



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, November 22, 2024

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607**

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Noting a physical quorum of the committee, Chair Carrier reported requests were received from DuPage Co Representative Steve Travia and Metra Representative Bryan Stepp to attend the meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. It was noted that Bryan Stepp would participate in the meeting after Metra Representative David Kralik leaves.

A motion was made by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, seconded by McHenry Co Representative Scott Hennings, to permit the virtual attendance of DuPage Co Representative Steve Travia and Metra Representative Bryan Stepp (upon David Kralik's leave). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Cook Co Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, and SEWRPC Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Not Present: DuPage Co Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative, Jeff Schriver served as CDOT Representative, Aimee Lee served as CMAP Representative, Pam Jones served as CNT Representative, Leon Rockingham served as CoM Representative, Cara Bader served as CTA Representative, Steve Travia served as DuPage Co Representative, Steve Schilke served as IDOT D1 Representative, Megan Swanson served as IDOT OP&P Representative, Jack Cruikshank served as IEPA Representative, George Khandathil served as Kane Co Representative, Heidi Lichtenberger served as Kendall Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, David Kralik (followed by Brian Stepp) served as Metra Representative, Audrey Wennink served as Metropolitan Planning Council Representative, Grace Benninger served as NIRPC Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Karyn Robles served as Tollway Representative, Christina Kupkowski served as Will Co Representative, Jon Paul Dipla served as FHWA Representative

Staff present: Erin Aleman, Jesse Altman, Victoria Barrett, Alex Beata, Nora Beck, Vas Boykovskyy, Aaron Brown, Brett Brown, John Carpenter, Karly Cazzato, Kaitlin Cernak, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Ryan Gougis, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, Tim O'Leary, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Shupe-Diggs, Mike Sobczak, Sarah Stolpe, Aspen Walters, Laura Wilkison

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Luka Bettich, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Drew Duffin, Dennis Esquivel, Travis Farmer, Mike Fricano, Brandon Geber, Henry Guerriero, Jennifer Henry, Katie Herdus, Mark Kane, Mike Klemens, John Paul Jones, Quinn Kasal, Gretchen Klock, Brian Larson, John Loper, Lee Overholser, Leslie Rauer, Ben Redding, Todd Schmidt, Erik Schroeder, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof, Marla Westervelt

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, seconded by Tollway Representative Karyn Robles, to approve the minutes for agenda items 3.01 and 3.02. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

3.01 Minutes from September 13, 2024

[24-473](#)

Attachments: [TC 09.13.24 Minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 were taken under one vote.

3.02 Minutes from October 25, 2024 special meeting

[24-474](#)

Attachments: [TC 10.25.24 special meeting minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 were taken under one vote.

4.0 CMAP Updates

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, provided an update regarding recent litigation on contract work and disadvantage business enterprises (DBEs). The result of the litigation, stemming from two firms filing lawsuits in Indiana and Kentucky, is that the US DOT is prohibited from using gender or race-based assumptions in its Disadvantaged Business Program for certain contracts. This could impact at least 23

states and potentially the entire country. The firms who had filed the lawsuit must notify the FHWA of their intent bidding on a project within five days of the project being posted. The FHWA will then notify the state's Department of Transportation of the firm's intent, and the state who will need to remove the language and repost the project for bid. This is specifically related to construction work that is federally funded. Director Aleman reported the governor is committed to maintaining the state's DBE program but there is uncertainty regarding the broad impact of this legislation.

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, requested that if there are items that the Transportation Committee members would like to bring forward in 2025, they should reach out to her or her staff. She reported CMAP participated in engagement events including the Federal Highway Administrations' annual senior leadership meeting, the Illinois Institute for Transportation Engineers luncheon, the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation, the Regional ADA Coordinators Group, and more.

The call for transportation project applications is open through December 20, 2024. CMAP facilitates four federal funding programs that fund projects aimed at reducing emissions, improving traffic congestion, enhancing regional transportation infrastructure, and supporting non-motorized transportation. Additional information can be found out CMAP's website.

Deputy Lee reported that CMAP's intergovernmental affairs staff are working on CMAP's 2025-2026 Federal and State Advocacy Agenda. The agenda is updated biannually through the lens of the ON TO 2050 Plan and the strategic direction, and it outlines CMAP's key policy priorities that can help advance the region, address challenges, seize opportunities and thrive. The agenda will be presented to the CMAP Board in January.

CMAP has recently sent out its annual contribution letters to its counties, municipalities, and transportation partners. These monies are used to support the 20% local match required to receive federal planning funds.

The agenda item was presented.

5.0 Items for Approval

5.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and administrative modifications

[24-470](#)

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend25-02](#)
[Formal TIP Amendment 25-02](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 25-02.1](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 25-02.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Programming Analyst, presented FFY 2023-2028 formal TIP amendment 25-02 and administrative TIP amendments 25-02.1 and 25-02.2. There are 149 formal amendments for the committee's consideration. Additionally, 140 administrative amendments were reviewed and approved by staff. The formal amendments resulted in an increase of \$279 million in total projects costs for all prior, current, and future years. Notable items include IDOT's awarding of 11 projects in the first round of federal national electric vehicle infrastructure (NEVI) funding, the eW2 CREATE project added \$14 million in right-of-way projects, and IDOT has added \$30 million to repair and replace 11 bridges and resurface portions of IL 53.

Administrative amendments added \$141.7 million in total costs in total projects costs for all prior, current, and future years. The TIP remains fiscally constrained. The amendments and memo were posted on November 15, 2024 for committee and public review.

