



**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Thursday, June 9, 2022

9:30 AM

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**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Secretary Osman called the MPO Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

**Absent:** DuPage Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV)::** FTA Representative, and Class I Railroads Representative

Secretary Omer Osman served as IDOT Representative followed by Holly Bienemann; Commissioner Gia Biagi served as CDOT Representative; Frank Beal served as CMAP Representative 1; Matt Brolley served as CMAP Representative 2; Mike Connelly served as CTA Representative; Sis Killen served as Cook County Representative; Jeff Schielke served as Council of Mayors Representative; Arlene Kocher served as FHWA Representative; Lanyea Griffin served as Tollway Representative; Chair Corinne Pierog served as Kane County Representative; Scott Koeppel served as Kendall County Representative; Shane Schneider served as Lake County Representative; Scott Hennings served as McHenry County Representative; Lynnette Civarella served as Metra Representative; Melinda Metzger served as Pace Representative; Jill Leary served as RTA Representative; Elaine Bottomley followed by Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant served as Will County Representative

**Staff present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahon, Jason Navota, Russell Pietrowiak, Elizabeth Scott, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Piotr Wietrzak

**Others present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Holly Bienemann, Joe Breinig, Eric Czarnota, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Doug DeLille, Jon Paul Dipla, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Lindsey Frey, Christopher Hall, Kendra Johnson, Tom Kelso, Jon-Paul Kohler, Matt Kolasny, Tom Kotarac, David

Kralik, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Kevin O'Malley, Leslie Phemister, Tom Rickert, Dave Simmons, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof, Jazmin Vega, Kyle Whitehead, Rocco Zucchero

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Secretary Osman announced two new members of the MPO Policy Committee: Lindsey Douglas will serve as the primary representative to Class I Railroads and Lanyea Griffin who will serve as the primary representative for the Tollway Authority.

Secretary Osman announced the impending retirement of Arlene Kocher, FHA Representative.

### **2.01 IDOT MEGA applications from northeastern Illinois**

[22-240](#)

Secretary Osman reported on the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT's) application efforts on MEGA (National Infrastructure Project Assistance Program) related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). IDOT believes Illinois is uniquely situated, due to the state's infrastructure needs, its multimodal transportation system and its collaboration with multiple governmental and transit agencies, to receive federal grant funding through the IIJA. Secretary Osman directed Executive Director Aleman to work with the Chair and Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee to form an advisory group to review existing subcommittees and work groups and to consider additional groups that may be required to appropriately inform or manage the new work from the IIJA. The advisory group should include members who represent the following: county, municipal, transit, the City of Chicago, and Councils of Government.

*Secretary Osman discussed IDOT MEGA applications and directed staff to work with the Chair and Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee to bring together a representative group of stakeholders to review subcommittees and prioritize projects.*

### **2.02 FHWA and FTA TMA Certification Update**

[22-284](#)

Arlene Kocher, FHWA Representative, reported that on May 31st the FHWA, in conjunction with the Federal Transit Authority, issued a letter certifying the planning process in the northeastern Illinois management area. This required action clarifies that the MPO continues to operate in good standing. The draft report details findings, recommendations, and accommodations that will be provided to CMAP and IDOT. The final report will be released shortly thereafter. No corrective actions have been identified and the findings are consistent with what was presented to the MPO Policy Committee at their March 2022 meeting. The final report will be discussed at the next MPO Policy Committee meeting.

*The FHWA and FTA TMA Certification update was received and filed.*

## **3.0 Appointment of subcommittee**

### **3.01 Appointment of a subcommittee for nominating the Office of Vice Chair**

[22-270](#)

Secretary Osman reported that each year, he appoints a nominating committee to bring forward name(s) for the Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for the following calendar year. He reported that he will work with Executive Director Aleman to identify those members who will convene prior to the MPO Policy Committee's October meeting.

*Secretary Osman will work with Executive Director Aleman to appoint a nominating committee who are comprised of representatives from municipal government or municipal corporation, a highway or roads administration, a public transportation agency or other transportation provider, the regional*

*planning agency, and county government.*

#### **4.0 Approval of Minutes**

##### **4.01 Minutes from March 10, 2022**

[22-267](#)

**Attachments:** [MPO 3.10.22 Minutes - Final](#)

(Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant arrived at 9:51 a.m. and stepped in as Will County representative.)

*A motion was made by CDOT Representative Biagi, seconded by Cook Co Representative Killen, that the minutes be approved. 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, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** DuPage Co Representative

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Secretary Osman reported he would be leaving the meeting. In the absence of a vice-chair, and following Roberts Rules of Order, he appointed Council of Mayors Representative Jeffrey Schielke to serve as Chair Pro-Tem for the remainder of the meeting.

*(Holly Bieneman stepped in as IDOT representative.)*

#### **5.0 Reports**

##### **5.01 Executive Director's report**

[22-273](#)

Executive Director Aleman requested that the members of the MPO Policy Committee plan to meet in person for its October meeting.

Executive Director Aleman's report included the collaboration on MEGA projects, collaboration of work related to the Regional Transportation Authority Act, and an ON TO 2050 Plan Update. Executive Director Aleman reported that Finance Deputy Executive Director Angela Manning-Hardimon has accepted a new position outside of CMAP. Executive Director Aleman thanked Deputy Executive Director Angela Manning-Hardimon for her many years of service.

*The Executive Director's report was received and filed.*

##### **5.02 CMAP Board report**

[22-143](#)

CMAP Representative Matt Brolley reported that the CMAP Board canceled its April meeting. At its May meeting, staff presented on the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, the board approved contracts for a new payroll and human resources management system and services to locally conduct community ADA self-evaluation and transition plan training. The Board also approved cost increases for the Chicago Inclusive Regional Economy Outreach Project and Gate-Crossing Feasibility Project. Staff presented on the efforts and strategies that CMAP will employ to garner interest in the equitable engagement program by local community groups. At its June meeting, the CMAP Board approved a

contract for project management and implementation of a new enterprise resource planning system. Staff presented the draft version of the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, and staff also discussed the ON TO 2050 Update/2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment.

*The CMAP Board report was received and filed.*

### 5.03 Council of Mayors report [22-144](#)

Pro-Tem Chair and Council of Mayors Representative Jeff Schielke reported that at its April 19, 2022 meeting, the Council of Mayors received a CMAP update, a STP Project Selection Committee update, and an IDOT local roads update. An overview of the ON TO 2050 Plan Update was given as well as a report on the local government network.

The next Council of Mayors meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022.

*The Council of Mayors report was received and filed.*

### 6.0 Other Items for Approval

#### 6.01 FFY 2022 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of 5307/5340 Urbanized Area, 5337 State of Good Repair, 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities and 5310 Enhance Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. [22-260](#)

**Attachments:** [FY 2023 Subarea Funding Allocations Memo](#)

Teri Dixon, Principal of Research, Analysis and Planning, presented a request for MPO endorsement of FFY 2022 section 5307, 5340, 5337, 5339, 5310 between Illinois and Indiana and Illinois and Wisconsin, noting that the RTA Board approved the allocations at their May 19, 2022 meeting.

*A motion was made by RTA Representative Jill Leary, seconded by CMAP Representative 2 Matt Brolley, that the 2022 FTA Subarea allocations between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois be approved. 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, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

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### 7.0 Information Items

#### 7.01 ON TO 2050 Plan Update [22-254](#)

**Attachments:** [Executive Director's Introduction-ON TO 2050 Plan Update](#)  
[ON TO 2050 Plan Update - Summary](#)  
[ON TO 2050 Plan Update - Appendices](#)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal in Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs, provided a detailed presentation of the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, including the timeline for approval. She identified areas

of successes of the ON TO 2050 plan where progress has been made including in the areas of prosperity, environment, community, governance, and mobility. The ON TO 2050 Plan Update includes an update to the socioeconomic forecast data and travel demand model, a review of regionally significant projects (RSPs), and updates to the system performance analysis and targets, and plan indicators and targets. Elizabeth discussed the financial plan for transportation and discussed the air quality conformity findings. Discussion ensued.

*The ON TO 2050 Plan Update was received and filed.*

## **7.02 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

[22-259](#)

**Attachments:** [2023-28 TIP Document Final Draft](#)

Kama Dobbs, CMAP staff, reported that every four years the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be reviewed and adopted. The TIP describes how we conduct the metropolitan planning and programming process in the region and is a tool for collaboration between government agencies and a way for the public to track the use of federal, state, and local transportation funds. Since the adoption of the FFY 2019-2024 TIP in October 2018, the Rebuild Illinois and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) have been enacted and the ON TO 2050 Plan Update will be going to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval. These changes have been taken into consideration in the draft FFY 2023-2028 TIP. The FFY 2023-2028 TIP will be available for public review and comment between June 10 and August 13, 2022.

*The FFY 2023-2028 TIP was received and filed.*

## **7.03 ON TO 2050 Update/2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**

[22-261](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(ConformityMemo\)06-03-22](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP Staff, provided an update to the region's ozone status. In May 2022, the US EPA designated the region to "attainment" for the 2008 ozone standard and "marginal non-attainment" of the 2015 ozone standard. However, a recently published federal register notice has identified that the region will be soon reclassified to "moderate non-attainment" of the 2015 ozone standard. The status of 2015 ozone standard will likely be reclassified again to "serious" in 2024. As the region gets reclassified to more serious classifications, more restrictions are put in place related to emissions.

Under the Clean Air Act, CMAP is required to demonstrate that projects in the Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) and ON TO 2050 regionally significant projects (RSPs) conform to the motor fuel budget emissions in our region. In November 2020, the US EPA switched to a new emissions model, requiring CMAP adopt the model by January 2023. CMAP has decided to move to the new model with the approval of the ON TO 2050 Plan update.

The memo that is included in the packet is subject to a 60 day public comment period that coincides with the ON TO 2050 Plan Update public comment period.

*The ON TO 2050 Update/2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment was received and filed.*

## 8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

## 9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, remarked on Arlene Kocher's retirement. He requested that MPO Policy Committee continue to work on behalf of seniors and people who have disabilities.

David Simmons, Executive Director of Ride Illinois, commented on regionally significant projects identified in the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. Ride Illinois encourages CMAP not to include infrastructure widening as a solution to mitigating congestion.

Kyle Whitehead, Active Transportation Alliance, read a letter from a coalition of advocacy groups including Active Transportation Alliance, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Climate Reality Project, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Shared Use Mobility Center, Illinois Environmental Council, Illinois PIRG, Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, NRDC, and the Respiratory Health Association. The statement shared concerns on the Regionally Significant Projects (RSP) and the number of arterial widening projects that will hinder the shared goals on safety, equity and sustainability. The statement called into question the analysis and evaluation of the arterial and expressway widening projects and asked for these projects to be removed from the list of RSPs to allow for further analysis and for CMAP to improve the RSP evaluation criteria.

Executive Director Aleman read into record a letter from Alex McLeese received by CMAP on June 8 at 5:28 p.m. The letter includes a request for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety, expresses concern about climate change, and requests investments be redirected from widening projects to transit improvements.

## 10.0 Next Meeting; The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the CMAP Board on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held jointly with the CMAP Board on Wednesday, October 12, 2022

## 11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

*A motion was made by Lake Co Representative Shane Schneider, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzger, that the meeting be adjourned. 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, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

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Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.