

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, December 16, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Jessica Hector-Hsu called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and reminded the members that the meeting is being recorded. She requested that Lindsay Bayley call the roll.

- Present:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative
- Absent:** CNT Representative, IEPA Representative, MPC Representative, and NIRPC Representative
- Non-Voting:** 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 1; P.S. Sriraj served as representative to Academic Research 2; Bill Higgins served as representative to CDOT; Doug Ferguson served as representative to CMAP; Leon Rockingham served as representative to CoM; Tara Orbon served as representative to Cook Co; Leah Mooney served as representative to CTA; Chris Snyder served as representative to DuPage Co; Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT-D1; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Brandon Geber served as representative to IDOT OP&P; John Donovan served as representative to FHWA; Tony Greep served as representative to FTA; 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; 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, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Julie Burros, Karly Cazzato, Michael Collins, Stephen Di Benedetto, Ryan Ehlike, Alex Ensign, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Ethan Jantz, Leroy Kos, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Arthur Nicholas, Stephanie Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah

Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkinson

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Noel Basquin, Mitch Bright, Michael Callaghan, Erik Cempel, Kaci Crowley, Peter Fahrenwald, Michael Fricano, Aaron Grosskopf, Henry Guerriero, Robert Israel, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Michael Klemens, David Kralik, Jack Malec, Daniel Maziarz, Melissa Meyer, Adam Miliszewski, Leslie Phemister, Lauren Platt, Jada Porter, Jeremy Safran, Brian Schaumacher, Vicky Smith, Brian Stepp, Joe Surdam, Micahel Vanderhoof, Jazmin Vega, Bill Wetzels, Kyle Whitehead, Chad Riddle, David Tomzik

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

[22-581](#)

Item 4.04 on the agenda was updated to be an informational item only.

2.02 Executive Director's Announcements

[22-582](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP Executive Director, Erin Aleman, provided the committee with an update on the federal budget- noting that CMAP will be monitoring progress on a full-year appropriations bill and possible short-term extensions. The UWP budget was approved by the UWP Committee, which will come to the Transportation Committee in February with final approval in March by MPO Policy Committee. CMAP staff is working on a priority infrastructure list to be ready early next year with 15 transformational projects already identified. The Carbon Reduction Program, established as part of IJIA, has been suballocated to CMAP for the programming of these funds. Carbon Reduction funds will be integrated into the next CMAQ call for projects. CMAP's Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) will have a steering committee launched in February. On the annual highway safety targets- the STAR program will provide technical assistance for county safety action plans, awaiting grant announcement. The 2022 Call for Local Technical Assistance Program resulted in the greatest number of applications for bike/ped plans, pavement management plans, and grant readiness.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Meeting Minutes - November 18, 2022

[22-583](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(DraftMinutes\)11-18-2022](#)

A motion was made by CoM Representative, seconded by CTA Representative, that the draft minutes from November 18, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: CNT Representative, IEPA Representative, MPC Representative, and NIRPC Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Not Present: Academic Research Representative 2

4.0 New Business

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

[22-584](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 23-05 was published to the eTIP web site on December 8, 2022 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 23-05 and administrative amendment 23-05.1 is included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval of TIP Amendment 23-05.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-05](#)
[TIP Amendment 23-05](#)
[TIP Administrative Amendment 23-05.1](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, shared the TIP amendment memo detailing 43 TIP formal changes (23-05) and 97 administrative TIP changes (23-05.1). 8 formal changes from CTA account for most increases in funds to support capital investments. A total net change of \$114.3 million was added to the TIP. Leah Mooney, CTA, added that there are several different things within the amendment that reflect an increase in transit funding- including bus electrification and bolstering the work force. CTA's local TIF funding include accessibility, modernization, and reconstruction projects.

A motion was made by Kane Co Representative, seconded by Lake Co Representative, that TIP amendment 23-05 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: CNT Representative, IEPA Representative, MPC Representative, and NIRPC Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Not Present: Academic Research Representative 2

4.02 ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment Memo

[22-588](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment 23-04 was released for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing the conformity amendment is included in the meeting materials.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [ON TO 2050 2023-2027 TIP Conformity Memo](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, shared with the committee that, as indicated in the TIP Amendment 23-04, the CMAP region is a non-attainment area for ozone and the region is required to demonstrate that projects conform to motor vehicle emissions budget. The public comment on the conformity memo is

set to close on December 18th.

The agenda item was presented.

4.03 Roadway Safety Performance Targets for 2023

[22-590](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Under federal law, State departments of transportation and MPOs are required to establish quantitative highway safety performance targets on an annual basis and use a set of performance measures to track progress toward the long-term goal of eliminating traffic related fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Staff will summarize the proposed 2023 highway safety targets and requests the committee approve recommending the targets to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Board MPO SafetyTargets 2023](#)

Todd Schmidt, CMAP, recommended supporting IDOT's 2023 roadway safety targets, noting that CMAP has adopted the state's targets for the last 5 years. The FHWA assessment of state progress in 2022 revealed that IDOT met or made significant progress on 3/5 of the targets. Yet, the number of fatalities has been increasing at an alarming rate. CMAP has several ongoing safety related initiatives and will continue to track and publicly report regional safety performance measures and targets. Jessica Hector-Hsu, RTA, added that the observed fatalities and injuries coincided with a reduction in transit use. The committee agreed that there are many approaches to safety including projects, enforcement, and education. Committee members agreed the goal should be to meet or exceed the targets set by IDOT.

A motion was made by Tollway Representative, seconded by CoM Representative, that the 2023 roadway safety targets be approved and referred to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: CNT Representative, IEPA Representative, MPC Representative, and NIRPC Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Not Present: DuPage Co Representative, and Pace Representative

4.04 Recommendations for Transportation Subcommittees and Working Groups

[22-589](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: At the November 2022 Transportation Committee meeting, CMAP staff presented research and recommendations for project selection subcommittees and working groups that report to the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee discussed the potential benefits and burdens of the proposed recommendations, and requested further research and discussion on the matter. CMAP staff will present on and seek approval of revised recommendations that incorporate Committee feedback and a timeline of next steps.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [12.9.22 Memo - Revised proposal for Transportation subcommittees and working groups](#)

Alex Ensign, CMAP, shared progress on Transportation Subcommittees and Working Groups and detailed a revised proposal. It is suggested that a two-phase approach is used. The goal is to facilitate peer exchanges in the first half of next year to understand best practices. The first phase will entail a convening of the working group and adding a standing item to committee agendas to provide updates on activities and deliverables. In addition, there will be a review of current and missing by-laws of all committees and subcommittees and improvements to the UWP Committee proposal templates. Phase 2 will be a deeper dive into what has been learned and generated, with detailed proposals presented to the committee.

The agenda item was continued.

4.05 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update

[22-587](#)

PURPOSE: Update of CMAP's ongoing work to develop a transit system report, the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART), required by the Illinois General Assembly. The presentation will include an update on Steering Committee membership and a review of CMAP's planned engagement and outreach strategies.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Laura Wilkinson, CMAP, presented updated on the PART initiative. The co-chairs of the steering committee have been selected. The report content will include a gathering of best practices and existing materials, leveraging RTA's Strategic Plan work. Strategies will be identified for increasing ridership and improve user experiences. There will also be an evaluation of revenue sources, cost reduction levers, and governance structure. A public survey will be going out in January, as well as focus groups and stakeholder meetings.

The agenda item was presented.

4.06 2023 Committee Meeting Dates

[22-585](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Proposed meeting dates for 2023 have been developed. All the dates are on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and are subject to change based upon the work of the committee. Staff requests approval of the Transportation Committee meeting calendar for 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)MeetingDates2023](#)

Doug Ferguson, CMAP, presented the proposed 2023 Transportation Committee Calendar. It was noted that it may be warranted to have additional meetings with advanced notice and a discussion was held on whether it would be preferred to hold longer meetings to having more frequent meetings. The committee is in support of both options.

A motion was made by Lake Co Representative, seconded by Cook Co Representative, that the 2023 meeting calendar be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: CNT Representative, IEPA Representative, MPC Representative, and NIRPC Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Not Present: Academic Research Representative 2, and Pace Representative

5.0 Legislative Update

There were no formal legislative updates.

6.0 Other Business

Jessica Hector-Hsu, RTA, announced that the RTA's Strategic Plan is now out for public comment through January 9th.

Leah Mooney, CTA, announced the the transit TIF for Red Line Extension passed through Chicago City Council and acknowledged the support of stakeholders including this committee, civic organizations, Active Transportation Alliance, and MPC in the funding efforts.

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.

Garland Armstrong and Heather Armstrong, former residents of Northeastern Illinois, shared with the committee that the ADA Trainings coming up in January is important for the disability community- helping connect them to the activities in the region. Garland Armstrong expressed concerns about safety gates at Metra and CTA rail crossings, noting that communication needs to be included in multiple different languages. Heather Armstrong added that corporate and property taxes should be used over the sales/gas tax by RTA to provide funding.

John Paul Jones, a Chicago resident, commented that the Red Line Extension Coalition commends CMAP's work on advancing the extension project. He also encouraged staff to look at innovative financing the Red Line Extension- to reduce the impact on the taxpayers of Chicago.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 24, 2023.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by IDOT - OIPI Representative, seconded by Metra Representative, that the meeting be adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Stolpe