A motion was made by Kendall Co Representative Heidi Lichtenberger, seconded by Metra Representative David Kralik, that FFY 2023-2028 TIP formal amendment 25-02 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

5.02 2025 Roadway Safety Targets

[24-476](#)

Attachments: [Memo-Safety Targets 2025 Final](#)

Victoria Barrett, Senior Planner, presented the 2025 roadway safety performance targets. The roadway safety performance measures are a part of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program that focuses on five traffic safety performance measure targets mandated since 2018. Senior Planner Barrett reported that CMAP must adopt the state's targets or adopt regional targets on an annual basis. She reviewed the process for roadway safety targets, noting that the process begins with IDOT sharing its statewide roadway safety targets.

Senior Planner Barrett reported that the targets set by IDOT for 2025 are based on a five-year rolling average of the most recent data available, in this case most recent data uses 2022's five-year rolling average. When the five-year trend reflects an increase, IDOT's sets a target of a 2% reduction in the number of fatalities. While fatalities decreased in 2021 and 2022, the five-year rolling average reflects an upward trend.

Senior Planner Barrett reviewed statistics on the five, traffic safety performance measure targets: 1) annual rate of fatalities, 2) fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), 3) serious injuries, 4) rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and 5) non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

(Metra Representative David Kralik left the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Brian Stepp served as Metra Representative this point forward of the meeting.)

Senior Planner reported CMAP is working on creating regional targets but wants to ensure that it has a data driven methodology that is informed by a plan of action. CMAP intends to align its regional targets with the timing of the regional transportation plan. At this time, staff requests support of the targets as set forth by IDOT.

A motion was made by RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead, seconded by Tollway Representative Karyn Robles, to approve the 2025 Roadway Safety Targets and to send them to the MPO Policy Committee for consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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6.0 Information Items

6.01 Congestion Management Strategy update

[24-475](#)

Attachments: [4.X Congestion Management Strategy Memo 2024-11-15](#)

Noah Harris, Analyst, provided a presentation on the congestion management strategy (CMS). The CMS is the current initiative to comprehensively update the congestion management process (CMP), a federally required planning activity. The CMP is meant to be an on-going activity and is a federally regulated component of regional transportation planning for populations over 200,000. The FHWA defines the CMP as a systematic and regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion that provides information on system performance and assesses strategies to meet state and local needs.

Federal regulations for the CMP identify specific connections to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The CMP should be informed by and aligned with all of CMAP's regional transportation planning goals. While the CMP is most directly related to the RTP's preliminary goal of increasing mobility and accessibility, it also has connections to many of the other RTP goals.

Analyst Harris reviewed the eight steps to assess system performance and strategies as outlined in the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Management Process: A Guidebook. CMAP created a resource group to guide the comprehensive update, addressing both technical and policy perspectives. The CMP network is comprised of the seven-county metropolitan planning area and system components. CMAP's preliminary objectives and measures were reviewed and next steps clarified. Analyst Harris reported on peer examples.

CMAP has two deliverables: one is the creation of a CMP guidebook that identifies strategy types that align with CMP objectives and RTP goals, and provides guidance in identifying, applying and evaluating strategies. The second deliverable is the creation of a comprehensive corridor study template that will serve as a framework for regional collaboration, give emphasis on multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency coordination and provide guidance to plan for and implement identified strategies.

Analyst Harris reviewed the timeline, reporting that it will seek feedback from the committee in the

new year. Discussion ensued regarding the efforts that have been made to improve mobility for all users and the next steps.

The Congestion Management Strategy update was presented.

6.02 Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan

[24-477](#)

Attachments: [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan Memo 11.5.2024](#)

Kate Evasic, Senior Planner, provided an update on the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan. The goal of the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan is to identify opportunities to improve the resilience of the transportation network to extreme weather and climate change. Developing the plan will aid in building a more resilient transportation system and communities that are better equipped to withstand existing and future weather conditions. It was also meet the requirements identified in the FHWA's PROTECT program requirements which will position the region to compete for PROTECT funds and other resilience grants.

Senior Planner Evasic reported the transportation network includes the physical infrastructure, service operations, and the user experience. The plan seeks to increase resilience by identifying and prioritizing major vulnerable transportation assets, identifying and prioritizing infrastructures investments to build resilience and reduce climate risks, propose equitable and inclusive resilience investments, and inform transportation planning and decision making.

Senior Planner Evasic reviewed the timeline and efforts that began in February 2023. The finalized vulnerability assessment revealed that flooding poses the biggest threat with current and future impacts to all aspects of the transportation system, service operations, and users and the most urban areas have the highest risk of floods. Extreme heat is also on the rise and it is projects that the number of days over 95 degrees will increase from 2 days to 18 days per year by the year 2050. Not all transit riders are equally affected by the heat with users in the urban areas experiencing more vulnerability than non-urbanized areas.

Data on the region's risk-based vulnerability assessment is available online. The results will be used in the TRIP investment plan, funding applications, project selection, long-range planning efforts, and local planning efforts. Senior Planner Evasic reviewed next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding how regional trails can be more resilient and whether green infrastructure projects may be considered in the future.

The Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan was presented.

6.03 2025 Draft Committee Meeting Dates

[24-471](#)

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)DraftMeetingDates2025](#)

Chair Carrier presented the 2025 draft committee dates. Formal consideration will be made at the next meeting.

7.0 Other Business

Pace Representative Erik Llewellyn reported Pace is beginning the next phase of its Network Restructuring Project ReVision. Feedback is being sought on its concepts through surveys and open houses.

8.0 Public Comment

John Paul Jones, Sustainable Englewood Initiatives, remarked on the need to address the number of traffic fatalities and improve traffic safety in his community. Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, expressed concern that there are no addresses at some Metra and Amtrak stations making it difficult to schedule paratransit services.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2024

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by EPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by Tollway Representative Karen Robles, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider