



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, February 12, 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 Gerald Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Noting a physical quorum of the Board, Chair Bennett reported requests were received from Members Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, and John Noak 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 Member Richard Reinbold, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to approve the virtual participation of members. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Paul Hoefert, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia and John Noak

Staff present: Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Vas Boykovskyy, Michael Brown, John Carpenter, Patrick Day, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Jane Grover, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Tony Manno, Martin Menninger, Suzanne McCray, Elizabeth Scott, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Claire Williams

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Mary Sue Barrett, Eric Czarnota, Jon Paul Diipla, Drew Duffin, Brian Larsen, Jill Leary, John Paul Jones, Mike Klemens, Lauren Mattern, Brittany Matyas, Kevin McNally, Megan Miller, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer, Erin Roberts, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas, Martha Trotter, Curtis Witek

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

2.01 Executive director's report

[25-026](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report 1.12.25](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported on the National Association of Regional Councils conference in Washington, DC. There was discussion regarding the impact of recent presidential executive orders. She reported that March 15 is the deadline for Congress to either pass a spending bill, continue the issue via resolution, or face a government shutdown. Director Aleman attended a panel discussion that included majority and minority staff from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Banking Committee regarding the next transportation bill. They are currently seeking input on improving planning, procurement, permitting, and performance measures. Peers also expressed the desire to keep move local programs forward.

Director Aleman expressed appreciation to IDOT for its commitment in continuing to fund reimbursements, allowing work to resume with some exceptions. There continues to be uncertainty regarding the status of certain discretionary grants under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

(IJA). CMAP is a direct federal recipient of a discretionary federal grant that was awarded by USDOT for work on the Safety Streets for All (SS4A) Program. A recent executive order seeks to halt all discretionary grants in the IJA until it provides further review. CMAP is processing outstanding reimbursements for work on SS4A while awaiting further guidance.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant issued to the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus with CMAP as a key technical partner is also paused under the executive order. CMAP is actively reviewing additional orders to assess broader impacts and awaits further guidance from the USDOT and FHWA on long-term implications.

As part of public engagement efforts in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process, CMAP has created a questionnaire for the public to complete.

CMAP is once again partnering with the RTA on its annual call for projects for its Technical Assistance program. Communities can begin applying on Monday, March 10 through Friday, April 4, 2025.

The director's report also included information regarding the My Daily Travel household survey, an updated region's water demand forecast, and legislative updates. It was noted that Representative Will Davis filed House Bill (HB) 3784, appropriating \$2 million to CMAP to fulfill its obligations under the Regional Planning Act. Senator Ram Villivalam and Representative Marcus Evans, Jr. also filed another bill addressing the future of transit in northeastern Illinois in partnership with the Labor Alliance for Public Transit. It includes certain governance reforms and improvements to the region's transit system but also creates a Road User Charge (RUC) Advisory Committee to devise a structure for a RUC pilot program in Illinois.

The executive director's report was received and filed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Items 3.01 and 4.01)

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Frank Beal, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from January 13, 2025

[25-025](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board 01.13.25 minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

- 4.01 Authorization to enter into contract C-25-0081 with EcoInteractive, Inc., for ProjectTracker SaaS Statewide eTIP subscription for a term up to 60-months in an amount not to exceed \$2,963,900** [25-028](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Contract C25-0081 sole source](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

5.0 Items for Approval

- 5.01 Presentation of the FY 2024 financial audit** [25-023](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Financial Audit](#)
[Attachment 1: FY24 Final Audit and Single Audit](#)
[Attachment 2: FY24 Board Communication](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that the FY 2023 financial audit included a deficiency in internal control over the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA). The finance team eliminated this deficiency in FY 2024 by making a series of improvements to its processes. The finance team continues to enhance its operations and has been converting to a new enterprise resource planning system to improve internal controls.

Martha Trotter, Principal at Sikich CPA, presented the FY 2024 financial audit and single audit report. Based on the audit, Sikich has issued a clean unmodified opinion, the highest level of assurance Sikich can provide. In addition to the clean unmodified opinion, Sikich can verify that the deficiency has been eliminated in the FY 2024 financial audit.

A motion was made by Member Paul Hoefert, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to accept and file the FY 2024 financial audit. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

- 5.02 Proposed FY 2026 CMAP budget and work plan** [25-027](#)

Attachments: [Memo - FY26 Comprehensive Budget and Work Plan](#)
[FY 2026 Draft CMAP proposed budget and regional work plan](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported the FY 2026 budget and work plan is informed by the region's long-range plan, ON TO 2050. CMAP serves two roles: the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and the state-authorized regional planning agency. She identified the responsibilities of both roles as outlined in federal and state laws. CMAP is limited by its current funding structure and is unable to meet some of the mandates in the state's Regional Planning Act (RPA). CMAP continues to push for legislation that would appropriate reliable funding to meet the mandate (RPA). Director Aleman reviewed how funding flows to CMAP and the region.

Vas Boykovskyy, Finance Deputy, reported that federal funding from the US Department of Transportation supports the Unified Work Program (UWP) and accounts for 74% of CMAP's total FY 2026 revenue. CMAP continues to look for sustainable revenue sources to match federal funds. UWP funding represents 64% of CMAP's annual budget. They are used for operating activities and contractual services that meet federal metropolitan planning requirements.

Deputy Boykovskyy highlighted items of note in the budget including a \$3 million allocation to the Corridor Development Office for the I-290/Blue Line project and eTIP data services and the elimination of \$1 million in the Ecopia program, noting that the program will not extend beyond FY 2025. Additionally, staff has anticipated less work on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) programs.

In order to diversity its funding streams, CMAP regularly applies for competitive grants to support complementary work. Other funding streams include funds from the MacArthur Foundation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy for climate action planning.

The total FY 2026 UWP is \$34.25 million for transportation planning activities with \$27.4 million coming from federal partners and \$6.85 million coming from state and local matching funds. The total allocation of FY 2026 UWP sub-awards to external agencies is \$6.7 million and includes both core and competitive activities. This leaves \$27.4 million to be utilized by CMAP for MPO activities and operations.

Key activities in the work plan include the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan, Data Leadership program, and Transportation Safety Work.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member John Noak, to approve the FY 2026 CMAP budget and work plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

5.03 Federal Performance Targets

[25-024](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Safety and Asset Condition Targets 2025](#)

Martin Menninger, Program Lead, and Victoria Barrett, Senior Planner, presented on highway asset condition and roadway safety targets.

In 2012, Congress restructured funding from several separate funds into the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) of which IDOT receives more than half its funding. Flexibility on the use of funding is given when performance targets are met.

Federal law requires metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to set performance management

targets through a Transportation Performance Management (TPM) Program process. The TPM process consists of six measures: 1) identifying goals, 2) target setting, 3) performance-based planning, 4) performance based programming, 5) monitoring and adjustment, and 6) reporting and communication.

CMAP must consider highway condition and roadway safety as part of the federal target setting process. As part of the process, the state department of transportation adopts a four-year target and can adjust its targets at a midpoint cycle. Once the state's transportation department sets or adjust its statewide targets, MPO's have no more than 180 days to adopt their own targets or accept the state's targets.

IDOT adjusted its "% interstate pavements in good condition" and "% interstate pavements in poor condition" targets in the fall of 2024 as part of the highway management and asset condition midpoint adjustment target. This has prompted CMAP to review and adjust its targets. CMAP supports IDOT's targets and recommends accepting those targets.

Many of the region's bridges were constructed post-World War II and require additional maintenance or replacement. However, CMAP does recommend maintaining its past CMAP bridge targets.

Senior Planner Barrett presented the 2025 roadway safety performance targets required by the federal highway administration and are focused on five traffic safety performance measure targets. Targets set by IDOT for 2025 are based on a five-year rolling average of the most recent data available and, in this case, the most recent data uses 2022's five-year rolling average. The five traffic safety performance measure targets are: 1) annual rate of fatalities, 2) annual rate of serious injuries 3) fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), 4) rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and 5) combined non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.

Because of its upward trend, IDOT set its 2025 targets for fatalities and rate of fatalities using a policy-based two percent annual reduction in the five-year rolling average. The targets for serious injuries, rate of serious injuries and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries were set using an ordinary-least-squares (OLS) trend line method. CMAP recommends supporting IDOT's roadway safety targets and agreeing to integrate the state's targets as goals in the metropolitan planning process and to plan and program projects that help meet the state's targets. Moving forward, CMAP intends to align its regional targets with the timing of the regional transportation plan.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Paul Hoefert, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to approve the Federal Performance Targets. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouroos Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

6.0 Information Items

There were no information items.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, encouraged municipalities to make sidewalk upgrades to improve accessibility for those with mobility challenges.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Gary Grasso to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Matthew Brolley and John Roberson

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider