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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Friday, April 25, 2025

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Academic Research Representative 1, 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, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Noting a physical quorum of the committee, Chair Carrier reported that a request was received from IDOT OIPI Representative Chuck Abraham to attend the meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings act. A vote is needed to approve their virtual attendance.

A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, to allow virtual participation of its remote member. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, ATA Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2

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Not Present: IDOT - OIPI Representative

Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative, Joe Schofer served as Academic Research Representative 1, Amy Rynell served as ATA Representative, Mary Nicol served as CDOT Representative, Aimee Lee served as CMAP Representative, Leon Rockingham served as CoM Representative, Cara Bader served as CTA Representative, Katie Bell served as Cook Co Representative, Steve Travia served as DuPage Co Representative, Steve Schielke 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, Heidi Lichtenberger served as Kendall Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, Lynnette Ciavarella served as Metra Representative, Audrey Wennink served as MPC Representative, Tom Vander Woude served as NIRPC Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Chris Heibert served as SEWRPC Representative, Karyn Robles served as Tollway Representative, Christina Kupkowski served as Will Co Representative, Jon Paul Diipla served as FHWA Representative and Mark Kane served as FTA Representative

Staff present: Jesse Altman, Bill Barnes, Vickie Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Alex Beata, Karly Cazzato,

Kaitlin Cernak, Claire Conzelman, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Ryan Gougis, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Natalie Kuriata, Jen Maddux, Matt Marth, Alexis McAdams, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Richard Norwood, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison

Others present: Carrie Cooper, Drew Duffin, Tavis Farmer, Harrison Fleming, Michael Fricano, Brandon Geber, Velicia Goode, Jane Grover, Henry Guerriero, Jennifer Henry, John Paul Jones, George Kandathil, Quinn Kasal, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, David Kralik, Laura McFadden, Heather Mullins, Lee Overholser, Leslie Rauer, Ben Redding, Chad Riddle, Todd Schmidt, Chris Snyder, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Carrier welcomed Kane Co Representative Heidi Files.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from February 28, 2025

[25-103](#)

Attachments: [Transportation Committee 02.28.25 Minutes - draft](#)

A motion was made by CMAP Representative Aimee Lee, seconded by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, to approve the February 28, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, 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, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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4.0 CMAP Updates

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation and CMAP Representative, also welcomed Kane Co Representative Heidi Files. She provided an update on recent CMAP activity including staff attendance at state legislators' transit town halls, attendance at the US Route 14 Grade Separation project in Barrington, a groundbreaking ceremony hosted by CTA for the Austin Green Line Station, and engagement efforts for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan. CMAP received an Innovative Transportation Solution award from the Greater Chicagoland chapter of the Women in Transportation Service for CMAP's work on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report.

Lee reported that CMAP's Northeastern Illinois Development Database has been released and is a tool for tracking significant developments and land use changes across the seven-county region. CMAP encourages municipalities to use this web-based tool to update the database with proposed, in-progress, and completed development projects to ensure accurate local forecasting.

Lee reported on the recent release of the *Modernizing Illinois Sales Tax: A pathway for a Sustainable Future*, a report worked on by a coalition of Illinois policy and civic leaders, including CMAP. The report outlines how the General Assembly can enact critical reforms today for a stronger fiscal future for Illinois.

CMAP opened a competitive call for projects for CMAQ/STP Shared and CAP programs last fall. CMAP has programmed \$290 million in federal funds to support 37 projects across the region through 2030. The list of projects are out for public comment and will be compiled for the committee's consideration at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Finally, the Future Leaders in Planning program application period is open. High school students who are interested in learning about planning are encouraged to apply by the June 2 deadline. Lee requested that members share this information with their communities.

5.0 Items for Approval

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

[25-107](#)

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend25-06](#)
[Formal TIP Amendment 25-06](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 25-06.1](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 25-06.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Programming Analyst, presented the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program formal TIP amendment 25-06 and administrative TIP amendments 25-06.1 and 25-06.2. There are 69 formal amendments for the committee's consideration. Additionally, 227 administrative amendments were reviewed and approved by staff.

Formal amendments resulted in just over \$1.5 billion in total costs for all prior, current, and future years. Highlights include three CREATE projects that received mega and infrastructure grants totaling nearly \$360 million in federal funds in addition to significant contributions from IDOT, the railroads, and local governments. These projects total \$1.2 billion in total costs. IDOT added approximately \$165 million to the TIP for work on the I-80, primarily for the bridge that goes over the Des Plaines River and some interchanges in that area. IDOT also added a new project to replace bridges along I-55 at IL 50 (Cicero Avenue), adding \$57 million to the TIP.

Administrative amendments increased the TIP by \$940.2 million as the Tollway added projects from their Capital Plan to replace bridges on I-294 and to improve the toll plaza.

The net change from the TIP for both formal and administrative amendments is \$2.441 billion being added to the TIP for all prior, current, and future years. The TIP remains fiscally constrained.

The conformity amendment was released last week and will be considered by the Transportation Committee at its next meeting for recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee.

In response to the question regarding the significant increase in costs related to the CREATE projects, Velicia Goode of IDOT- OIPI reported that the increase is related in-part to inflation and in-part to the

need to modify the project work from repair to replacement.

A motion was made by Tollway Representative Karyn Robles, seconded by Kendall Co Representative Heidi Lichtenberger, to approval formal TIP amendment 25-06. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, 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, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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5.02 FFY 2025 FTA subarea partial 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

[25-106](#)

Attachments: [RTA Formula Funding Memo 04 25 2025](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Analyst, presented the FFY 2025 FTA subarea partial allocation splits between Indiana and Illinois, and Wisconsin and Illinois. The RTA approved the funding allocations at its March 27, 2025 meeting. Allocations are typically approved once a year, but this partial allocation allows for funding to move quickly. Staff will return to the committee when final allocations have been determined.

A motion was made by Metra Representative Lynette Ciavarella, seconded by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, to recommend the FFY 2025 FTA subarea partial allocations to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, 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, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, and Will Co Representative

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6.0 Information Items

6.01 Regional Transportation Plan update

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Attachments: [RTP Update Memo 2025-04-25](#)

Ryan Thompto, Principal Policy Analyst, Martin Menninger, Program Lead, and Elizabeth Ginsberg, Senior Policy Analyst, provided a Regional Transportation Plan update.

Thompto provided an update on work that has occurred on the RTP including the submittal of an Emerging Priorities Report, meetings with stakeholders and partners, and efforts to ramp up engagement and communication with the public. An engagement headquarters has been created online that provides information regarding the RTP and allows the public to respond to a questionnaire. Additionally, the public may submit ideas through a portal.

Menninger discussed the work occurring with the Regional Project Working Group. The group is wrapping up its call for projects and moving into the evaluation phase of the project. There are 158 proposed projects submitted of which half of the projects are related to transit and the other half are related to roadways. He noted that many of the projects were included in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) but were not previously included in the Regional Capital Plan. This plan includes Program Priority areas for projects that do not fit the mold of RCPs. Staff have gone through the evaluation criteria with the resource group and are finalizing details. He noted that there are fewer criteria, and they are represented in the categories called existing needs and future impact. Costs and sponsor support will be considered in the evaluation process.

Ginsberg discussed the draft revenue baseline forecast. The financial plan is a required component of the RTP. The forecast needs to show that the region has sufficient funding for all the projects in the plan. The baseline forecast is the first step in the financial planning process. It is important to remember that the baseline revenue is not sufficient to fund all the projects in the RTP and that there is a need to consider new and durable funding sources. Based on feedback received from the resource group and previous committee meetings, staff continue to think about some of the assumptions to ensure the best path forward. The goal is to feel confident in the fiscal constraint that is identified at the end of the financial planning process. There needs to be a balance of conservatism and optimism.

The baseline revenues are organized into four categories: 1) federal revenue; 2) state revenue; 3) system generated revenue; and 4) local revenues. The baseline revenue forecast in the ONTO 2050 Plan Update was \$488 billion but staff is evaluating local revenues and federal competitive funding before factoring them into the next baseline revenue forecast. Adjusting for the removal of these two pieces bring the current baseline revenue forecast to \$354.7 billion for 2027 - 2050.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of county funds from the RTA sales tax. A conversation is needed to identify how the counties use these funds.

Next steps include continued refinement of the baseline revenue forecast, developing cost estimates, identifying reasonably expected revenues, and conducting a risk assessment.

The Regional Transportation Plan updated was presented and discussed.

6.02 Safe Streets for All Regional Safety Planning Update

[25-100](#)

Attachments: [SS4A Update Memo 25 04 2025](#)

Lindsay Bayley, Program Lead for Safe and Complete Streets, reported on the work to develop safety action plans for six of the seven counties in our region using the SS4A federal grant. Staff took a cautionary pause to connect with federal partners to ensure CMAP complies with federal regulations and guidance. There are eight components to a safety action plan of which six of the components

must be completed before applying for an implementation grant. All components must eventually be fulfilled.

The new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) guidance on areas of persistent poverty is similar to the previous guidance, but it was noted that McHenry and DuPage Counties have been impacted by the guidance. Staff suspended some of the elements to comply with the new regulations, resulting in a change in scope with respect to the level of public engagement.

Bayley reported that the timeline for the Technical Safety Action Plan has been moved up to ensure CMAP meets all the requirements of the grant. The final plans will be completed by May 23 and will be presented to the Transportation Committee for consideration at its May 30, 2025 meeting. Following the Transportation Committee meeting, a special meeting of the MPO Policy Committee will be held for final approval.

She noted the deadline for applying for the next round for SS4A funding is June 26, 2025 which will make counties and municipalities eligible for funding. Additionally, staff is exploring the use of other funding sources to advance the work that has been impacted by the new guidance.

Discussion ensued.

An update of the Safe Streets for All Regional Safety Plan was presented.

6.03 Legislative update

[25-104](#)

Attachments: [Legislative Update Memo 2025-04-25](#)
[2025-03-28 CMAP Update](#)

Kasia Hart, Senior Specialist, provided a legislative update. Staff continue to monitor executive orders for their impact on the region. Staff met with county engineers to understand the local impact of recent federal actions with a focus on the US DOT directive requiring additional review un-obligated grant awards, which totals 100's of millions of dollars.

She reviewed the work that is occurring on the surface transportation reauthorization process. The most recent continuing resolution by the federal government did not include funding for FY26 priority projects. Each of the members of the delegation are handling their process differently.

At the state level, CMAP continues to gather support on House Bill (HB) 3784, the Strengthen Communities RPA funding initiative that would appropriate \$2 million for non-transportation work. The goal is to get this bill incorporated in the final FY26 budget.

Transit reform and funding continue to be deliberated. Subject hearings have been held on the two bills that have been filed in the Senate and House. Staff is monitoring the hearings and will respond to legislative inquiries as needed. Some members are hosting transit listening sessions with their constituents and have asked CMAP to provide information on the PART report.

Discussion ensued.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, asked if Metra is working with Pace transit operations to ensure that addresses are identified at train stations for use by paratransit customers. Pace Representative Erik Llewellyn reported that the addresses are in the system for paratransit users. Armstrong inquired about possible new Amtrak stations.

John Paul Jones, Grow Greater, remarked on the TIP formal and administrative amendments. He inquired why asset conditions were not included in the Regional Capital Plan. Regarding the Safe Streets for All travel update, he asked staff to include members of the community to provide feedback and information.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by Kane Co Representative Heidi Files, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider