

CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and reminded the audience that the meeting is being held virtually, as allowed by the governor's disaster proclamation and determination by the board.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Roterling, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan, and Diane Williams

Absent: Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Carolyn Back, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Nora Beck, Jonathan Burch, Julie Burros, John Carpenter, Karly Cazzato, Michael Collins, Daniel Comeaux, Brian Daly, Teri Dixon, Agata Dryla-Gaca, Phoebe Downey, Austen Edwards, Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign, Parry Frank, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Borja Gonzalez, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Cassidy Harper, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Mitch Hirst, Tricia Hyland, Matt Kolasny, Michael Kray, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Tony Manno, Matt Marth, Amy McEwan, Martin Menninger, Art Nicholas, Tim O'Leary, Stephen Ostrander, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Katie Piotrowska, Jose Portillo, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Piotr Wietrzak, Laura Wilkson, Asad Zaidi

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Kevin Bueso, Leonard B. Cannata, Anthony Cefali, Eric Czarnota, Doug DeLille, John Donovan, Brandon Geber, Neil James, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Jill Leary, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Melissa Meyer, Heather Mullins, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas, Freddy Vasquez

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from January 19, 2023

[23-082](#)

Attachments: [CMAF 1.19.23 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Anne Sheahan, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, that the agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan and Diane Williams

Absent: Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Not Present: Matthew Brolley

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

4.0 Executive Director's Report

(Member Brolley arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

4.01 Executive director's report

[23-094](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman remarked on the passing of Laurence Msall of the Civic Committee who passed away unexpectedly and extended her condolences to his peers, family, and friends.

Executive Director Aleman reported on the announcement by Governor JB Pritzker that the state's public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023. Upon the termination of this executive order, public bodies will resume in-person meetings and a physical quorum will be required to hold committee/board meetings. Virtual participation will be limited to conditions outlined in OMA and CMAF Board's bylaws and will require a majority of the members to approve a member's request to participate virtually.

Executive Director Aleman's report included her attendance at the National Association of Regional Council's Conference in Washington, DC and congressional delegation meetings, recent legislative meetings and funding to support the implementation of the Regional Planning Act (RPA).

The executive director's report was received and filed.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.01 Climate Committee report

[23-102](#)

Attachments: [CMAF Climate Committee Annual Report - Feb 2023](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that the Climate Committee's annual report was included in the agenda packet.

The Climate Committee annual report was received and filed.

6.0 Other Items for Approval

6.01 FY 2024 comprehensive budget and work plan

[23-092](#)

Attachments: [Budget Memo FY2024](#)
[FY24 Draft Budget and Regional Work Plan](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman and Finance Director Piotr Wietzrak presented the FY 2024 comprehensive budget and work plan.

Much of CMAP's funding comes from the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). About \$6.3 million of funding goes to Unified Work Program (UWP) partner agencies. The other portion of the budget of those federal dollars are used to support the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) required functions and management of federal required plans including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and the administration of the UWP. This funding also supports the programming of federal funds for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and the new Carbon Reduction Program.

The region's required 20% match is \$1.6 million of CMAP's budget and local contributions will incrementally increase over the next five years to build a more sustainable revenue source. The budget also aligns with CMAP's strategic direction in three focus areas: transportation, climate, and regional economy.

Finance Director Wietzrak reported that approximately \$23.3 million of the \$29.6 million budget will be used to support the operation and work that CMAP and its partners perform. Personnel costs and contract expenses are expected to increase in FY 2024 with commodities expecting a decrease.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget process.

A motion was made by Member Diane Williams, seconded by Member Anne Sheahan, that the FY 2024 budget and work plan be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan and Diane Williams

Absent: Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

7.0 Information Items

7.01 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update

[23-095](#)

Senior Director and Policy Advisor Laura Wilkison provided an update on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). The PART Steering Committee's list of principles to guide them in their recommendations include focusing on the system's financially viable in 2026 and beyond; identifying recommendations where the state has a role in implementing solutions; rebuilding a stronger system than before the pandemic, centering its recommendations on behalf of the users of the system, and being bold in its recommendations.

The PART Steering Committee has identified three areas of focus. The first area focuses on the system we want and will work to identify the policies and investments that can rebuild public confidence in the regional transit system for existing and future riders. The second area focuses on how to pay for the system and will look at the necessary reforms and funding supports to close the operating budget shortfall and pay for incremental costs of reforms. The third area focuses on how to implement the system and identify the necessary reforms to governance structures and funding distribution mechanisms to achieve transit system goals.

The PART Steering Committee held its first meeting on January 18, 2023. Laura Wilkison identified the co-chairs and members of the committee. Eno has conducted more than 20 interviews and outreach has been made to state legislators. Staff continues to conduct research and analysis, host discussion groups, plan focus groups, and present at the RTA and service boards, and a webpage for PART has been launched.

Discussion ensued regarding Steering Committee meeting dates and limiting conflicts of these meetings with other service board agency meetings.

The PART report update item was presented.

7.02 Legislative update

[23-104](#)

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs John Carpenter reported that CMAP's top legislative priority is to secure funding for the full implementation of the Regional Planning Act, CMAP's enabling statute. With more flexible funding, CMAP would be better situated to help the region take advantage of federal funding opportunities beyond transportation funds. Senator Villavalam and Representative Moylan have agreed to sponsor legislation that, if approved, would appropriate \$10 million to CMAP to grow its ability to fulfill the RPA objectives and promote improved access to funds. Legislation will be presented in each of the chambers, and it was noted that Senator Villavalam recently introduced Senate Bill 1429. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

CMAP Board members are requested to express their support to their local legislators and Councils of Government. Discussion ensued.

A legislative update was presented to the Board.

8.0 Other Business

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on a \$5 million grant to address safety planning across the region. Having every county complete a safety action plan will unlock opportunities for all municipalities and counties in our region to apply for hard infrastructure funding.

9.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, remarked on his upcoming birthday. He also offered his and his wife's services should CMAP need them to advocate on behalf of the agency.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2023

11.0 Adjournment

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

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Roterling, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan and Diane Williams

Absent: Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider