

PART STEERING COMMITTEE**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:00 AM

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1.0 Call To Order

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Staff present: Sema Abulhab, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, John Carpenter, Daniel Comeaux, Gilton Cross, Stephen DiBenedetto, Kasia Hart, Tricia Hyland, Aimee Lee, Amy McEwan, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Mertin, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, and Alonzo Zamarron

Others present (in person/online): Zachary Braun, Anthony Cefali, Lara Cuomo, Bob Dean, Representative Eva-Dina Delgado, Jesse Elam, Minerva Garcia, James Garner, Donovan Griffith, Veton Hasku, Tom Kotarac, David Kralik, Jeremy LaMarche, Jill Leary, Erik Llewellyn, Rohan Mascarenhas, Marco Mendez, John Noak, Philip Plotch, Robert Puentes, Stephanie Sarabia, Rebekah Scheinfeld, Garret Schrode, David Tomzik, Senator Ram Villivalam, Audrey Wennink, and Kyle Whitehead

2.0 New Business

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, offered a welcome and gave a brief presentation discussing the importance of investing in transit to promote mobility, economic development, and climate goals, and provided a brief overview of the existing conditions of the transit fiscal picture.

Senator Ram Villivalam and Representative Eva-Dina Delgado provided a welcome to steering committee members, encouraging bold action to advance a more equitable, people-centered transit system.

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, CMAP, provided a background of the legislative mandate, previous strategic transit work, and the roles and responsibilities of CMAP and the steering committee. She also discussed the structure of the report content and principles to guide the recommendations.

2.1 The System We Want

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Jacky Grimshaw, Vice President of Government Affairs at the Center for Neighborhood Technology and Amy Rynell, Active Transportation Alliance Executive Director, offered welcoming remarks as steering committee members consider the system we want topic.

Daniel Comeaux, Senior Analyst, CMAP, introduced the scope of the *system we want* topic and themes to be addressed. This included an overview of the COVID-related changes in travel patterns and response from transit service providers.

Upon reflecting on the proposed scope, steering committee members discussed the nature of the resurgence of vehicular congestion to pre-pandemic levels, the relationships between telework and housing typologies, and how the group will consider macro-economic trends in envisioning the system we want.

2.2 How to Pay for It

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Derek Douglas, President of the Civic Committee and the Commercial Club of Chicago and Dan Cronin, former DuPage County Board Chair, offered some remarks for steering committee members to consider with respect to how to pay for the system we want and how to achieve a high quality, efficient, affordable transit system.

Bill Barnes, Interim Regional Policy and Implementation Deputy, CMAP, provided an overview of the scope of the *how to pay for it* elements of the work. This included an overview of the current financial landscape, the limited nature of federal funds, and the scope of revenue reforms to be considered.

Steering committee members discussed how to apply an equity lens to these recommendations, opportunities to explore national and international case studies, and offered considerations for local revenues.

2.3 How to Implement It

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Randy Blankenhorn, former IDOT Secretary, and Carole Brown, chief executive of the Asset Management Group for PNC Financial Services Group, discussed some considerations on to how to implement changes.

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, CMAP, provided an overview of the existing transit governance structure and previous action that has been taken on this topic.

Rob Puentes, President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation, explained Eno's role in assessing the transit system's current governance structure and potentials for reform.

Steering committee members discussed how to coordinate recommendations, geographic considerations for the recommendations, and how to think about transit's intersections with economic development, public health, and climate.

3.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Dan Cronin to adjourn, seconded by Derek Douglas. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.