



COUNCIL OF MAYORS

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Representing agencies present:

North Shore Council of Mayors: Mayor George Van Dusen, Skokie

Northwest Council of Mayors: President Karen Darch, Barrington

Northwest Council of Mayors: Thomas Hayes, Arlington Heights

Central Council of Mayors: President Mark Kuchler, La Grange

Southwest Council of Mayors: President Dave Brady, Bedford Park

South Council of Mayors: President Mike Einhorn, Crete

DuPage Council of Mayors: Gary Grasso, Burr Ridge

DuPage Council of Mayors: (Online) Mayor Joe Machese, Darien

Kane Council of Mayors: Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

Lake Council of Mayors: Mayor Leon Rockingham, North Chicago

Lake Council of Mayors: President Glenn Ryback, Wadsworth

Will Council of Mayors: (Online) Mayor Teresa Kernc, Diamond

Staff Present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Jesse Altman, Bill Barnes, Lindsay Bayley, Henrietta Brown, John Carpenter, Daniel Comeaux, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Alicia Gage, Ryan Gougis, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Evan Hay, Tricia Hyland, Jaemi Jackson, Aimee Lee, Jen Maddux, Jared Patton, Russell Pietrowski, Stephane Phifer, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Lenny Cannata, Eric Czarnota, Drew Duffin, Jackie Forbes, Neil James, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Joe Surdam, Kendra Johnson, Matt Pasquini, Megan Swanson, Fricano, Todd Schmidt, Chad Philips, Leslie Rauer, Terry Kernc, Charles Riddle, Michael Fricano, Claudia Morell

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee, August 15, 2023

[23-471](#)

Attachments: [Council of Mayors EC Draft Minutes 2023.08.15](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Mayor Einhorn to approve the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

3.0 Updates

3.1 Executive Director's report

[22-438](#)

CMAQ Executive Director Erin Aleman began her report with an update regarding the PART report approved in October by the Board and MPO Policy Committee. The report outlines financial and governance options that address the transit system's fiscal cliff and improve service. The plan will be reviewed for consideration by the state legislature. CMAQ is planning a press event in celebration of this milestone to hand off the report to sponsors in December.

Executive Director Aleman also provided updates regarding: clean energy, the US Tech Hub for Quantum Tech, the housing readiness grant application open for public comment, Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership, ADA Trainings, STP/CMAQ funding and project updates, legislative updates and Local contributions.

The Executive Director's report was read and filed.

3.2 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads

[23-473](#)

There were no IDOT updates for this meeting. Chad Riddle was available for questions.

3.3 STP Project Selection Committee

[23-476](#)

Kama Dobbs provided an update regarding the STP Project Selection Committee's last meeting, including the schedule for the Shared Fund call for projects cycle. Dobbs also noted that as of this meeting, all councils have their calls for local STP funding open and those calls close on varied schedules. Questions about the local calls should be directed to the appropriate planning liaison.

STP Project Selection Committee updates were presented.

3.4 Legislative update

[22-406](#)

There were no legislative updates for this meeting. John Carpenter was available for questions.

3.5 STAR: Transportation safety program

[23-472](#)

Lindsay Bayley provided the council with an update on current transportation safety actions and initiatives.

The STAR program is a 5-year effort to improve and implement traffic safety.

Bayley responded to questions and comments from the council and noted a request from President Darch for data pertaining to accidents involving texting and street racing.

The STAR program was discussed.

3.6 Accessibility program [23-475](#)

Jaemi Jackson noted that within the CMAP region, 4.5 percent of people have a disability affecting mobility. CMAP's accessibility program provides training for municipal staff and officials regarding ADA and Title II, ADA coordinator, self-evaluations, and transition plans. CMAP has conducted seven trainings so far. Transition plans will soon begin in the communities of Berwyn, Chicago Heights, Hillside, La Grange Park, Lemont, Lincolnwood, Roselle.

CMAP staff are researching data on accessibility best practices. This could include policy briefs on accessibility and bike lanes, EV charging, etc. Staff research also includes the impact of improving accessibility for economic development.

The accessibility program was discussed.

3.7 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) [23-474](#)

Daniel Comeaux, provided an update on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit. He discussed next steps and answered questions from the council. The update discussed revenue proposals, principles for board appointments and governance reforms, as well as data and statistics used to construct this plan of action.

The Plan of Action for Regional Transit was discussed.

4.0 New Business

4.1 FY 2025 Planning Liaison Scope of Services [23-477](#)

Mayor Schielke requested a motion to approve the FY 2025 Planning Liaison Scope of Services.

A motion was made by President Darch, seconded by President Ryback, that the FY 2025 Planning Liaison Scope of services be approved. The motion passed.

4.2 STP Project Selection Committee Vacancy [23-484](#)

Mayor Schielke requested the nomination and election of a representative to serve on the STP Project Selection Committee.

A motion was made by President Darch, seconded by President Ryback, to appoint President Kuchler to serve on the STP Project Selection Committee. The motion passed.

4.3 CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L Project Selection Committee Vacancy [23-483](#)

Mayor Schielke requested the nomination and election of a representative to serve on the CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L Project Selection Committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Grasso, seconded by President Darch, to appoint President Brady to serve on the CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L Project Selection Committee. The motion passed.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Committee.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2024.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Schielke at 11:02 am.

Minutes prepared by Evan Hay