



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

1:30 PM

**Marquee Conference Room
Old Post Office
433 West Van Buren Street, 2nd FL
Chicago, IL 60607**

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board

Chair Bennett called the meeting of the CMAP Board to order at 1:37 p.m.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh, and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian, and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee

Chair Osman called the meeting of the MPO Policy Committee to order at 1:39 p.m.

Present: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Secretary Omer Osman served as IDOT representative; Vignesh Krishnamurthy served as CDOT representative, Frank Beal served as CMAP Representative 1, President Matt Brolley served as CMAP Representative 2, Dorval Carter served as CTA Representative, President Toni Preckwinkle served as Cook County Representative, Mayor Jeffrey Schielke served as Council of Mayors Representative, Chair Deborah Conroy served as DuPage County Representative, David Snyder served as FHWA Representative, Cassaundra Rouse served as Illinois Tollway Representative, Tom Rickert followed by Chair Corinne Pierog served as Kane County Representative, Chair Sandy Hart served as Lake County Representative, Chair Michael Buehler served as McHenry County Representative, Jim Derwinski served as Metra Representative, Richard Kwasneski served as Pace Representative, Leanne Redden served as RTA Representative, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant served as Will County Executive, and Thomas Evenson served as Class I Railroads Representative

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

MPO Policy Committee

Chair Osman welcomed Thomas Evenson, Union Pacific Railroad, who is serving in an advisory capacity, representing Class I Railroads.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.02 Joint meeting minutes from September 13, 2023

[23-446](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board - MPO Policy 09.13.23 Minutes](#)

CMAP Board

A motion was made by Member Frank Beal, seconded by Member Carolyn Schofield, to approve the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Council of Mayors Representatives Jeffrey Schielke, seconded by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, to approve the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

4.0 CMAP Announcements

4.01 Executive director's report

[23-426](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that the agenda includes a request for approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee of the FFY 2024-2028 STP-Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement, Carbon Reduction and local Transportation Alternatives program funds, totaling \$593 million in federal transportation funds for 66 transportation projects. The investments include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, bridges, emissions reduction, highway, and transit projects. Program funds include: \$375 million for transit investments, \$117.8 million for highway investments, and \$100.6 million for non-motorized investments.

Executive Director Aleman reported that after a 10-month process of developing recommendations for the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART), staff is ready to forward the report to the General Assembly, provided the Board and MPO Policy Committee approve the agenda item. She thanked staff and all of the partners who worked in developing the report.

The executive director's report was received and filed.

4.02 CMAP Board report

[23-427](#)

RTA Representative Leanne Redden reported that at its June 14, 2023 meeting, the CMAP Board met and approved the 2023-2027 ONTO 2050 Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment. The CMAP region is a non-attainment area for ozone standards and is required to demonstrate that its long-range plan and the TIP conform to the emission budget for the region. The Board discussed possible amendments to its bylaws, received a legislative update at its federal and state levels and received an update on the on-going work related to the PART report.

RTA Representative Leanne Redden noted that the MPO Policy Committee held a special meeting with the CMAP Board in September.

The CMAP Board report was received and filed.

4.03 Council of Mayors' report

[23-428](#)

Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke noted that the Council of Mayors have not recently met but conversations have previously occurred regarding the work of PART.

(MPO Policy Committee - Kane County Chair Corinne Pierog arrived at 1:50 p.m., replacing TomRickert as Kane County Representative.)

(CMAP Board/MPO Policy Committee - President Matt Brolley arrived at 1:50 p.m. to serve as representative of the CMAP Board and as the CMAP Board Representative 2 of the MPO Policy Committee.)

The Council of Mayors' report was received and filed.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Approval of the Group Vote

CMAP Board

A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Karen Darch, to approve agenda items 5.01 through 5.08 under one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

5.01 Authorization to enter into a four-year agreement to support the Regional Climate Action Plan in cooperation with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) to create a regional comprehensive climate action plan for the Chicago Metropolitan Statistical Area for a not-to-exceed amount of \$542,156

[23-392](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board - Climate](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

5.02 Authorization to enter into an agreement and contract amendment with Arctic Information Technology, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,633,642 for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

[23-429](#)

Attachments: [Arctic Information Technology memo](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

5.03 Authorization to enter into a contract for the purchase of information technology hardware, software and services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$565,000

[23-430](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - IT Equipment FY24](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

- 5.04 Authorization to enter into contracts with up to six consultants for a 24-month term for RFP 287, Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Countywide Safety Action Plans (SAPs), for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,700,000** [23-434](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - RFP 287 SS4A Countywide Safety Action Plan](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

- 5.05 Authorization to enter into a contract for a 24-month term for RFP 288, Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Regionwide Engagement and Equity Campaign, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000** [23-433](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - RFP 288 SS4A Regionwide Engagement and Equity Campaign](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

- 5.06 Authorization to enter into a contract with Consolidated Flooring, in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,550, for fourth floor Old Postmaster Suite hallway floor coverings** [23-435](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - Consolidated Flooring cost increase 10.2023](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

- 5.07 Authorization to enter into a contract and cost increase with Henricksen in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,400 for fifth floor office furniture** [23-436](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - Henricksen cost increase 10.3.23](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

- 5.08 Authorization to enter into a one-year contract with NearMap for aerial photography in an amount of \$52,000** [23-437](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board Memo - NearMap](#)

This agenda item was approved under one vote.

Approval of Minutes Continued

- 3.01 Approval of the MPO Policy Committee June 8, 2023 meeting minutes** [23-424](#)

Attachments: [MPO Policy 06.08.23 Minutes](#)

It was noted that this agenda item had been missed earlier in the meeting.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Will County Representative Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant, seconded by Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke, to approve the June 8, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.0 Other Items for Approval

6.01 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chair

[23-432](#)

Attachments: [Election of Vice Chair - MPO Policy Committee 9.27.23](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that the MPO's bylaws require the Chair to annually appoint a subcommittee in June to review candidates for the election of the Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for the following calendar year. In October 2022, Jennifer Sis Killen was appointed to serve as the Vice-Chair for calendar year 2023.

The MPO Policy Nominating Subcommittee, comprised of Frank Beal representing the regional planning agency, Michael Connelly representing public transportation, Jeffrey Schielke representing municipal government, Tom Rickert representing counties, and Vig Krishnamurthy representing highway or roads transportation, met on September 13 and have recommended that Jennifer "Sis" Killen be reappointed to a second term in 2024.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke, seconded by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, to elect Jennifer "Sis" Killen to serve as Vice-Chair in 2024. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.02 Approval of the MPO Policy Committee meeting schedule for 2024

[23-425](#)

Attachments: [2024 MPO Policy Meeting Schedule](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that the MPO Policy Committee has historically met at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the months of January, March, and June and on the second Wednesday of October for its joint meeting with the CMAP Board. The proposed schedule for 2024 is January 11, March 14, June 13, and October 9, 2024.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Cook County Representative Toni Preckwinkle, seconded by Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke, to approve the MPO Policy meeting schedule for 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.03 Approval of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 - 2028 Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund (STP-SF), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) Programs

[23-419](#)

Attachments: [Board-MPO\(Memo\)STP-CMAP-CRP-TAP Approval10-11-231 FFY24-28 CMAQ/CRP Program](#)
[FFY24-28 STP-SF Program](#)
[FFY24-28 TAP-L Program](#)
[CMAQ/CRP TIP Amendment 24-01.1](#)
[STP-SF TIP Amendment 24-01.2](#)
[TAP-L TIP Amendment 24-01.3](#)

Doug Ferguson, Senior Analyst, reported that the proposed FFY 2024 - 2028 STP-SF, CMAQ Improvement Program, CRP, and TAP-L regional transportation funding programs include 66 projects that were selected from 129 applications that were received in response to a joint call issued in January. The draft programs were available for public comment from July 13 to August 11 and one comment was received in support of the CMAQ and CRP programs. No comments were made to the draft programs. The draft programs were incorporated into TIP Amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2 and 24-01.3 and the Transportation Committee approved the TIP amendments and have recommended that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approve them.

CMAP Board

A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Karen Darch, to approve the FFY 2024-2028 STP-SF, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Programs and corresponding TIP Amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2, 24-01.3. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: Matthew Brolley

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Cook County Representative Toni Preckwinkle, seconded by RTA Representative

Leanne Redden, to approve the FFY 2024-2028 STP-SF, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Programs and corresponding TIP Amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2, 24-01.3. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.04 CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee resolution submitting Plan of Action for Regional Transit pursuant to Illinois Public Act 102-1028

[23-431](#)

Attachments: [PART Webpage](#)
[Plan of Action for Regional Transit](#)
[Resolution - October Board MPO](#)
[Change log](#)
[Formal comments on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit](#)

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, presented the proposed Plan of Action for Regional Transit report. Attachments for this agenda item included a revised resolution and written comments and a change log. She reviewed the process that staff used to develop the report. Daniel Comeaux, Senior Analyst, provided an overview of the recommendations in the PART report, noting that additional context was included in the report based on feedback received from the public and stakeholders.

Discussion ensued regarding the governance-related (option two) nomenclature.

CMAP Board

A motion was made by CMAP Board Member Diane Williams, seconded by CMAP Board Member Frank Beal, to approve a resolution to submit the Plan of Action for Regional Transit pursuant to IL Public Act 102-1028.

CMAP Board Member Karen Darch commented on transit land use. She indicated that the report and the white papers that were created did not account for the 5.5 million people who use a personal vehicle to access transit and that CMAP must support this use in its long-range comprehensive plan. Member Darch also commented on option two's governance structure, indicating that the state must have a greater voice in a regional transit agency because it appropriates funding. She also commented that the members of the governance board of this regional entity in option two should represent the population it serves.

Member Nancy Rotering reported that many people who live away from the city do so because it is affordable and expressed concern that some of the recommendations would put a greater burden on these residents. She clarified that there are transit deserts in the collar counties that impact the use of public transportation throughout the region.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Lake County Representative Sandy Hart, seconded by Kane County Representative Corinne Pierog, to approve a resolution to submit the Plan of Action for Regional Transit pursuant to IL Public Act 102-1028.

CMAP Board

A motion was made by Member Karen Darch, seconded by Member Gary Grasso, to amend the resolution, to read “Now, therefore be it resolved, that as required by the Act, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee hereby authorize submission of the Plan of Action for Regional Transit to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2024.” This language would remove the language “for their consideration of the recommendations contained therein.”

Discussion ensued regarding the amended language.

Member Karen Darch amended her motion, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, for the last line of the resolution to read “*Now, therefore be it resolved that as required by the Act, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee hereby authorize submission of the Plan of Action for Regional Transit to the Governor and General Assembly for their consideration of the options contained therein by January 1, 2024.*” The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke, seconded by CMAP Board Representative 2 Matt Brolley, to amend the last line of the resolution to read “*Now, therefore be it resolved that as required by the Act, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee hereby authorize submission of the Plan of Action for Regional Transit to the Governor and General Assembly for their consideration of the options contained therein by January 1, 2024.*” The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook County Representative, Council of Mayors Representative, DuPage County Representative, Illinois Tollway Representative, Kane County Representative, Lake County Representative, McHenry County Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative

Nay: Will County Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, Class I Railroads Representative

Absent: Kendall County Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

CMAP Board

A motion was made by CMAP Board Member Diane Williams, seconded by CMAP Board Member Frank Beal, to approve the resolution submitting the Plan of Action for Regional Transit, as amended. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John

Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, seconded by DuPage County Representative Deborah Conroy, to approve the resolution submitting the Plan of Action for Regional Transit, as amended. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative and RTA Representative

Nay: Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

7.0 Information Items

There were no informational items.

8.0 Other Business

CMAP Board Member John Noak commended Chair Bennett in bringing together the Board and MPO Policy Members to approve the submission of the Plan of Action for Regional Transit.

9.0 Public Comment

Two written comments were received. The first was received from Anton L Seals, Executive Director, of Grow Greater Englewood, a food and land sovereignty organization working to improve health conditions and introduce social enterprises for the betterment of the community. Anton Seals expressed support for agenda items 5.03, 5.05, 6.03, and 6.04 and commented that the CMAP Transportation and Programming approach is moving in the right direction.

The second written comment was received from John Paul Jones, President of Sustainable Englewood Initiatives, a local advocacy agency working on transportation planning, environment remediation, community greening initiatives, civic engagement practices, socioeconomic solutions and land use and zoning. John Paul Jones thanked staff for revisiting the Safe Streets for All programming, civic engagement through the lens of equity and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) L spending support for the Englewood Nature Trail.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for November 8, 2023.

The next meeting of the MPO Policy Committee is scheduled for January 11, 2024.

11.0 Adjournment

CMAP Board

A motion was made by Member Richard Reinbold, seconded by Member John Noak, to adjourn the CMAP Board Meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Stefan Schaffer, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

The CMAP Board meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by Cook County Representative Toni Preckwinkle, seconded by Lake County Representative Sandy Hart, to adjourn the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Kendall Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

The MPO Policy Committee was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider