

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Friday, December 19, 2025

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room**  
**433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450**  
**Chicago, IL 60607**

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## 1.0 Call to order and introductions

Chair Kevin Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Present:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Kendall Co Representative and SEWRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

Noting a physical quorum of the Committee, Chair Carrier reported that requests were received from Advocacy (ATA) Representative Amy Rynell and DuPage Co Representative John Loper to participate in this meeting remotely in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A vote is required.

*A motion was made by Cook Co Representative, seconded by CMAP Representative, that the agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Kendall Co Representative and SEWRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Not Present:** Advocacy (ATA) Representative and DuPage Co Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative, Amy Rynell served as Advocacy (ATA) Representative, Mary Nicol served as CDOT Representative, Aimee Lee served as CMAP Representative, Leon Rockingham served as CoM Representative, Tara Orbon served as Cook Co Representative, Cara Bader served as CTA Representative, John Loper served as DuPage Co Representative, Steve Schilke served as IDOT D1 Representative, Chuck Abraham served as IDOT OIPI Representative, Megan Swanson served as IDOT OP&P Representative, Jack Cruikshank served as IEPA Representative, Heidi Files served as Kane Co Representative, Drew Duffin served as McHenry Co Representative, Lynnette Ciavarella served as Metra Representative, Audrey Wennink served as Advocacy (MPC) Representative, Tom Vander Woude served as NIRPC Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Henry Guerriero served as Tollway Representative, Christina Kupkowski served as Will Co Representative and Jon Paul Diipla served as FHWA Representative

**Staff present:** Jesse Altman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Alex Beata, Marielle Brown,

John Carpenter, Karly Cazzato, Kaitlin Cernak, Teri Dixon, Phoebe Downey, Alyson Dressman, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Danielle Hamer, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Hayden Horton, Jaemi Jackson, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Jennifer Miller, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Shupe-Diggs, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto and Blanca Vela-Schneider

**Others present:** Garland Armstrong, Michael Booth, Eric Czarnota, Rithvika Daren, Jackie Forbes, Don Forbush, Mike Fricano, Brandon Geber, Scott Hennings, Jennifer Henry, Katie Herdus, Chris Hiebert, John Paul Jones, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, David Kralik, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Daniel Maziarz, Laura McFadden, Leah Mooney, Lee Overholser, Ben Redding, Lena G. Reynolds, Leslie Rauer, Karyn Robles, Lily Swanson, Joe Surdam and Michael Vanderhoof

## 2.0 Agenda changes and announcements

There were no changes to the agenda.

## 3.0 Approval of minutes

### 3.01 Minutes from November 21, 2025

[25-382](#)

**Attachments:** [TC 11.21.25 minutes - draft](#)

*A motion was made by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, seconded by CMAP Representative Aimee Lee, to approve the November 21, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

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## 4.0 CMAP updates

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation and CMAP Representative, thanked Kevin Carrier for his leadership as the Transportation Committee chair. As is the committee's practice, leadership of the Transportation Committee rotates biannually. Kevin Carrier will continue to serve on the committee. In 2026, Cook Co Representative Tara Orbon will serve as the chair and DuPage Co Representative Scott Hennings will serve as vice-chair.

As part of the county safety action plans, CMAP, in partnership with the DuPage County Division of Transportation, released a recorded webinar with the focus of funding traffic safety improvements for communities across the region with a safety action plan. CMAP is also holding office hours today to answer follow-up questions from local partners.

Lee's report included the signing of Senate Bill (SB)2111 into law which enacts significant transit

funding and governance reform, CMAP's sharing of project-related public input meetings and hearings on its website, and that CMAP's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27.

*A CMAP update was provided.*

## 5.0 Items for approval

### 5.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and administrative modifications

[25-383](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend26-02](#)  
[26-02 Formal Amendment Report](#)  
[26-02.1 and 26-02.2 Administrative Amendment Report](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Program Lead, presented the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program formal TIP amendment 26-02 and administrative amendments 26-02.1 and 26-02.2. There are 55 formal amendments for the committee's consideration. Additionally, 129 administrative amendments were submitted, reviewed, and accepted by staff.

