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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Friday, September 12, 2025

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
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1.0 Call to order and introductions

Chair Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Academic Research Representative 1, ATA Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOTD1 Representative, IDOT OP-&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2 and IDOT OIPI Representative and IEPA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative, P.S. Sriraj served as Academic 2 Representative, Amy Rynell served as ATA Representative, Michael Kent served as CDOT Representative, Aimee Lee served as CMAP Representative, Leon Rockingham served as CoM Representative, Tara Orbon served as Cook Co Representative, Cara Bader served as CTA Representative, John Loper served as DuPage Co Representative, John Paul Dipla served as FHWA Representative, Steve Schilke served as IDOT D1 Representative, Megan Swanson served as IDOT OP&P Representative, Heidi Files served as Kane Co Representative, Heidi Lichtenberger served as Kendall Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, David Kralik served as Metra Representative, Thomas Bamonte served as MPC Representative, Tom Vander Woude served as NIRPC Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Chris Hiebert served as SEWRPC Representative, Karyn Robles served as Tollway Representative and Christina Kupkowski served as Will Co Representative

Staff present: Jesse Altman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Alex Beata, Karly Cazzato, Kaitlin Cernak, Claire Conzelmann, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jon Haadsma, Danielle Hamer, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Hayden Horton, Alexis McAdams, Martin Menninger, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Kyrstal Rodriguez, Clarke ShupeDiggs, Mike Sobczak, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca VelaSchneider and Max Wagner

Others present: Charles Abraham, Garland Armstrong, Margot Bronec, Erik Cempel, Lynette Ciavarella, Dustin Clark, Hugh Cooper Sr., Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Brandon Geber, Henry Guerriero, Jennifer Henry, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Quinn Kasal, Nicole McCall, Leslie Rauer, Joanne Rooney, Todd Schmidt, Michael Sewall and Jarred Touns

2.0 Agenda changes and announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of minutes

3.01 Minutes from August 1, 2025

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Attachments: [TC minutes 08.01.25](#)

A motion was made by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, seconded by CMAP Representative Aimee Lee, to approve the August 1, 2025 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: ATA Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT OP-&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2 and IDOT OIPI Representative and IEPA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Not Present: Academic Research Representative 1

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

4.0 CMAP updates

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation and CMAP Representative, reported on CMAP staff's recent engagements at the Transportation Asset Management 15th National Conference and Transit Community Safety Workshop.

CMAP completed its County Safety Action Plans for six counties in the region. Will and McHenry Counties have already adopted their plans and CMAP continues to work with the remaining counties to get their plans adopted. These plans are critical in advancing safety projects, securing funding, and reducing serious injuries and fatalities in our region.

Lee reported that the APA Illinois Conference will take place October 8 -10 at the Old Post Office and CMAP staff will be featured in six sessions. October 8 is also CMAP's joint meeting with the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The MPO Policy Committee's designated members are encouraged to attend. A workshop will be held with CMAP's consultant team directly following the meeting to support scenario planning and strategic foresight in the development of The Century Plan.

CMAP will celebrate its 20th anniversary and the launch of The Century Plan at its State of the Region event on November 4, 2025. The event will take place at the Old Post Office and invitations have been sent to committee members.

5.0 Items for approval

5.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and administrative modifications

25-290

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend25-11](#)
[Formal TIP Amendment 25-11](#)
[Administrative Amendment 25-11.1](#)
[Administrative Amendment 25-11.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Program Lead, presented the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program formal TIP amendment 25-11 and administrative TIP amendments 25-11.1 and 25-11.2. There are 59 formal amendments for the committee's consideration and an additional 123 administrative amendments that were reviewed and approved by staff.

Formal amendments resulted in an increase of \$255.9 million in total costs for all prior, current, and

future years. A highlight of the formal amendment is the RTA Section 5310 Program of Projects that provides assistance to public transportation projects that focus on enhancing mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Another project included in the formal amendment is IDOT's \$13 million for shoulder, rumble strip, and drainage work on US 14 in McHenry County.

Administrative amendments added \$72 million to the TIP in total costs for all prior, current, and future years.

The net change from the TIP for both formal and administrative amendments is \$327.9 million being added to the TIP for all prior, current, and future years. The TIP remains fiscally constrained. Staff is seeking approval of formal amendment 25-11.

It was noted that CMAP will be launching a new eTIP platform that will have more functionality. CMAP has been offering training.

A motion was made by Kane Co Representative Heidi Files, seconded by Cook Co Representative Tara Orbon, to approve FFY 2023-2028 formal TIP amendment 25.11. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 1, ATA Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOTD1 Representative, -IDOT OP-&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 2 and IDOT OIPI Representative and IEPA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.0 Information items

6.01 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

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Attachments: [Memo - RTP update summary](#)
[Transportation Funding Strategies Memo](#)
[Draft RCP Benefits Report](#)

Ryan Thompto, Principal Policy Analyst, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Senior Policy Analyst, and Erik Cempel, Consultant, provided an update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Thompto reported work continues on multiple streams with multiple partners contributing to the work. Staff and partners are advancing analysis, policy development, and project evaluations. The draft plan is targeted for release for public review in June 2026 and for the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee's approval in October 2026.

Public engagement and outreach occurred during the summer, and more than 1500 responses were received to the online questionnaire. Concerns regarding vehicles speeding, road congestion, and access to transit are key themes that have emerged from public engagement efforts. Residents want more investment in infrastructure that supports transit, walking, and biking and they make their travel decisions based on safety, reliability, and frequency of service. Residents also want activities that promote community and economic development, protect environmental resources, and provide

resilience to extreme weather events. Staff will continue their public outreach efforts through the fall, and the questionnaire will remain open until the end of the year.

Thompto reviewed efforts to identify and refine strategies for inclusion in the plan including building on the ON TO 2050 Plan update, drawing upon existing planning efforts, policy briefs, and work that is underway.

The Regional Capital Projects (RCP) report provides the evaluation results of the region's major transportation capital projects and is intended to identify potential benefits and tradeoffs of projects to inform future discussions. It was noted that an error was found in the air quality emissions numbers in the report and that updated information is available online.

CMAA, working with the Resource Group, identified 137 projects through 2050. The draft RCP includes 23 projects that have committed funding but have not gone through the evaluation process. Should the funding change, these projects would be subject to evaluation. Thompto reported that of the 137 projects, seven projects add lanes to the interstate system, 37 project construct new arterials or add lanes to existing arterial roadways, and 13 projects are new transit lines or extensions.

Thompto reviewed key findings of the evaluations, noting that projects were assessed in 11 categories across three groups: 1) existing needs; 2) future impact; and 3) financial cost. Further analysis of fiscal impact will need to be done before projects can be prioritized. The RCP project locations can be viewed online. It was noted that forecasted revenues are less than the cost of all the projects so there is a need for project prioritization.

(Academic Research Representative 2 P.S. Sriraj arrived at 9:57 a.m.)

Thompto reviewed next steps.

Discussion ensued regarding ensuring that the RCP complies with federal regulations, understanding the impact of smaller projects on the RCP and federal funding, and how the RCP could be amended to bring a smaller project into it for federal funding at a later date.

Ginsberg, provided an update on the financial plan. The RTP is federally required to be fiscally constrained and ensure there is sufficient revenue to invest in the transportation system as recommended by the plan. Baseline revenues have been insufficient to cover all planned expenditures and there is a need for new and reasonably expected revenue sources. Baseline revenues are organized into four categories: 1) federal revenue; 2) state revenue; 3) system generated revenue; and 4) local revenue. Staff have been working on updating assumptions and forecasted revenues.

Staff have estimated that the forecasted baseline revenue will be \$455 billion, approximately \$33 billion less than the previous forecast. While the estimated forecast is less than the previous forecast, it is largely due to the shorter horizon. Staff have been working on forecasting five reasonably expected revenues that are not currently implemented but have been long-standing recommendations in previous plans and supported by recent policy work. Reasonably expected revenues generated from sales tax modernization, road usage charges, freight delivery fees, tolling reconstructions, and regional revenue sources are expected to generate an additional \$69 billion. Total forecasted revenue is estimated at \$524 billion.

Ginsberg reviewed expenditures. Expenditures are categorized into four categories: 1) operating and maintaining the system; 2) improving the system; 3) adding system capacity; and 4) enhancing the system.

Identifying program priorities aligns investments with regional goals and objectives and provides opportunities for transparent and collaborative decision making. It also ensures that important policy related investments are being accounted for and constrained accordingly. Program priorities that are included in the system enhancement costs include active transportation, ADA accessibility, and transit decarbonization.

Federal requirements state that the financial plan has to show all costs in the year of expenditure. Previously, CMAP included a flat 2.5% assumption for cost growth over the life of the financial plan period, but costs have escalated more than the 2.5% assumption. CMAP created small, medium, and high scenarios to estimate cost growth in the RTP financial plan based on data from the National Highway Construction Costs Index but will be refining it to create a transit-specific cost growth scenario that incorporates transit-related price producer indices. CMAP is working with the Resource Group to validate and refine the scenarios. Ginsberg reported on compound growth's impact to the fiscal constraint.

Using the cost growth scenarios, the draft expenditure forecast is approximately \$667 billion, \$141 billion higher than what was previously forecasted in the 2050 Plan Update. Compared to the \$524 billion in estimated revenues, there is a shortfall of \$143 billion. Ginsberg reported that next steps include working with the Resource Group to prioritize projects that should be financially constrained.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding of toll reconstructions and how the cost growth scenario will affect projects included in the Regional Capital Plan.

Cempel reported he is working on a series of policy briefs intended to support the RTP development. His focus today is intercity bus and rail. There are 16 intercity passenger rail routes serving eight different stations in our region. Intercity bus has a variety of stops around northeastern Illinois and there are plans for expansion.

Cempel reviewed emerging trends related to intercity rail, intercity bus, and both intercity rail and bus. He reviewed peer examples from Atlanta Regional Council (ARC), Denver's Regional Transportation District (RTD), Ohio Department of Transportation (DOT), Washington State DOT and Sound Transit, and Boston South Station.

Opportunities for intercity rail and bus include planning and programming, facilitation of funding, coordination and collaboration, and targeted infrastructure investments for rail and bus.

An update to the Regional Transportation Plan was discussed.

6.02 Legislative update

25-293

Attachments: [6.02 Legislative Update Memo 2025-09-05](#)

Kasia Hart, Principal of Legislative Affairs, reported that the federal house and senate have reconvened. Staff continue to monitor efforts on a continuation resolution that would keep the government open. Staff has worked with key stakeholders to identify priorities on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill and have been monitoring federal monies for transit in our region.

The State legislature is expected to reconvene for its veto session beginning October 14. Staff continues to engage with legislators to address the transit fiscal cliff on short-term and long-term needs.

A legislative update was provided.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, thanked Metra for their work to get the Grayland Station on the Milwaukee District North line ADA is accessible. He sought information regarding the number of train cars that can be held on the platform at any given time. Armstrong also thanked the CTA for their modernization work at several stations on the Red and Purple lines. He urged agencies and communities to make sidewalks ADA accessible.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2025.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by McHenry Co Representative Scott Hennings, seconded by CMAP Representative Aimee Lee, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Academic Research Representative 2, ATA Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1 and IDOT - OIPI Representative and IEPA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider