



**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Friday, May 30, 2025

11:30 AM

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

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## 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Biagi called the special meeting of the MPO Policy Committee to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Present:** CDOT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2 and Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** Class I Railroads Representative, FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Gia Biagi served as IDOT Representative, Mary Nicol served as CDOT Representative, Tara Orbon served as Cook Co Representative, Leon Rockingham served as CoM Representative, Molly Poppe served as CTA Representative, John Loper served as DuPage Co Representative, Tom Rickert served as Kane Co Representative, Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, David Kralik served as Metra Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Karyn Robles served as Tollway Representative, Christina Kupkowski served as Will Co Representative, Tom Evenson served as Class 1 Railroad Representative, Todd Schmidt served as FHWA Representative, and Mark Kane served as FTA Representative

**Staff present:** Lindsay Bayley, Kama Dobbs, Aimee Lee, Russell Pietrowiak, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison

**Others present:** Hugo Coronado, Eric Czarnota, John Paul Dipla, Drew Duffin, Brandon Geber, Scott Gengler, Grace Hebert, Katie Herdus, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, Heidi Lichtenberg, Brittany Matyas, Laura McFadden, Tommy Myszk, Greg Osborne, Matt Pasquini, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Chad Riddle, Jeffrey Sriver, Joe Sudan

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda.

## 3.0 Items for Approval

### 3.01 FFY 2025 FTA Sub-Area Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of Section 5307/5340 Urbanized Area, Section 5337 State of Good Repair, Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities and Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds

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**Attachments:** [RTA Formula Funding Memo for TC 05 30 2025](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Program Lead, presented the FFY 2025 FTA sub-area allocation splits between Indiana and Illinois and Wisconsin and Illinois. Splits are established in a letter of understanding between the RTA, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The RTA's Board of Directors will consider the funding allocations at their June 12, 2025 meeting. The MPO Policy Committee's approval is contingent upon their approval.

*A motion was made by Lake Co Representative Kevin Carrier, seconded by CoM Representative Leon Rockingham, to approve the FFY 2025 FTA sub-area allocations contingent upon RTA's approval at its*

*June 12, 2025 Board meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** CDOT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2 and Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** Class I Railroads Representative, FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

### 3.02 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Regional Safety Action Planning

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**Attachments:** [SS4A Memo 05 30 2025](#)

Lindsay Bayley, Program Lead, presented the need for improved transportation safety in the region. She explained the intention of the Safe Streets from All grant and shared highlights and the high impact networks of the plans for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. Federal requirements for safety action plans have been met for the six counties.

After the adoption of the safety action plans, CMAP will continue its safety work to ensure progress on safety outcomes. Once adopted, these plans will allow counties to apply for funding to implement the plans' recommendations.

Secretary Biagi discussed how speed impacts safety on our streets and policies IDOT will be implementing to address speed in our communities. Additional comments were about the safety action plans and prioritization of certain plan elements.

Discussion ensued about funding concerns for projects in the safety plans and the work that will follow their approvals.

*A motion was made by RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead, seconded by Cook Co Representative Tara Orbon, to approve the Safe Streets for All Regional Safety Action Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** CDOT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2 and Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** Class I Railroads Representative, FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

### 4.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience.

John Paul Jones, Grow Greater Englewood, remarked on the need for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) to include more information on heavy vehicle impact in crashes, the need to improve crosswalk technology in the city of Chicago, and the need to coordinate work with underground utilities to improve safety.

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, commented on safety issues related to raised and uneven sidewalks for senior populations and individuals with mobility challenges. He requested that data be examined and made available to the counties.

## 5.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2025.

## 6.0 Adjournment

*A motion was made by Will Co Representative Christina Kupkowski, seconded by Lake Co Representative Kevin Carrier, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** CDOT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, Tollway Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2 and Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** Class I Railroads Representative, FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kate Roudebush.