setting session
    - Nov-Dec budget preparation
    - January 31, 2019 finalized
    - February 12, 2019 City Council presentation
    - February 26, 2019 City Council presentation
    - March 12, 2019 public hearing
    - Discussion and potential vote
      - ☐ March 26, 2019 City Council or
      - ☐ April 9, 2019 City Council or
      - ☐ April 23, 2019 City Council
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# **METRA SERVICE TO KENDALL COUNTY**

**A LOOK BACK, AND A LOOK FORWARD**

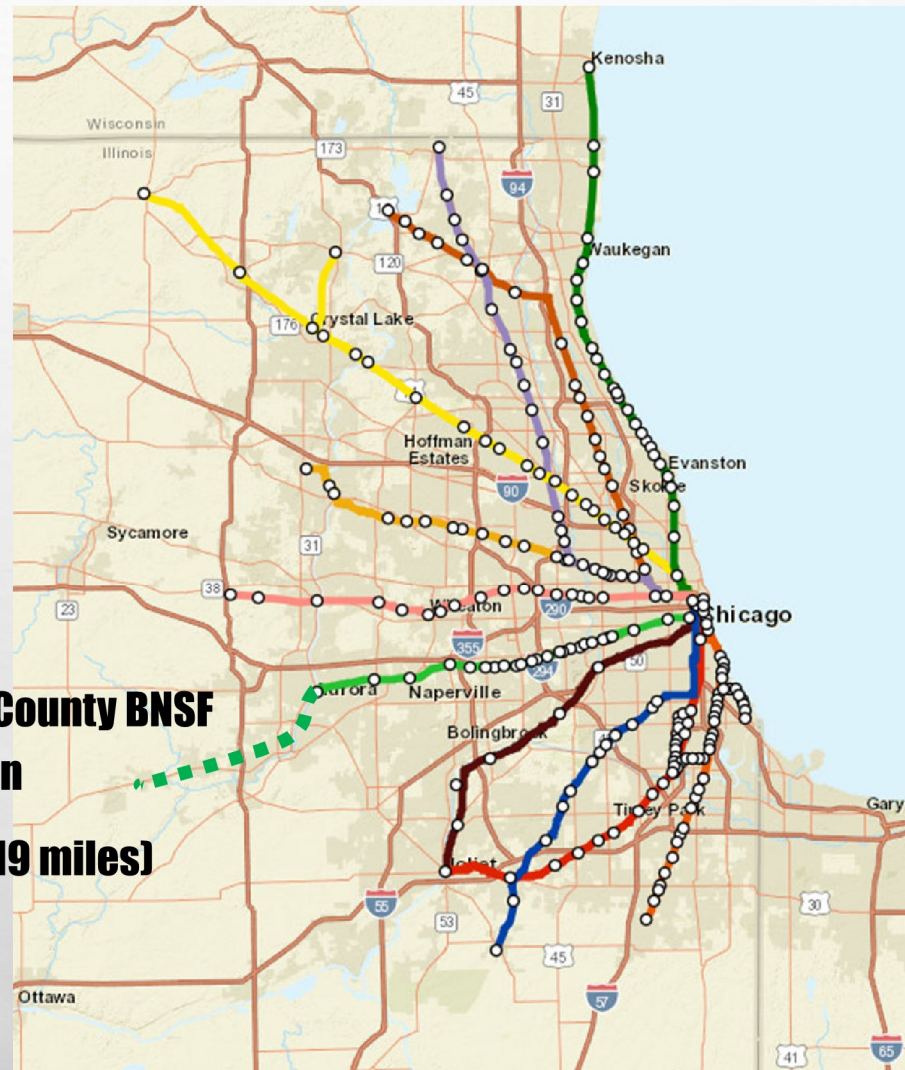
# **METRA SERVICE TO KENDALL COUNTY**

- **Project understanding**
- **Project history**
- **Latest news**
- **Next steps**



# METRA SERVICE MAP

**Kendall County BNSF  
extension  
(approx 19 miles)**



# KENDALL COUNTY BNSF EXTENSION





# PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Kendall County has experienced tremendous growth over the past two decades**
- **There is current unmet demand for Metra service**
- **Metra service would provide an economic boost to the region and draw new employers**
- **Metra service would unlock Kendall County's connection to the rest of the metro area**
- **Mass transit is a more environmentally sustainable form of transportation**

# DATA

Community	Metra Station?	Line	Distance to Loop	Population	# of Workers	# of Chicago Workers	% of Workers in Chicago
Aurora	Yes	BNSF	36 miles	197,899	77,149	8,446	10.90%
Joliet	Yes	HC, RI	33 miles	147,515	63,556	6,821	10.70%
Elgin	Yes	MD-W	35 miles	108,188	48,030	4,228	8.80%
Waukegan	Yes	UP-N	35 miles	89,078	32,137	2,246	7.00%
Oswego	No		39 miles	33,245	15,246	1,738	11.40%
Geneva	Yes	UP-W	35 miles	21,495	10,210	1,044	10.20%
Kenosha	Yes	UP-N	50 miles	99,865	43,570	989	2.30%
Montgomery	No		38 miles	19,055	9,116	856	9.40%
Grayslake	Yes	NCS	38 miles	20,957	9,864	851	8.60%
Yorkville	No		45 miles	18,436	8,610	778	9.00%
University Park	Yes	ME	30 miles	7,129	2,778	576	20.70%
Antioch	Yes	NCS	48 miles	14,342	6,633	545	8.20%
Fox Lake	Yes	MD-N	46 miles	10,434	4,772	436	9.10%
Plano	No		49 miles	11,929	5,139	387	7.50%
Elburn	Yes	UP-W	43 miles	5,594	2,664	318	11.90%
Manhattan	Yes	SWS	37 miles	7,405	3,687	272	7.40%
Harvard	Yes	UP-NW	63 miles	9,589	3,854	254	6.60%
Sandwich	No		53 miles	7,491	2,980	90	3.00%

Based on 2015 US Census Data:  
<https://onthemap.ces.census.gov>



# **HISTORY: 2000s**

- **July 6, 2000: Kendall County issues RFP for a feasibility study**
- **June 18, 2001: Phase 1 is completed, concluding that extending the BNSF line to Kendall County is feasible**
- **July 5, 2002: Phase 2 is completed, but only studied stations in Montgomery and Oswego**
- **Circa 2004: Oswego acquires future station site west of Orchard Road and opens park n' ride facility**
- **2003 – 2007: \$7.5 million in federal earmarks secured to further study the extension**

# **HISTORY: 2000s (CONT)**

- **Highlights of 2002 study (Montgomery and Oswego only):**
  - **10 one-way trips envisioned on weekdays only (5 in each direction)**
  - **Four trainsets required to be stored in a new small yard**
  - **Capital estimates for a 6-mile extension equal \$95.6 million (2002 dollars)**
  - **Annual operations/maintenance estimated at \$6.7 million**
  - **2020 ridership projection of 4,580 daily boardings (2,290 riders)**
  - **Next steps: further studies on financial feasibility, funding availability, railroad discussions, formalization of local support, etc.**

# HISTORY: 2010s

- **2010: CMAP approves *Go To 2040* plan, which includes extending BNSF service to Oswego as a fiscally un-constrained project (lower priority)**
- **February 17, 2012: Metra approves preliminary engineering and environmental assessment contracts for \$1.75 million**
- **2013-2015: Metra approves \$1.09 million in change orders, adding Yorkville yard and station sites to the studies**
- **August 26, 2015: Metra board suspends the studies to devote their resources on existing needs rather than expanding service**

# **HISTORY: 2010s**

- **2016: Oswego acquires 15-acre site north of the tracks for future station parking**
- **May 18, 2016: Metra board authorizes the restart of the studies after receiving letters of support from federal, state, and local officials**
  - **Study includes Montgomery, Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich**
- **2017: Oswego approves new strategic plan that includes bringing Metra service to Kendall County as a priority project**



# THE STUDIES

- **After nearly two years, in 2018 Metra finally receives BNSF authorization to proceed with the studies**
- **Since six total years have passed, Metra decides to cancel the 2012 studies and rebid the contracts**
- **New preliminary engineering and environmental contracts expected to be executed by the end of 2018, and the studies are expected to be complete by the end of 2019**
  - **The rfp is currently on the Metra website**

# CMAP ONTO2050 PLAN

- **Goal: Become a “Fiscally constrained” project on cmap *on to 2050* plan (high priority)**
  - **Fiscally constrained projects are eligible to receive federal transportation funds**
  - **These “major capital projects” are large and have a significant effect on the capacity of the region’s transportation system**
    - **These projects must have a detailed transportation financial plan**
    - **New capital projects are lower in priority than existing system improvements**
- **CMAP *on to 2050* plan was approved on 10/10/2018**
  - **The BNSF extension is included as a “fiscally un-constrained” (Lower priority) project**
  - **The 2050 plan can be updated after adoption, and the BNSF study could be considered at that time once the studies are complete and costs are known**

# **CMAP ON TO 2050 PLAN**

- **Oswego engaged in a public information campaign to encourage public comment on the draft cmap on to 2050 plan**
  - **Oswego, Yorkville, and Plano boards approved resolutions in support of the project**
  - **Hundreds of residents commented, resulting in CMAP adding language to the plan showing the significant public support for the project**
- **The final language of the plan reads:**
  - **“A number of extensions to Metra lines were examined for ON TO 2050 ...The most cost-effective of these projects would extend the BNSF to Oswego/Plano. Preliminary engineering on this project has begun, and it has strong support from local groups. Supportive land use planning should accompany project development, and either Kendall County or areas within the county should consider joining the RTA service area and developing a financial plan for both capital and operating costs to further the project.”**

# FUNDING

- **A key component of the studies will be financing estimates and preliminary strategy**
- **Capital dollars**
  - **Impacted communities will need to identify funding sources (state, federal, local, etc)**
  - **Depending on where the last stop will be, estimates range from \$150 million - \$300 million**
- **Operating dollars**
  - **The studies will identify operating costs and verify that each station will be financially sustainable (via ridership and fares)**



# **FUNDING STRATEGY**

- **Federal Transit Administration capital investment grant programs**
  - **\$2.3 billion available each year through 2020**
  - **“New Starts” program for projects \$100+ million**
  - **Past projects have a minimum 50% local share (\$75 - \$100 million)**
- **Local share options**
  - **State capital bill**
  - **Bonding local sales taxes**

# STATE CAPITAL BILL

- **The last major state capital bill was 2009's \$31 billion "Illinois jobs now!" bill**
  - **One of the major funding sources was video gaming**
- **Both gubernatorial platforms include a plan for a capital bill in 2019**
  - **Possible funding sources include legalizing cannabis, legalizing sports betting, and creating a mileage tax**
- **With capital bills in Illinois occurring so infrequently, the 2019 legislative session may be the only opportunity in the next decade to leverage state funds as part of our local match**

# STATE LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

- **For a chance at success, the project must be a priority for Yorkville and Kendall County communities**
- **Key to securing capital dollars will be strong and continued support from our area state legislators**
- **Staff has been talking with lobbying firms to represent our interests in Springfield should there be a state capital bill**
  - **Lobbyists help with strategy and provide a presence in Springfield while the capital bill is written**
- **Lobbying firms cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per month**
- **Other communities may also be interested in sharing the cost of a lobbyist**

# **JOINING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)**

- **The RTA oversees Metra, Pace, and the Chicago Transit Authority**
- **Kendall County is not currently a member of the RTA**
  - **Members include Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties**
- **The RTA sales tax is the primary source of revenue for the RTA system**
  - **1.25% sales tax in Cook County and 0.75% sales tax in the collar counties**
  - **In the collar counties, 0.50% sales tax goes to the RTA and 0.25% goes to the counties for transportation and public safety**
- **Ways to enter into the RTA territory:**
  - 1. “Extra-territorial authority” – the RTA can sign an agreement with another local government to allow a service extension**
  - 2. “annexation” – a county or portion thereof may annex by approval of the county, the RTA, and the majority of the electors via ballot proposition**



# NEXT STEPS

- **Bringing Metra to Oswego and Kendall County is a long and complex process where the results are not guaranteed**
- **Choosing to actively lobby for funding in the state capital bill will require strong local support and significant staff/board time and effort over the next six months and beyond – again, results are not guaranteed**
- **With the gubernatorial election a few weeks away and the 2019 state legislative session beginning in January, now is the time to decide our level of enthusiasm and support for this project**

# QUESTIONS?



# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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