

**CMAQ, CRP & TAP-L PROJECT SELECTION  
COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 5, 2026

11:00 AM

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

**1.0 Call To Order**

Chair Doug Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

**Present:** Douglas Ferguson, Mark Pitstick, Chris Schmidt, Grant Davis and Tara Orbon

**Absent:** Dave Brady and Jack Cruikshank

**Non-Voting:** Jon Paul Dipla

(Tara Orbon served as the alternate for Tom Rickert)

**Staff present:** Hayden Horton, Jon Haadsma, Sarah Stolpe, Kama Dobbs, Richard Norwood, Teri Dixon, George Rivera, Russell Pietrowiak, Phoebe Downey, Marielle Brown, Alyson Dressman, Victoria Barrett

**Others present:** Brian Larson, Megan Swanson, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Jarrod Cebulski, Jarod Hitchings, Joe Surdam, Michael Sewall, Chad Riddle, Christina Bader

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chair Ferguson announced that CMAP was undergoing its Federal Certification Review by FHWA and FTA to confirm that the MPO's planning process meets federal requirements. As part of the certification review, there is an opportunity for the public to provide feedback to the USDOT concerning the transportation planning process in the areas of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties in Illinois. Feedback will be accepted through February 10, 2026 via a link on the Federal Certification page on CMAP's website.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes**

**3.01 Draft Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2025**

**Attachments:** [PSC Meeting Minutes 11062025](#)

*A motion was made by Chris Schmidt, seconded by Mark Pitstick, that the draft minutes from the November 6, 2025, meeting be approved. The motion carried.*

**4.0 Program Monitoring**

**4.01 Project Programming Status Sheets**

**Attachments:** [CMAQPSC CMAQ Programming Sheet](#)  
[CMAQPSC Deferred CMAQ Programming Sheet](#)  
[TAPPSC TAP-L Programming Sheet](#)  
[CRPPSC CRP Programming Sheet](#)

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming status sheets.

#### 4.02 CMAQ Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

**Attachments:** [FFY25 ob goal table 20260205](#)

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming summary and obligation goal.

#### 5.0 Project Change Requests

##### 5.01 Project Change Request Memo

**Attachments:** [PSC Project Change Memo 02052026](#)

Jonathan Haadsma provided an overview of the requested changes.

*A motion was made by Grant Davis, seconded by Mark Pitstick, that the project change requests in items 5.01.1 through 5.01.3 be approved as presented. Following discussion of the individual requests, the motion carried by voice vote.*

##### 5.01.1 CDOT - Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Deployment (01-12-0004)

**Attachments:** [01-12-0004 Reinstatement Request](#)

Mark Pitstick asked whether the project change was for fleet conversion to electric vehicles. Chair Ferguson confirmed the project is for fleet conversion and added that the project was originally in deferment because of Buy America requirements. Those requirements were waived and the project can now proceed. Chris Schmidt added that portions of project still have to be assembled in the US to satisfy Buy America requirements.

Chris Schmidt asked if the projects are re-ranked after change requests are approved. Chair Ferguson replied in the affirmative, and stated the ranking is in the memo. He also noted that reinstated projects are not re-ranked unless the reinstatement includes a cost or scope change.

##### 5.01.2 Oak Forest - Natalie Creek Trail (07-23-0004)

**Attachments:** [07-23-0004 Schedule Change](#)

##### 5.01.3 Plainfield - 143rd Shared Use Path (12-24-0012)

Grant Davis asked if CMAP has confirmed that Plainfield is still able to move forward with the project. In response to a question from Grant Davis, Chair Ferguson explained that CMAP staff will contact Plainfield to confirm that the project can be completed. He also added that because this is an RTA Access to Transit project, RTA will need to be included in the discussion because they have provided matching funds. Jon Haadsma reminded the committee that the project selection methodology includes policies to limit cost increases based on the degree of completion of preliminary engineering at the time of application. Discussion of the policy occurred and Chad Riddle of IDOT District 1 Local Roads noted that the project has received Phase 1 design approval.

#### 6.0 FFY 2028-2032 CMAQ and TAP-L Program Development

##### 6.01 Methodology Discussion

**Attachments:** [PSC\(Memo\)MethodologyUpdates2026](#)

Chair Ferguson gave an overview of the potential changes to the CMAQ and TAP-L methodologies for the FFY 2028-2032 program development cycle to be discussed by the committee in the coming months. Mark Pitstick asked a clarifying question about the possibility of factoring regional priority projects in the scoring. Chair Ferguson replied to the question, stating regional priority projects typically score well, however usually only a portion of the project is granted CMAQ funds, not the entirety.

**7.0 Other Business**

Chris Schmidt provided an update on the process for transferring federal funds between the FHWA and FTA and encouraged project sponsors to submit transfer requests before April of each year.

**8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026.

**10.0 Adjournment**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Schmidt, seconded by Grant Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m..*

*Minutes prepared by: Richard Norwood*