



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:30 AM

**DuPage 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 9:33 a.m.

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

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Bill Barnes, Alexander Beata, Vas Boykovskyy, Phoebe Downey, Austen Edwards, Jane Grover, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Maren Lutterbach, Stephane Phifer, Kyle Schulz, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Claire Williams

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Heidi Files, Michael Fricano, Jane Hirt, Neil James, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Ashni Pabley, Leslie Phemister, Michael Sewall, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett welcomed the new Board member taking the place of John Roberson on the Board, Jung Yoon. Jung Yoon introduced herself.

2.01 Executive Director's report

[25-269](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report 9.10.25](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported on CMAP's activities over the summer, which included participation in the Transport Chicago conference, the National Association of Regional Councils annual conference in Seattle, as well as this year's Esri User Conference in San Diego.

Additionally, CMAP hosted the 17th annual Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program over the summer, which introduces high school students to urban planning.

The Executive Director also gave opening remarks at the 15th annual Transportation Asset Management conference.

Regarding CMAP's federal activities, the Executive Director met with several members of our congressional delegation to share CMAP's progress and priorities. CMAP staff also developed a regional policy document - One Regional Voice 2025 - a unified set of principles for the next federal surface transportation reauthorization.

The Housing Lake County program launched in July and hosted its first stakeholder meeting which was attended by 110 people. CMAP is hopeful this will be a model that can be replicated in other

counties.

Several community data snapshots, which are the top resource on CMAP's website, were updated over the summer. This year's update also included new data on uninsured populations, vehicle miles traveled per household, and county-level development from CMAP's Northeastern Illinois Development Database. The Executive Director encouraged Board members to utilize these resources that CMAP offers and collaborate with CMAP staff teams on visits to the local communities.

The Executive Director also reminded the Board that the next meeting on October 8, 2025, will be the joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee. The location is still to be determined.

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 Paul Hoefert, seconded by Board Member Nancy Rotering, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 under the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting

[25-270](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board minutes 06.11.25](#)

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

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

4.01 Intergovernmental agreement for Cook County Assessor Data - Tax Year 2024

[25-272](#)

Attachments: [Memo - CCAO justification](#)
[Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County 2026](#)
[Resolution with Cook County Assessors Office 2026](#)
[Exhibit A - Statement of Purpose FY26](#)

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 closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

[25-278](#)

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Gary Grasso, to not enter into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

5.02 Action on staff recommendation regarding closed session minutes

[25-279](#)

A motion was made by Member Gary Grasso, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to follow the staff's recommendation to maintain confidentiality on previously approved closed session meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

6.0 Other Items for Approval

6.01 FY2026 Budget and Work Plan Amendment

[25-280](#)

Attachments: [Memo - FY2026 Budget and Work Plan Amendment](#)

(Member Walsh arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

Vas Boykovskyy, Deputy Director of Finance, presented an amendment to the Budget and Work Plan for FY2026. CMAP has received an additional \$1.2 million from IDOT and the Illinois General Assembly has awarded CMAP \$2 million in funds for non-transportation work. CMAP also received \$300,000 from Schreiber Philanthropy for CMAP's affordable housing project in Lake County. Consequently, CMAP is requesting to increase the budget by \$3.5 million in revenue and \$2.3 million in expenses.

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Matt Walsh, to approve the budget and work plan amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak

6.02 Nomination of CMAP officers

[25-277](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Nomination of CMAP officers](#)

Executive Director Aleman asked for confirmation of the CMAP officers on the Executive Committee as required annually by the Regional Planning Act. The recommendation is to confirm the existing

members of the Executive Committee for another year with the only change being Jung Yoon joining the Executive Committee to replace John Roberson.

A motion was made by Member Matthew Walsh, seconded by Member Paul Hoefert, to approve the proposed nominations of CMAP officers for the Executive Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: John Noak

7.0 Information Items

7.01 The Century Plan update

[25-273](#)

Attachments: [Memo - The Century Plan update](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman provided a brief overview of CMAP's long-range planning history and recognized the long-standing service of Member Beal and Chair Bennett. Both reflected on CMAP's evolution and emphasized its role as a regional resource for governments and businesses. Member Beal highlighted Chair Bennett's leadership and expressed appreciation for staff contributions.

(Member Noak arrived at 9:59 a.m.)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal Policy Analyst, reviewed the guiding ethos and priorities of past plans *GO TO 2040* and *ON TO 2050*, which focused on transportation modernization, climate resilience, inclusive housing, fiscal sustainability, and data-driven decision-making.

Kasia Hart, Principal Intergovernmental Affairs, outlined specific examples of achievements stemming from the *GO TO 2040* and *ON TO 2050* plans. Examples included (1) the Local Technical Assistance program that helped communities unlock millions of dollars of state and federal funding, (2) the Illinois Port District Master Plan which secured \$34 million in federal funding to rebuild Calumet River docks, (3) rebuilding Illinois capital plan which resulted in 20% new gas tax revenue being reserved for transit capital needs, (4) a refined methodology for the Surface Transportation Fund, and (5) the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership which influenced 60+ pro-Chicagoland business decisions to relocate or expand to the region leading to \$715 million in workers' earnings and 8,500 jobs.

Members Schofield and Brolley shared positive local impacts of the Local Technical Assistance program and affirmed its strategic importance. Members Idemudia and Noak added that strategically this program is vital to enable communities to implement projects and has enabled basic comprehensive planning.

Kasia Hart further summarized the input CMAP has received from the Board along with input from stakeholders to be included in The Century Plan. These were (1) economic growth, vitality and competitiveness, (2) climate change and the ability of the transit system to meet regional needs, and (3) a people centered vision focused on connection and interdependence.

(Member Grasso left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.)

Members discussed measuring plan outcomes, nimbleness in responding to change, grassroots engagement, timeliness, and continued focus on quality of life, economic stability, and sustainability.

Austen Edwards, Senior Policy Analyst, presented the approach of the new long-range plan, the Century Plan, and the scenario planning that is currently being undertaken. In the fall, CMAP is planning to engage in more activities focusing on translating the information the agency has collected into tangible ideas. CMAP identified drivers of change and major shifts that need to be kept in mind when exploring future scenarios, also noting trends with competing impacts (e.g., advancements in health vs. rising chronic diseases and pandemics). Austen Edwards emphasized aligning local plans and building consistency across the region.

Elizabeth Scott concluded with next steps: The Board will be presented with a plan preview in fall 2026 for input and refinement before final development of the plan. Furthermore, events in every subregional council will be planned to gather input for the Century Plan. There will be a workshop with professional scenario planners Kerr Smith for the Board and MPO policy committee at their next meeting on October 8. She also reminded the Board of the State of the Region event on November 4, 2025.

An update to The Century Plan was presented.

7.02 Board member attendance and attendance policy research

25-271

Attachments: [Memo - Board member attendance and attendance policy research](#)

Chair Bennett emphasized the importance for all Board members to be present for every Board meeting in person to allow for a quorum and the productive work of the Board, as the input of all members is critical.

The research on the attendance policy was presented.

7.03 Legislative update

25-274

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative update](#)

Erin Aleman summarized briefly that the general assembly is not in session now, but CMAP will be closely monitoring their veto session as well as the federal level. As soon as the state legislature is back in session there will be a more comprehensive report.

A legislative update was presented.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, reminded the Board that people with disabilities need proper communication to understand CMAP's work and be a part of it, possibly even in terms of translation services. Heather Armstrong asked the Board to monitor the financial situation of the CTA closely.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee and is scheduled for October 8, 2025, location will be determined.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Anne Sheahan, seconded by Member John Noak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: Gary Grasso

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Maren Lutterbach