



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, June 11, 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 Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

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

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

Noting a physical quorum of the committee, Chair Bennett reported requests were received from Members Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Anne Sheahan, and Leanne Redden 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 remote participation from Members Hoefert, Idemudia, Noak, and Redden. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz and Carolyn Schofield

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Not Present: Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Alex Beata, Nora Beck, Vas Boykovskyy, Michael Brown, John Carpenter, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Ryan Gougis, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Stephane Phifer, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider and Claire Williams

Others present: Kristii DeLaurentiis, JonPaul Diipla, Rahul Durai, Douglas Hengesbaugh, Jane Hirt, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Gretchen Klock, Brian Larson, Adrian Levin, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Megan Miller, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer, Erin Roberts, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam and Daniel Thomas

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett announced he will work with Executive Director Aleman to identify members of the Board that represent Cook County, the collar counties, and the City of Chicago to serve in an advisory capacity to provide a recommendation on the appointment of officers including the chair and vice chairs of the Board and the members of the Executive Committee.

2.01 Executive director's report

[25-188](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report 6.4.25](#)

Erin Aleman, executive director, reported the state appropriated \$2 million in its Fiscal Year 2026 budget for CMAP to perform non-transportation related work. The funding will come through the Department of Human Services and will allow CMAP to work on land use, economic development, water, and other projects.

(Member Matt Walsh arrived at 9:36 a.m.)

CMAP adopted countywide safety action plans for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties. These plans were supported by a federal Safety Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The adoption of these plans, along with the adoption of county resolutions, make local governments eligible for the June 26 deadline for SS4A implementation funding.

Aleman reported on the planning for the region's next comprehensive plan. CMAP has shifted to a multi-plan framework with a regional vision at the center. The Vision will now be called the "Century Plan" and is targeted for completion in 2027 with final adoption by the Board and MPO Policy Committee. CMAP will publicly launch The Century Plan at the State of the Region event on November 4, 2025 which coincides with CMAP's 20th anniversary.

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 Board Member John Noak, seconded by Board Member Paul Hoefert, 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, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Leanne Redden

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting

[25-187](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board 05.14.25 Minutes](#)

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

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

4.01 Authorization to renew Microsoft 365 G5 Enterprise agreement subscription for 12 months with four one-year options to renew at a cost of \$1,236,973

[25-179](#)

Attachments: [Memo - SSJ - Microsoft Enterprise Enrollment](#)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

5.0 Executive Session

5.01 Executive Session to review personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

[25-189](#)

A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Anne Sheahan, to withdraw its request to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

5.02 Action on the executive director's performance review as recommended by the Executive Committee

[25-190](#)

Chair Bennett reported on the Executive Committee's recommendation to provide the executive director with a merit increase consistent with what will be provided to the agency's staff.

A motion was made by Member Paul Hoefert, seconded by Member John Noak, that the executive director receive the average merit increase given to agency staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

6.0 Other Items for Approval

6.01 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026- 2030 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund (STP-SF), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) Programs

[25-185](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Federal Programs 26-30](#)
[FFY26-30 CMAQ Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[FFY26-30 STP-SF Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[FFY26-30 TAP-L Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[CMAQ TIP Amendment 25-09.1](#)
[STP-SF TIP Amendment 25-09.2](#)
[TAP-L TIP Amendment 25-09.3](#)

Kama Dobbs, principal analyst, presented the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026-2030 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund (STP SF), and Local Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) for Board concurrence.

Infrastructure assets are designed for a 50-to-70-year life space and, as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the region, CMAP must plan for long-term investments that align with and are relevant to the needs of the region. CMAP must ensure that the region doesn't overspend and prioritizes projects that are developed in concert with one another.

CMAP is responsible for the development and implementation of the regional transportation plan (RTP) and is in the process of developing the next RTP. During the development of the RTP, the Board and MPO Policy Committee collaborate to set the policy foundation for its work across the region based on existing conditions, forecasted changes to land use and travel patterns, and reasonable expected transportation revenues.

In addition to the regional capital projects identified in the RTP, there are more transportation projects that take place in the region that are documented and monitored through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP document governs the transportation programming processes in the region and is the mechanism that monitors the funds programmed within each fiscal year to ensure the region's programs are fiscally constrained.

Dobbs reported that federal transportation legislation directs federal funding to the states. While IDOT manages many of the federal funding sources, CMAP, as the MPO for our region, is responsible for the STP, CMAQ, and TAP-L funding. Funding for these programs is determined by a combination of federal law and state distribution formulas.

(Member Anne Sheahan left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.)

Dobbs reviewed how funds are programmed, noting that CMAP has two project selection committees comprised of stakeholders and partners. The STP shared fund's current cycle has \$70 million available to accomplish regional-scale projects that make large and lasting contributions. The CMAQ fund's current cycle has \$175 million available to improve air quality through reduced emissions. There is approximately \$52 million in the TAP-L fund focused on implementing ON TO 2050's recommendation to complete the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan.

There were 88 applications received of which 27 projects are recommended for CMAQ funding, eight projects are recommended for STP funding, and five projects are recommended for TAP-L funding. Staff requests concurrence from the Board for these projects that were recommended for approval by the Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Member Gary Grasso, seconded by Member Joanna Ruiz, to provide concurrence of the FFY 2026 - 2030 CMAQ, STP-SF, and TAP-L regional transportation funding programs and TIP Amendments 25-09.1, 25-09.2 and 25-09.3. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Matthew Walsh and Leanne Redden

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Not Present: Anne Sheahan

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

7.0 Information Items

7.01 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[25-180](#)

Attachments: [Memo - 2026 RTP Existing Conditions Report](#)
[Existing Conditions Report](#)

Ryan Thompto, principal policy analyst, and Julie Reschke, senior analyst, presented an update on the Regional Transportation Plan. Staff has collected project information from its implementation partners and have begun evaluating the projects for recommendation to the Regional Capital Projects Program. Projects are being modeled to understand the benefits and impacts on the region and staff will then return to Board and other committees to discuss prioritization of the projects. Work

continues on the financial plan with staff working with their resource group on reasonably expected revenues for the development of the revenue and expenditure forecasts. Approximately 1,000 responses have been received to CMAP's public engagement survey and staff continue to work with stakeholders and the public at public events and meetings.

Reschke reviewed the recently published Existing Conditions report. The Existing Conditions report builds off of the Emerging Priorities report that was published in February. It identifies trends, challenges, and opportunities that can inform the region in how to strategize the implementation of our vision for transportation. The report is structured by the five goal areas of: strengthening connections between people and places, prioritizing safety and public health, mitigating pollution and investing in resilient infrastructure; supporting economic prosperity and inclusive growth, and strategically governing, funding, and preserving the system.

Reschke reported on regional trends in demographics. The region reflects a growing proportion of seniors 65 and over while the share of children and working-age adults is decreasing. It was noted that changes in age composition can have implications for transportation planning. While overall population growth has remained steady, household growth has increased. There have been changes in work commuting patterns post-COVID with populations whose income is \$75,000 or more and races that are white or Asian showing the greatest increase in remote work.

The existing conditions report reflects an increase in vehicle, bike, and pedestrian crash fatalities. Some areas and residents face greater traffic safety risks and efforts such the countywide safety action plans could provide context and identify better solutions to these risks. Flooding and heat exposure has put transportation infrastructure at risk. Mitigating these risks is important in maintaining existing infrastructure and providing essential transportation options. The region has seen modest economic growth and a key role to ensuring that growth continues is maintaining the region's transportation system.

Reshke reviewed next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the need to assess the safety impact of scooters on the road.

The Regional Transportation Plan update was presented.

7.02 2025 Technical Assistance Call for Projects

[25-191](#)

Attachments: [Memo - 2025 Technical Assistance Projects](#)

Patrick Day, principal planner, provided an update on the awarded projects under the 2025 Technical Assistance Call for Projects. CMAP, in partnership with the Regional Transportation Authority, continues to receive a strong response to the technical assistance call for projects.

CMAP has provided resources to communities throughout northeastern Illinois on more than 300 planning projects over the last decade. This year's call for projects resulted in 30 projects being selected but it was noted that the needs of our regional communities outpace CMAP's current capacity.

Day reported that CMAP has supported a mix of projects during this call for projects, noting that four communities will receive assistance with their ADA self-evaluation and transition planning, six communities will receive assistance with their capital improvement plans, and another 11

communities will receive pavement management planning assistance.

Technical assistance empowers communities and brings to life the principles identified in the ON TO 2050. Day highlighted community projects that benefited from the technical assistance program.

Discussion ensued regarding the success of the program. It was noted that these are the types of projects that CMAP will be pursuing with its \$2 million appropriation from the Department of Human Services.

The 2025 Technical Assistance Call for Projects list was presented.

7.03 Legislative update

[25-183](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative Update](#)

John Carpenter, intergovernmental affairs director, reported on the State's \$2 million appropriation to CMAP for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the planning functions and programs required by the Illinois Regional Planning Act. He thanked everyone who engaged our state legislators in obtaining this funding.

The General Assembly passed a \$55.2 billion budget along with a companion budget implementation and revenue bill. The budget increases spending by 4% and includes a \$100 million budget reserve for immediate disbursement in the governmental efficiencies bridge fund to address any unintended delay in funding or failures in revenue. The state's budgeted revenue package totals approximately \$800 million and includes new taxes on sports betting, tobacco and vape products, and foreign and out of state corporations doing business in Illinois. It was noted that the budget diverts approximately \$171 million of motor fuel sales tax (MFT) revenues from the road fund to the general revenue fund.

The General Assembly did not act on the Future of Transit Reform and Funding bills that Representative Delgado and Senator Villivalam filed. After several amendments, the Senate narrowly passed the Senate bill, but the House did not take up the Senate's bill or approve its own bill. The governor and leadership have indicated that work is needed to address the governance and funding issues raised through the committee hearings and legislative debate. The General Assembly is scheduled to reconvene for its veto session in October but there is a possibility of a special session if movement is made. The intergovernmental affairs team will focus its outreach during the summer on stable and reliable sources for funding our regional transit system.

Discussion ensued.

A legislative update was received and filed.

8.0 Other Business

Chair Bennett remarked that Member John Roberson will be leaving the City of Chicago and taking a position with the Obama Foundation. CMAP appreciates his contributions for the region and in the city.

The Board discussed attendance at its board meetings. The Board questioned whether there should be a cap in the number of virtual meetings a member can attend and whether a policy or guideline

should be created to address attendance issues. Chair Bennett will work with the executive director to see what can be done to improve board member attendance.

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, advocated for ADA services and continued engagement in the Chicagoland region.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2025.

It was noted that the Executive Committee will be unable to meet due to a lack of a quorum.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Richard Reinbold, seconded by Member Paul Hoefert, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Matthew Walsh and Leanne Redden

Absent: Jada Curry and John Roberson

Not Present: Anne Sheahan

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider