



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, September 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, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 2, CoM Representative, IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FTA Representative, and RTA 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; Vig Krishnamurthy served as representative to CDOT; Doug Ferguson served as representative to CMAP; Tara Orbon served as representative to Cook Co; Leah Mooney served as representative to CTA; John Loper served as representative to DuPage Co; John Donovan served as representative to FHWA; John Baczek served as representative to IDOT D1; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Doug Delille served as representative to IDOT OP&P; 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; Audrey Wennink served as representative to MPC; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Chris Hiebert served as representative to SEWRPC; Aimee Lee 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, Aaron Brown, Sarah Buchhorn, Jonathan Burch, Daniel Comeaux, Stephen Di Benedetto, Teri Dixon, Phoebe Downey, Austen Edwards, Alex Ensign, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Ethan Jantz, Leroy Kos, Michael Kray, Natalie Kuriata, Jen Maddux, Linda Mastandrea, Tim McMahon, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Leonard Cannata, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, Eva De Laurentiis, Michael Fricano, Henry Guerriero, Malika Hainer, Scott Hennings, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Robert Kastigar, Michael Klemens, Brittany Matyas, Daniel Maziarz, Melissa Meyer, Heather Mullins, Ellen Partridge, Mark Pitstick, David Powe, Chad Riddle, Brian Roberts, Steven Schilke, Brian Schumacher, Anthony Standish, Brian Stepp, Joe Surdam, Dave Tomzik, Mike Vanderhoof, Freddy Vasquez, Jazmin Vega, Seema Wadia, Bill Wetzel, Kyle Whitehead

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

### **2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes**

[22-421](#)

Chair Hector-Hsu informed the committee on the passing of Tom Kelso, a former Transportation Committee member and opened the floor to committee members to share their memories of Tom.

Chair Hector-Hsu welcomed new committee member Jack Cruikshank representing IDOT's Office Intermodal Project Implementation.

Lynnette Ciavarella, Metra, informed the committee that Metra has started the process of updating their strategic plan and will release a draft plan for public comment during the month of October and the public comment period will close on November 15, 2022. The Metra Board is scheduled to approve the updated plan in early 2023.

*There were no changes to the agenda.*

### **2.02 Executive Director's Announcements**

[22-420](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Executive Director Erin Aleman, CMAP, gave an update to the committee on the Board activities which included the ON TO 2050 Plan Update and Illinois General Assembly transit report, the Safe Streets for All application, the IJA convenings on project prioritization for funding opportunities, local CMAP dues, and LTA call for projects.

*The Executive Director's announcements were presented.*

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

### **3.01 Draft Meeting Minutes - July 29, 2022**

[22-417](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(DraftMinutes\)07-29-2022](#)  
[TC\(PublicComment-Largent\)7-29-22](#)

*A motion was made by Metra Representative, seconded by Lake Co Representative, that the draft minutes from July 29, 2022 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 2, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FTA Representative, and RTA Representative

#### 4.0 New Business

##### 4.01 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications

[22-418](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 22-08 was published to the eTIP web site on September 9, 2022 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 22-08 and administrative amendments 22-08.1 and 22-08.2 are included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval of TIP Amendment 22-08.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend22-08](#)  
[Formal Amendment 22-08](#)  
[Administrative Amendment 22-08.1](#)  
[Administrative Amendment 22-08.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, presented an overview of the formal TIP amendment 22-08 and the administrative amendments 22-08.1 and 22-08.2

*A motion was made by CTA Representative, seconded by Metra Representative, that TIP Amendment 22-08 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 2, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FTA Representative, and RTA Representative

##### 4.02 FFY 2023-2027 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Local Programs in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

[22-419](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Programming for locally-programmed STP funded projects for all local Councils and the City of Chicago is complete. The programs were subject to 30-day public comment periods from April to August 2022. Staff requests the committee recommend approval to the MPO Policy

Committee for the attached amendments to be included in the TIP.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [MPO\(Memo\)TIP Amend STP-L 23-02series](#)

Kama Dobbs, CMAP, updated the committee on TIP amendments 23-02.1 through 23-02.12 containing the new CDOT and Council of Mayors' STP-Local programs.

*A motion was made by Kane Co Representative, seconded by Academic Research Representative 1, that the STP-L TIP Amendments 23-02.1 through 23-02.12 be approved and referred to the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 2, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FTA Representative, and RTA Representative

#### 4.03 ON TO 2050 Plan Update

[22-416](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The ON TO 2050 Plan Update, ON TO 2050/ FFY 2023-2028 TIP conformity determination, and the FFY 2023-2028 TIP will be presented for consideration and approval.

All three of these documents available for public comment period from June 10 through August 13, including an August 11 public hearing held both online at CMAP's offices. Staff will provide an overview of the ON TO 2050 Plan update and the public comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing.

The ON TO 2050/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment 23-01 include additions, deletions, and changes to Not Exempt or Exempt Tested projects designated as ON TO 2050 Regionally Significant Projects and changes to existing Not Exempt or Exempt Tested projects currently included in the FFY 2019-2024 TIP that are anticipated to be carried forward into the FFY 2023-2028 TIP. The analysis was subject to public comment from June 10 through August 13, 2022, and found that ON TO 2050 and the FFY 2023-2028 TIP meet all applicable requirements for conformity to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act.

The FFY 2023-2028 TIP was subject to public comment from June 10 through August 13, 2022. Since the release of the draft for public comment, staff has updated links, added additional data that was unavailable at the time of the draft publication, and updated text to reflect the final recommendations of ON TO 2050.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)Conformity Supplement Plan Update Narrative September 2022](#)  
[TC\(Memo\)PublicComment Financial Plan Appendix September 2022](#)  
[Indicators Appendix September 2022](#)  
[Regionally Significant Projects Benefits Appendix September 2022](#)  
[Socioeconomic Forecast Appendix September 2022](#)  
[System Performance Report Appendix September 2022](#)  
[Transportation Conformity Analysis Appendix September 2022](#)  
[Travel Demand Model Documentation Appendix September 2022](#)  
[2023-28 TIP Document Final Draft Sept2022](#)  
[Public engagement appendix September 2022](#)  
[Attachments for Public engagement appendix](#)

Jonathan Burch, CMAP, gave an overview of the plan update process and presented the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, the FFY 2023-2028 TIP and the ON TO 2050/FFY 2023-2028 TIP Conformity for approval recommending them to MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board.

Chair Hector-Hsu, RTA, asked for clarification on the changes to conformity and whether they were reflected in the conformity appendix and whether CMAP would accept comments between this meeting and the final approval. Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, responded that the conformity appendix deals with the process and that did not change. The change involved an update data set for the model which is not something included in the appendix. Jonathon Burch, CMAP, responded that CMAP always welcomes comments on its work products.

Audrey Wennick, MPC, express concern that comments received on road widening projects were not addressed properly, that the GHG emissions shown in the conformity memo are alarming with the lack of reduction shown over the plan's horizon, and that there is a lack of progress on the completion of the Regional Greenways and Trail Plan as demonstrated by the corresponding indicator. Jonathan Burch, CMAP, responded that more work is required regarding the enhancements bucket in the financial plan and the investments made towards non-motorized transportation in the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. Craig Heither indicated that the CMAP has work planned to begin early next year on evaluation of RSPs in advance of the next plan's development. Heidi Persaud, CNT, seconded Audrey Wennick's comments and expressed disappointment in changes not being made to the RSPs with regard to comments received.

Leah Mooney, CTA, shared that it could be beneficial for the region to take a look at how it measures and accounts for emissions and in particular greenhouse gases.

*A motion was made by Tollway Representative, seconded by Pace Representative, that the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, the FFY 2023-2028 TIP and the ON TO 2050/FFY 2023-2028 TIP Conformity determination be approved and referred to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. The motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP 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, FHWA Representative, and Will Co Representative
- Nay:** CNT Representative, and MPC Representative
- Absent:** Academic Research Representative 2, CoM Representative, IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative
- Non-Voting:** FTA Representative, and RTA Representative

#### 4.04 Safety Action Agenda Update

[22-434](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on the Safe Streets for All grant application and be available for discussion on the items presented at the July meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**Attachments:** [Safety Update TC 29 July 2022](#)

As a continuation of the presentation made by Victoria Barrett, CMAP, at the July 29, 2022 meeting, the committee discussed the issue of traffic safety and the safety work that is being done.

*The agenda item was discussed.*

#### 5.0 Legislative Updates

##### 5.01 Draft Federal and State Advocacy Agendas

[22-443](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will present the draft agendas for committee discussion.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**Attachments:** [2023 Federal Advocacy Agenda DRAFT](#)  
[2023 State Advocacy Agenda DRAFT](#)

Tim McMahon and Kasia Hart, CMAP, gave an overview presentation on the CMAP's draft 2023 Federal and State Advocacy Agendas.

*The agenda item was presented.*

#### 6.0 Other Business

Chair Hector-Hsu, RTA, updated the committee that RTA's Agenda for Advocacy and Action is out for public comment and feedback through a survey. A link was provided in the meeting chat.

#### 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 begin immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

Doug Ferguson, CMAP, read into record an email from Robert Kastigar. The email asked "When will anything be done on the Weber Spur project? In particular, there is a short, less than 2000 foot section that would join the North Branch Trail on the south with the Sauganash Trail on the north." Vig Khrishnamurthy, CDOT, responded that the City has been working with the UP railroad and their property group and looking at options to acquire the rail line property.

David Powe, Active Transportation Alliance (ATA), thanked the committee members and CMAP for all the work on the plan update and reiterate the comments that ATA and approximately 400 ATA members made on CMAP's goals of fighting climate change and improving safety that they felt are not congruent with the nearly 300 miles of roadway expansions included in the region plan update. ATA looks forward to working with CMAP and its constituent agencies to stop these roadway expansions and to change the modeling used in the evaluation of the projects selected for inclusion in future plans.

## **8.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be November 18, 2022.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Academic Research Representative 1, seconded by Lake Co Representative, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Minutes prepared by Doug Ferguson