

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Friday, November 18, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Present: Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, IDOT-D1 Representative, IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Jessica Hector-Hsu (Chair) served as representative to RTA; Kevin Carrier (Vice-Chair) served as representative to Lake County; Joe Schofer served as representative to Academic Research; Bill Higgins served as representative to CDOT; Doug Ferguson served as representative to CMAP; Leon Rockingham served as representative to CoM; Heidy Persaud served as representative to CNT; Tara Orbon served as representative to Cook Co; Leah Mooney served as representative to CTA; Chris Snyder served as representative to DuPage Co; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Doug Delille served as representative to IDOT OP&P; Jackie Forbes served as representative to Kane Co; Heidi Lichtenberger served as representative to Kendall Co; Jon Paul Diipla served as representative to McHenry; Lynnette Ciavarella served as representative to Metra; Audrey Wennink served as representative to MPC; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Chris Heibert served as representative to SEWRPC; Rocco Zucchero served as representative to Tollway; Christina Kupkowski served as representative to Will Co

Staff Present: Laurent Ahiablame, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Michael Collins, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Phoebe Downey, Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Tricia Hyland, Leroy Kos, Aimee Lee, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Martin Menninger, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Cole Neder, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkinson

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Christina Bader, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, Eva De Laurentiis, Dan Goelz, Henry Guerriero, Scott Hennings, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Michael Klemens,

David Kralik, John Loper, Cindy MacDonald, Daniel Maziarz, Melissa Meyer, Adam Miliszewski, Edward Paesel, Ellen Partridge, Kelsey Passi, Leslie Phemister, Lauren Platt, David Powe, Chad Riddle, Steven Schilke, Brian Schumacher, Gordon Smith, Brain Stepp, Robert 'Mike' Sullivan, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Michael Vanderhoof, Jazmin Vega, Seema Wadia, Kyle Whitehead, Grant Wingo

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

[22-556](#)

There were no changes to the agenda.

2.02 Executive Director's Announcements

[22-544](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Aimee Lee, CMAP's new Deputy of Transportation, updated the committee on the CMAP agency and Board activities. On the agenda will be the Transportation Committee subcommittees and working groups advisory group which has the goal to position the region to be competitive for funding and create a consensus plan early in the next year. There are two key initiatives discussed today. First is the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) which will involve key stakeholders working to develop a regional transit report by 2024. Next is the Safe Streets for All (STAR) program which will provide technical assistance to county partners for safety action plans. CMAP is accepting nominations for its 2023 Regional Excellence Awards until December 16, 2022.

The agenda item was discussed.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2022

[22-542](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(DraftMinutes\)09-16-2022](#)

A motion was made by CoM Representative, seconded by Metra Representative, that the draft minutes from September 16, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, IDOT-D1 Representative, IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

4.0 New Business

4.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications

[22-543](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 23-03 was published to the eTIP web site on November 10, 2022 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 23-03 and administrative amendments 23-03.1 and 23-03.2 are included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval

of TIP Amendment 23-03.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-03](#)
[Formal Amendment 23-03](#)
[Administrative Amendment 23-03.1](#)
[Administrative Amendment 23-03.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, provided an overview of the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program amendments- including 109 TIP formal changes and 108 administrative amendments. Audrey Wennink of the Metropolitan Planning Council asked specifically about widening of Lake-Cook Road. She expressed concern regarding safety given the location near a hospital and park district and the potential for pedestrians in this area. Tara Orbon, Cook County, addressed that this is the most heavily traveled road within the county system. A confluence of factors was considered and although widening is a method of last resort, it was deemed necessary to relieve congestion.

A motion was made by IDOT - OIPI Representative, seconded by Cook Co Representative, that the TIP Amendment 23-03 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, IDOT-D1 Representative, IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

4.02 Recommendations for Transportation Subcommittees and Working Groups

[22-537](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: At the MPO Policy Committee meeting in June, Chairman Osman directed the Transportation Committee and CMAP staff to form an advisory group to develop recommendations related to subcommittees and working groups and IJIA implementation. The advisory group met several times and have produced the recommendations in the attached memo. Staff will present the memo to the committee and lead a discussion on the recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Attachments: [Recommendations for Transportation Subcommittees and Working Groups Memo](#)

Alex Ensign, CMAP, shared the recommendations from the advisory group on the Transportation subcommittees and working groups and IJIA implementation. The group reviewed the committee's structure for efficiency and effectiveness and proposed restructuring based on a national scan of other MPOs. Recommendations included standardizing committee bylaws, documenting membership for each committee, standardizing project selection processes for each committee and working group, and creating a regular reporting cadence for CMAP to share the activities for the various bodies. Specific recommendations were made for additional meeting time and the inclusion of working groups/task forces. Regional partners would be encouraged to provide input and feedback with regularity.

The agenda item was discussed.

4.03 Mobility Recovery and ILGA Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update

[22-560](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Presentation on the agency's Mobility Recovery initiative, including a preview of the project's final recommendations and a review of CMAP's ongoing work to prepare for the development of the transit system report required by the Illinois General Assembly. The presentation will include an overview of potential opportunities for members of CMAP's working committees to engage in the report development process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Attachments: [Mobility Recovery and the ILGA report Nov 4 FINAL](#)

Laura Wilkinson, CMAP, provided an update on the mobility recovery work and reviewed the ongoing work to prepare for the transit system report. The work done in the RTA strategic plan will be leveraged for this assessment. Wilkinson included that the project timeline has recommendations submitted to legislature by January 1, 2024. The steering committee will tackle varied subjects including identifying the system we want, how we will pay for it, and how we can implement this vision. The Transportation Committee will review and provide input to research, supporting materials, draft recommendations, along with other agencies. The next step will be to finalize committee membership and external assistance.

The agenda item was discussed.

4.04 Overview of Safe and Complete Street Program

[22-558](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will update the committee on the 5-yr program area and the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application status.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Lindsay Bayley, CMAP, gave an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant application and the safe and complete streets 5-year program area. Bayley emphasized that bold action is required to reverse trends, as regional traffic fatalities have gone way up. The Safe Travel for All Roadmap will implement safety action plans, normalize use of complete street standards, increase safety and connectedness of bike/ped networks.

The agenda item was discussed.

5.0 Legislative Updates

Staff will provide an update on relevant federal and state legislative activities.

Laura Wilkinson, CMAP, updated the committee on the federal and state legislative activities. There are new congressional members in the region and CMAP staff will be reaching out to establish contact. DuPage county passed a referendum to build up a network of public electric vehicle charging stations.

The agenda item was discussed.

6.0 Other Business

Leah Mooney of the CTA added that a measure was introduced to the Chicago City Council with 5 ordinances for the establishment of a TIF district to fund the red line extension project.

7.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

David Powe of the Active Transportation Alliance expressed concern that Cook County is prioritizing the movement of capital and cars, which leads to higher risk for the most vulnerable residents. This concern involves both safety and climate. Powe noted that cars put out 80% emissions and drive climate change.

Garland Armstrong, former resident of Northeastern Illinois, commented that the emphasis on ADA is promising, and hopes to see more in-person meetings to accommodate populations with disabilities with a sign language interpreter. Systems must work for the disability communities and meetings must be more accessible.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 16, 2022.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by DuPage Co Representative, seconded by Lake Co Representative, that the meeting be adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29am.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Stolpe