Formal amendments resulted in an increase of \$249.2 million in total project costs for all prior, current, and future years. Highlights include 61 TIP changes from Metra, a \$20 million grant for Safe Streets for All work on the North Avenue project for CDOT, and a new project in Grundy County, District 3, for IDOT phase 1 work to determine what work is needed in a corridor where a CN Logistics Center is being developed. Administrative amendments resulted in a reduction of costs by \$92.6 million for all prior, current, and future years. The net change from all formal and administrative amendments resulted in \$156.6 million being added to the TIP in all current, prior, and future years. The TIP remains fiscally constrained and staff requests approval of formal TIP amendment 26-02.

Discussion ensued regarding three IDOT projects.

*A motion was made by Kane Co Representative Heidi Files, seconded by McHenry Co Representative Drew Duffin, to approve formal amendment 26-02 in the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

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**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

### 5.02 ON TO 2050/2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

[25-375](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - TIP Conformity Memo 26-03](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Program Lead, presented the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment 26-03. The CMAP area is a non-attainment area for

ozone and CMAP is required to demonstrate that projects in the TIP conform to the motor vehicle emissions budget for our area through a regional emissions analysis. Two new projects along with eight previously approved projects were included in the emissions analysis for this amendment.

*A motion was made by Kane Co Representative Heidi Files, seconded by Will Co Representative Christina Kupkowski, to approve and refer the ON TO 2050/2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment 26-03 to the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

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**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

### 5.03 Draft FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP)

[25-376](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\) Draft FY 2027 UWP](#)  
[Draft FY2027 Unified Work Program \(TC\)](#)

Hayden Horton, Analyst, presented the FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP) budget. The UWP is a requirement for documenting the work plan and budget for the transportation planning activities that are the responsibility of the MPO. The work outlined in the UWP is completed by CMAP and its regional partners through two programs. The core program consists of activities and tasks that meet federal requirements. The competitive program is a five-year program that is developed biannually and consists of other transportation planning activities that support federal, state, and local priorities for transportation.

These two programs combined total just under \$35 million. CMAP's preliminary share is \$28.3 million and would include personnel, expenses, and allocations to specific categories but it was noted that the budget is still being finalized. The UWP budget will be a part of the comprehensive budget that will be approved by the CMAP Board in February 2026.

CMAP received budget requests for core activities from 15 external agencies resulting in a 5.6% increase over FY 2026. CMAP's share of the budget would increase by 2.8%. CMAP received three eligible applications for its competitive program, and they are recommended for funding.

Horton reviewed next steps for the budget's approval.

*A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by CDOT Representative Mary Nicol, to recommend for approval the Draft FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative
- Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Kendall Co Representative and SEWRPC Representative
- Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative
- Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

## 5.04 2026 Committee Meeting Dates

[25-380](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)ProposedMeetingDates2026\\_12-19-2025](#)

Richard Norwood, Analyst, presented the 2026 committee meeting dates for the Transportation Committee.

*A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, to approve the 2026 committee meeting dates. The motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative
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- Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative
- Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

## 6.0 Information items

### 6.01 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[25-381](#)

**Attachments:** [20251219 RTP memo](#)  
[Draft RCP Constraint List 12122025](#)

Ryan Thompto, Principal Policy Analyst, and Elizabeth Ginsberg, Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update to the financial plan and constrained projects in the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

CMAP is working to finalize the Regional Capital Plan (RCP) project list and strategies. CMAP has seen a surge in responses to its online questionnaire, noting that it will remain open until the end of the year.

Thompto provided some historical information regarding how the metropolitan planning process developed which led to the Federal Highway Act of 1962, requiring metropolitan planning organizations to have a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process to be eligible for federal funding. CMAP's federal responsibilities include managing the transportation

planning process, developing the RTP every four years, producing the TIP and UWP annually, allocating federal transportation funds, maintaining travel models and data resources, and conducting an inclusive public participation process. CMAP also must comply with the state's regional planning agency requirements which includes integrating comprehensive plans for land use and transportation, establishing policy framework for the development of plans, coordinating regional transportation and land use planning efforts, and identifying regional priorities.

Ginsberg reported that the RTP is federally required to be fiscally constrained and ensure there is sufficient revenue to invest in the transportation system as recommended by the plan. Baseline revenues have been insufficient to cover all planned expenditures and there is a need for new and reasonably expected revenue sources. In October, staff presented a draft financial plan with an unbalanced fiscal constraint and included all RCPs without prioritization and reflected expenditures far exceeding baseline and reasonably expected revenues.

The passage of the NITA Act (SB2111) required CMAP to reevaluate revenues in the financial plan. The Act provided for a 0.25% RTA sales tax increase and a modified methodology in the distribution of the motor fuel sales tax. The NITA Act also dedicates interest from the Road Fund and State Construction Account to transit capital projects and increases tolls to truck and passenger vehicles. It was noted that the toll increases were not included in the financial plan because the tollway has not yet created a new capital plan which could offset the additional revenue.

Ginsberg reported that CMAP used the December 2024 two-year targets and IDOT's dTIMS asset management software to determine pavement and bridge maintenance and improvement costs. CMAP developed a methodology to account for RCP non-capacity costs that fall into maintenance and improvement.

CMAP worked with the RTA and used its asset management software system to estimate transit capital expenditures in current conditions and in best conditions. It developed a timeline to improve worse condition assets and maintain assets that are in the best condition they have recently been in.

Ginsberg shared that the cost growth methodology and assumptions had previously used NHCCI-based cost growth forecast to inform the draft constraint. Based on feedback from stakeholders and updated data, staff refined cost growth assumptions. Transit capital costs are now inflated using a separate BEA composite index as recommended by the RTA. All identified cost growth assumptions reflect a departure from the ON TO 2050's 2.5% annual cost growth input.

The modified, reasonably expected revenues have now resulted in a fiscally constrained financial plan with \$569 million in baseline revenues and expenditures. Staff continue working on risk-assessment by evaluating uncertainties, increasing transparency and supporting better decision-making to enable flexibility and resilience by identifying strategies to mitigate risks and minimize their impact. Seventeen priority risks have been identified, and each risk is being assessed independently. Staff will combine several risks to form a set of scenarios and develop strategies to mitigate the likelihood and impact of those risks. Ginsberg reviewed eight risk-assessment strategy recommendations developed by staff.

Thompto presented the draft RCP list, noting that modifications are expected to continue. Staff are aligning project priorities with fiscal constraints and expect to have a finalized list in March so that they can conduct an air quality conformity evaluation. The RTP will be presented for public comments

in June, and staff will present to the Board and MPO Policy Committee in October 2026.

Thompto indicated that the current process for RTP amendments had limited guidelines with determinations made on a project basis. It also limited the opportunity for approval changes. Staff are proposing an amendment process to provide clearer guidelines and expectations and increase the number of opportunities for approval each year. He provided a brief overview of the process for TIP amendment, minor amendment, major amendment, and amendments that require a conformity decision. Staff are also proposing a variance from the standard procedure process.

Discussion ensued.

*An update to the Regional Transportation Plan was presented.*

## **7.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the committee.

## **8.0 Public Comment**

Kyle Lucas, Better Streets Chicago, expressed concern regarding one of the projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan, the North DuSable Lakeshore Drive (NDLS) project. During the public engagement period of this project, the public expressed a desire for investment in transit, cycling and pedestrian improvements and general disapproval of the project as it was presented. He urged that the project be reviewed holistically with CTA and Metra and requested that this project not be included in the Regional Capital Plan until it has been rescoped to address the concerns from the public.

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, congratulated Illinois on the passing of Senate Bill 2111 on transit improvements. He advocated for multilingual education efforts and paratransit needs.

John Paul Jones, Grow Greater Englewood, commented on the discussion regarding the Regional Transportation Plan regarding population growth. He reported there are two major railroad projects in his area, and he hopes that CMAP will work with Grow Greater Englewood on public engagement to maximize the benefits to the community.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2026.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Kane Co Representative Heidi Files, seconded by RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Advocacy (ATA) 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, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Advocacy (MPC) Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Kendall Co Representative and SEWRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider