



COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

9:30 AM

Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schielke at 9:34 a.m.

Present Kane Council of Mayors, Lake Council of Mayors, North Central Council of Mayors, Northwest Council of Mayors, South Council of Mayors, and Southwest Council of Mayors

Absent Central Council of Mayors, DuPage Council of Mayors, McHenry Council of Mayors, North Shore Council of Mayors, and Will Council of Mayors

Staff present: Erin Aleman, Mai Dang, Patrick Day, Kama Dobbs, John Carpenter, Doug Ferguson, Ryan Gougis, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, George Rivera, Sarah Stolpe

Others present: Gretchen Klock, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brian Larson, Drew Duffin, George Kandathil, Tori Woolbright, Joe Surdam, Brittany Matyas, Edith Makra, Christina Botero, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer, Karen Watt Harrison, Demetrius Windham, Jane Hart, Kyra Kyles

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 Minutes from September 24, 2024

[24-448](#)

Attachments: [Council of Mayors Minutes from 09-24-24](#)

A motion was made by President Hayes, seconded by Mayor Sherwin, that the meeting minutes from September 24, 2024 be approved. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3.0 CMAP Announcements

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman and Committee Chair Mayor Schielke took a moment to thank outgoing committee members for their service to their communities, councils, and the Executive Committee. President Darch, President Hayes, President Lungmus, and Mayor Van Dusen were recognized for their service.

Aleman continued the CMAP announcements by highlighting impacts to CMAP's works from recent presidential executive and U.S. Department of Transportation orders. Aleman assured the committee that CMAP is closely monitoring the situation and seeking clarity for how federal funding and project work may be affected.

The CMAP Board approved the annual budget and work plan for our fiscal year 2026, which starts July 1. Development of the next Regional Transportation Plan is underway and copies of the Northeastern Illinois Priority Investments document were shared with committee members.

3.01 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule[24-453](#)**Attachments:** [CoM EC Proposed 2025 Schedule](#)

CMAP Staff Sarah Stolpe presented the proposed 2025 quarterly meeting dates to the committee, highlighting upcoming agenda themes and topics. Stolpe emphasized that these meeting dates align with the MPO Policy Committee schedule, as to uphold this body's role as an advisory committee.

A motion was made by Mayor Nelson, seconded by Mayor Sherwin, that the 2025 meeting schedule be approved. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4.0 New Business**4.01 Electric Vehicles in Illinois**[25-052](#)

Christian Botero from ComEd was joined by Edith Makra from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) to provide the committee with key benefits and opportunities available to communities seeking to make investments in their electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and fleets. Botero provided an overview of ComEd's Beneficial Electrification Plan to support Illinois' EV goals, including the new EV/charging rebate programs. Makra added that MMC offers a comprehensive Municipal EV Readiness program to help local governments leverage EV incentives and investment opportunities.

4.02 Air Quality Conformity Analysis[25-054](#)

CMAP staff Russell Pietrowiak presented about the agency's air quality conformity analysis. Pietrowiak provided an overview of the regulations and programs involved in the process, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as CMAP's ON TO 2050 goals. Regulations require that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and ON TO 2050 must be conformed to national air quality standards. The region was recently reclassified to Serious Non-Attainment Area for Ozone pollution. CMAP's vehicle fleet data is a key component in emissions modeling and these projections help estimate future gasoline and diesel usage and show the potential impact of electric vehicles on future revenue.

4.03 2024 Municipal Survey Results[25-055](#)

CMAP staff Mai Dang shared results of CMAP's 2024 Municipal Survey emphasizing a high interest in technical assistance to communities. Dang thanked the committee for helping achieve a record response rate of 86.9%. The results from this survey will inform CMAP's project work, resource development, and community relationships.

4.04 Call for Technical Assistance Projects[25-056](#)

CMAP staff Patrick Day joined to share information about the ongoing Call for Technical Assistance Projects. This joint call from CMAP and the RTA includes many types of technical assistance and Day included the wide array of eligible project types. Applications close on April 4 and project selection and approval is expected between May and July of this year.

4.05 Legislative Update and CMAP Appropriations Request[25-057](#)**Attachments:** [RPA-Factsheet 2025 2-27](#)

CMAP staff Ryan Gougis provided a legislative update to the committee, noting CMAP's appropriation request to help fund agency activities. The Strengthen Communities legislation (HB3784) will provide financial support for CMAP in meeting state mandates for planning assistance. This would expand CMAP's ability to respond to local needs through plan development, grant readiness, and implementation assistance.

5.0 Committee Member Reports

There was no other business.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

8.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by President Hayes, seconded by Mayor Brady, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.