

Kane County Financial Policies	Mass Transit Sales Tax
	Amended by the County Board:

MASS TRANSIT SALES TAX

1. Pursuant to Public Act 95-0708, (the “Act”) the Illinois General Assembly has authorized and the Department of Revenue will collect, in addition to other sales taxes, a ¼ cent sales tax within the County of Kane commencing April 1, 2008 (the “Mass Transit Sales Tax”) to be distributed to certain counties for the uses and purposes set forth in the Act. Section 4.03 of the Act provides that, “the County Board of each County shall use those amounts to fund operating and capital costs of public safety and public transportation services or facilities or to fund operating, capital, right-of-way, construction, and maintenance costs of other transportation purposes, including road, bridge, public safety, and transit purposes intended to improve mobility or reduce congestion in the county.”
2. It shall be the intent of the Kane County Board that the receipts from the Mass Transit Sales Tax imposed by the State of Illinois shall be allocated, expended and distributed primarily for capital improvements as hereinafter set forth. “Capital Projects”, as used in this Policy, shall mean projects which address a long-term, permanent improvement for public safety or transportation and transit purposes and which are not principally for funding ongoing or recurring expenses, maintenance or repairs. Temporary repairs and patching of roadways shall not be considered as “Capital Projects.”
3. It shall be the intent of the Kane County Board to allocate 10% of the RTA Sales Tax revenue to the General Fund to be used to fund operating costs of Public Safety.
4. It shall be the intent of the Kane County Board to establish, and there are hereby established, the following new restricted funds to receive the proceeds of the Mass Transit Sales Tax:
 - a) The Mass Transit Sales Tax/ Public Safety Fund – to be used for capital projects relating to the promotion of public safety – 9% of revenues
 - b) The Mass Transit Sales Tax/Judicial Technology Fund- to be used for capital projects relating to technology improvements for the judicial system – 6% of revenues.
 - c) The Mass Transit Sales Tax/ Transportation and Transit Fund – to be used for transportation and transit capital projects designed to reduce congestion or improve mobility within the County, which projects may include support for local innovation, coordination and enhancement activities as hereinafter provided – 75 % of revenues.

5. It shall be the intent of the County that no expenditures from the Mass Transit Sales Tax Funds be approved by the County Board for years subsequent to FY 2008 without consideration of a three-year budget model including projections of revenue and expenditures as well as the development of strategies to achieve the goals of the County, which model shall be updated on an annual basis.
6. It shall be the intent of the County to issue debt obligations based upon the actual and projected revenues from the Mass Transit Sales Tax Funds only after a cost/benefit analysis is performed consistent with sound financial management practices and taking into consideration the amounts necessary for the project or projects; the interest rate and costs of issuance of the obligations; estimated escalation of construction costs and the readiness of the project.
7. It shall be the policy of the County Board to establish, and there is hereby established, subject to specific criteria to be recommended by the Transportation Committee and approved by the County Board, a Support for Local Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement ("SLICE") Program each year, in a specific amount to be determined each year as part of the annual budget process, for assistance to municipalities or units of local governments for multi-jurisdictional or regional projects that benefit Kane County's transportation system as a whole, advance the goals and objectives identified by the County Board in its adopted Transportation Plan and/or Transit Opportunities Assessment Study. Such funds may only be used to enhance the coordination and integration of transportation systems, to improve mobility, reduce congestion, reduce the growth of vehicle miles traveled, and to implement and achieve the objectives and guidelines established annually for the SLICE Program.