



## STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, July 13, 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

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Chair Dobbs reviewed hybrid meeting logistics and invited committee members and members of the audience to introduce themselves. Staff read the names of online participants.

**Present:** Kama Dobbs, Dan Burke, Grant Davis, and CDOT Representative

**Absent:** Leon Rockingham, and Jeffery Schielke

**Non-Voting:** John Donovan, Jennifer (Sis) Killen, and Heather Mullins

**Absent (NV):** Tony Greep, and Chad Riddle

Vig Krishnamurthy was present as the CDOT Representative.

**Staff Present:** John Carpenter (online), Teri Dixon, Phoebe Downey (online), Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign (online), Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris (online), Craig Heither (online), Jen Maddux (online), Martin Menninger (online), Lee Skuby (online), Sarah Stolpe, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Daniel Xu

**Others Present:** Jessica Abdelnour, Zach Braun (online), Eric Czarnota, Drew Duffin, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano (online), Brandon Geber, Tony Greep (online), Mike Klemens (online), Daniel Knickelbein, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Jack Malec (online), Brittany Matyas (online), Leslie Rauer, Charles Riddle (online), Jeff Schielke (online), Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas (online), David Tomzik (online)

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes - April 13, 2023

[23-323](#)

**Attachments:** [STP PSC Draft Minutes 04132023](#)

*A motion was made by Dan Burke, seconded by Grant Davis, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023, as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote.*

## 4.0 Active Program Management Reports

### 4.1 Shared Fund Status Updates

[23-324](#)

**Attachments:** [Shared Fund Status Report - July 2023 \(Active\)](#)  
[Shared Fund Status Report - July 2023 \(Contingency\)](#)

Kama Dobbs reviewed the Active Program Management reports included in the agenda packet. The first report provided the status of Shared Fund Active projects. Chair Dobbs noted that Barrington and Naperville are targeting the January 2024 letting, CTA is still awaiting FTA grant approval, and Batavia received a high bid for the Prairie Street project and has elected to re-bid the project in November. Staff also approved a cost increase for Aurora's East New York St. project that was let for construction in 2021 and is nearing completion.

Kama Dobbs then reviewed the final page of the report, which details the status of the CRRSAA funded projects selected by the committee. Kama Dobbs stated that although the recent bill to address the debt ceiling included the rescission of CRRSAA funds that were not obligated by the date the bill was signed, IDOT staff was

able to ensure that 100% of the funds apportioned for Illinois were obligated. This did require shifting of the funds to state projects. As a result, IDOT has committed to honoring the local programming by substituting state funds for the CRRSAA funds.

The second report provided the status of Shared Fund Contingency projects. Several of these projects applied again during this year's call for projects, and those being recommended for funding are noted. Staff does not anticipate funding any of the contingency project phases before this program expires on September 30.

There were no questions or comments from the committee.

## 4.2 Regional Accounting Updates

[23-325](#)

**Attachments:** [STP Regional Accounting Report July2023](#)  
[CRRSAA Regional Accounting Report July2023](#)

Kama Dobbs provided accounting updates for STP and CRRSAA, which reflected obligations and active reprogramming through July 5th. Shared Fund projects included in the STP report reflect approved obligation extensions as well as funds ineligible to be carried over that will be added to the regional redistribution balance. The region's active program management policies give sponsors until the end of July to request obligation extensions, therefore the local program information does not yet reflect approved extensions or expected expirations.

Kama Dobbs then provided a summary of the redistribution balance. Staff anticipates the balance at the end of the current FFY will be between \$30.7 million and \$168 million. To help put a dent in the balance, the staff recommendation for the new STP Shared Fund program includes awarding two cost increases in FFY 2024.

Grant Davis asked what the ramifications are for the projects that are ineligible for carryover.

Kama Dobbs explained that with the changes made to the active program management policies in February, those projects can continue in next year's program, but any over programming will need to be identified as "planned use of redistribution". Use of redistribution does require the programming body to obligate all their funding for that year.

## 5.0 Staff Recommended FFY 2024 - 2028 STP Shared Fund Active and Contingency Programs for Public Comment

[23-326](#)

**Attachments:** [STP PSC Memo FFY 2024-28 Staff Recommended Programs](#)  
[FFY24-28 Shared Fund Staff Rec Active 07062023](#)  
[FFY24-28 Shared Fund Staff Rec Contingency 07062023](#)  
[FFY24-28 Shared Fund requested and recommended funding details 07062023](#)

Kama Dobbs provided an overview of the scoring, program development process, and staff recommended Shared Fund program for federal fiscal years 2024 through 2028 described in the memo included in the meeting materials. It was noted that of the 16 new projects being recommended for funding, one third are in communities with populations under 25,000, over \$20 million is programmed for projects in the region's highest need cohort 4 communities, and projects are almost evenly distributed between suburban Cook County and the collar counties. All eligible projects that are not recommended for funding are recommended to be carried forward in the Contingency Program.

Kama Dobbs explained that the next step in the process is to release the staff recommended program for public comment. Following the public comment period, staff will present a summary of comments and any

recommended changes to the programs for consideration at the STP PSC meeting on August 31st. After committee approval, staff will prepare a TIP amendment reflecting the approved program for Transportation Committee consideration to recommend for final approval by the MPO Policy Committee in October.

John Donovan asked how many applications were received from cohort 4 communities. Kama Dobbs stated that six applications were received from cohort 4 communities and all six projects were recommended for funding.

*A motion was made by Dan Burke, seconded by Vig Krishnamurthy, to accept public comment on the proposed program through August 11, 2023. The motion carried by a voice vote.*

#### **6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **8.0 Next Meeting**

Chair Dobbs noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Grant Davis, seconded by Dan Burke, to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor via voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 am.*

Minutes prepared by Mary Weber