



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, April 26, 2024

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 and Introductions

Chair Kevin Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded.

Present: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, and CoM Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Vig Krishnamurthy served as representative to CDOT; Aimee Lee served as representative to CMAP; Pamela Jones served as representative to CNT; Eva DeLaurentiis served as representative to Cook Co; Jennifer Henry served as representative to CTA; John Loper served as representative to DuPage Co; Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT D1; Chuck Abraham served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Megan Swanson served as representative to IDOT OP&P; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IEPA; Jackie Forbes served as representative to Kane Co; Heidi Lichtenberger served as representative to Kendall Co; Kevin Carrier (Chair) served as representative to Lake Co; Scott Hennings served as representative to McHenry Co; Lynnette Ciavarella served as representative to Metra; Audrey Wennink served as representative to MPC; Tom Vander Woude served as representative to NIRPC; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Chris Hiebert served as representative for SEWRPC; Karyn Robles served as representative to Tollway; Jon Paul Diipla served as representative to FHWA; Christina Kupkowski served as representative to Will Co; Kyle Whitehead served as representative to RTA.

Staff Present: Laurant Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Bill Barnes, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Brett Brown, John Carpenter, Karly Cazzato, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Ryan Ehlke, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Ryan Gougis, Jonathan Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Leroy Kos, Tony Manno, Alexis McAdams, Martin Menninger, Matt Marth, Nikolas Merten, Jason Navota, Richard Norwood, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Shupe-Diggs, Mike Sobczak, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Isaura Velez, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, You Zhou

Others Present: Leon Rockingham, Daniel Thomas, Mike Klemens, Chad Riddle, George Kandathil, Zubair Haider, Brian Larson, Joe Surdam, Dean Mantjes, Jill Ziegler, Leslie Rauer, Mellissa Meyer, Heather Zuber, Neil James, PS Sriraj, Tavis Farmer, Drew Duffin, Jennifer Hyman, Hugo Coronado, Jaque Henderson, Katie Herdus, Matt Pasquini, Joe Surdam, Garland Armstrong, Michael Vanderhoof, David Kralik, Rochelle Jackson, Baird Bream, Robert Kastigar, Ryan Gall, Sonali Tandon, Tom Caldwell, Kevin Brubaker, Henry Guerriero, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Mike Sullivan, Jeffrey Yoshihara, Niki Nutter, Brenda Anderson, Lindy Austin, Carl Goldsmith, Amanda Kleinwachter, Bonnie Innis, Chuck Stenzel, Brenton Boitse, Nikolas Merten, Colbye Prim, Anshu Jain, Edith Portales, Andrea Gunning, Anna Kutryn, Douglas Delille, Tobin Greenwald, BJ Murray, Rocco Zuccherro, John Paul Jones, Jon Vana, John Greuling, Jada Porter, Matt Smith, John Yonan, Brandon Geber, Sophie Blumenstein, Sheng Chen,

Alexis Billingslea, Todd Schmidt, Bill Mooney, Kevin Brubaker, Henry Guerriero, Holly Bieneman, Brittany Matyas, Quinn Kason, Ed Lednard, Brian Smith, Erin Fiorni, Eric Czarnota

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

2.01 Requests for agenda changes and announcements

[24-205](#)

Chair Kevin Carrier introduced new committee members, FHWA Representative Jon Paul Diipla and CNT Representative Pamela Jones.

Tollway Representative, Karen Robles, mentioned the Tollway's transition to sticker tags and brought samples to share.

2.02 CMAP updates

[24-206](#)

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis, and Programming, discussed updates including the success of the 2024 technical call for projects with more than 120 applications.

She gave a reminder about CMAP's spring ADA accessibility trainings scheduled for May 1-2 and noted that meeting materials, including recordings, would be made available online.

The 2020 land use inventory is now available for northeastern Illinois and contains data to inform future land development and the changes that occur over time.

The launch of the Household Travel Survey pilot will run through May.

Deputy Lee provided an update on greenhouse gas emissions and noted that a judge recently overturned the federal rules for states and metropolitan planning organizations setting greenhouse gas emission targets.

She also provided updates on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan and the Safe Travel for All Roadmap program that has goals to improve traffic safety.

CMAP updates were presented.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from March 1, 2024

[24-210](#)

Attachments: [TC\(DraftMinutes\)03-01-24](#)

A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by DuPage Co Representative John Loper, that the March 1, 2024 committee meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative
- Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, and CoM Representative
- Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

4.0 Items for Approval

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

[24-207](#)

- Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend24-06](#)
[Formal TIP Amendment 24-06](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 24-06.1](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 24-06.2](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 24-06.3](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Analyst, presented a request for the approval of TIP Amendments 24-06. A total of 121 formal amendments were submitted for an increase of \$1.1 billion in the current and future years. Administrative Amendments 24-06.1, 24-06.2 and 24-06.3 include the conversion of project phases to or from Advance Construction, cost changes below CMAP's amendment thresholds, and other administrative changes in Advance Construction status.

A motion was made by Kendall Co Representative Heidi Lichtenberger, seconded by Will Co Representative Christina Kupkowski, that the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and administrative modifications be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, FHWA Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative
- Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, and CoM Representative
- Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

5.0 Information Items

5.01 ON TO 2050/2024-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment Memo

[24-214](#)

Attachments: [240613 conformityTCreport draft final](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Analyst, reported the ON TO 2050/2024-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment 24-08 is out for public comment. Fourteen projects were submitted for TIP conformity amendments. The TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment memo will be submitted to the MPO Policy Committee for consideration at their June 13 meeting.

The ON TO 2050/2024-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment Memo was presented.

5.02 Regional Transportation Plan update

[24-200](#)

Attachments: [Regional Transportation Plan update TC memo](#)

Ryan Thompto, Regional Policy and Implementation Principal, presented an update on the Regional Transportation Plan beginning with CMAP's plan to provide updates at each Transportation Committee meeting moving forward. The Regional Transportation Plan serves as a long-range transportation plan for northeastern Illinois and must be adopted by October 2026 per federal requirements.

The goals and objectives phase of the project have commenced with a plan inventory to assess federal, state, and local goals as well as review regional agencies' plans, focusing on overarching themes and working to reflect the information attained. More information will be presented at the next Transportation Committee meeting May 31, 2024.

CMAP has also started work on the existing conditions research that involves a comprehensive analysis of the current state of transportation infrastructure, services and travel patterns. This will also include forecasting future population, employment and land use trends. He highlighted CMAP's commitment to a data-driven approach, that a technical advisory group is helping to guide the regional forecast using common industry practices and standards, and a local advisory group is advising on how municipalities use the data and what improvements can be made to provide this information. Regional trends will be reflected in the Regional Transportation Plan. More details and information will be presented at a future Transportation Committee meeting.

Next, he shared an update on regionally significant projects policies and procedures and financial plan that have been reviewed monthly since January. CMAP is looking forward to reviewing multiple factors to help think through what changes might need to be considered.

CMAP has contracted with High Street Consulting Group to providing consulting services related to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to involve stakeholders in the strategy process and how travel demand updates may effect the development of the plan.

The Regional Transportation Plan update was presented.

5.03 I-290 Eisenhower Expressway/Blue Line Forest Park Branch (I-290/Blue Line) corridor**[24-213](#)****Attachments:** [I290 Blue Line TC memo v1](#)

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, Steve Schilke, IDOT D1 Representative and Bureau Chief, and Erin Fiorini CTA Director of Infrastructure and Capital Oversight, gave a joint presentation on the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway/Blue Line Forest Park Branch (I-290/Blue Line) corridor. Senior Director Wilkison emphasized the overall importance of this corridor and how it effects the entire region. She highlighted the partnership between CMAP, IDOT and CTA working toward a multimodal vision.

Next, IDOT D1 Bureau Chief Schilke noted existing conditions and challenges facing the 70 year old corridor and the need for \$6 billion of repairs and updates to meet current standards. In total, eight blue line head houses and four stations will be reconstructed and updated to meet ADA compliance.

IDOT D1 Bureau Chief Schilke highlighted current IDOT projects that are supporting long-term improvement plans for I-290. He provided a rendering of the proposed Austin Boulevard updates detailing the reconstruction. He also presented information regarding bike and pedestrian safety improvements along Prairie Path to Columbus Park, the extension of two trails, and plans to address drainage issues. He also mentioned how the TIP will contribute to repairing structurally deficient overhead bridges and improving bike and pedestrian conditions.

CTA Director of Infrastructure and Capital Oversight Fiorini highlighted CTA projects that support long-term improvement plans for I-290. She provided an overview of the CTA Blue Line Vision Study identifying state of good repair and operational improvements that can be made. Train track infrastructure, slow zones, accessibility and improving customer experience are among the issues that will be addressed.

CTA has invested \$268 million dollars in the Congress Branch Phase 1 project involving track reconstruction, traction power improvements and improvements to the Racine Station.

She explained the CTA project approach based on the results of the Blue Line Study. She identified track work, station accessibility upgrades and substation replacements as top priorities for funds.

Senior Director and Policy Advisor Wilkison defined CMAP's role in planning for the corridor and fostering inter-agency collaboration, strategizing innovation, and reconnecting community goals. CMAP will be procuring a corridor development office to coordinate and sequence projects, develop a comprehensive financing plan, and provide program management. IDOT, CTA and CMAP have signed a joint statement of understanding committing to a unified vision for the corridor. A governance structure has been put in place to help coordinate the work. CTA and IDOT near-term next steps were provided.

Discussion ensued regarding the opportunity to incorporate upgrades as identified in the 2017 CTA Pedestrian Access Plan, the complexity of developing a multi-modal and unified vision, and the timing of when the project could begin.

An update on the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway/Blue Line Forest Park Branch (I-290/Blue Line) corridor was presented.

5.04 Improving coordination between local partners and IDOT for safety improvements[24-212](#)

Attachments: [Memo TC IDOT Coordination 26.April.2024](#)

Steve Schilke, IDOT D1 Representative and Bureau Chief, presented on improving coordination between local partners and IDOT for safety improvements. IDOT has received questions about how local municipalities and residents can access information on upcoming projects. Information can be found online through IDOT's website, updates that are regularly provided at the Council of Mayors and Managers meetings, and by tracking projects on the Illinois Roadway Analysis Database System (IROADS).

Bureau Chief Schilke gave an overview of the Long-Range Transportation plan including the budget (\$41 billion statewide), the Transportation Asset Management Plan, performance measures and the inclusion of bike and pedestrian policies in project planning. He also noted IDOT Safety Initiatives such as the Illinois Vulnerable Road User Assessment, bike travel assessments and the ADA accessible pedestrian signal implementation policy. He reviewed the different types of projects IDOT performs and the levels of public outreach during different phases of work. He also noted grant and funding opportunities that are available to communities.

Discussion ensued regarding the bike travel assessment process and where project comments and concerns should be directed.

An update on improving coordination between local partners and IDOT for safety improvements was presented.

5.05 Legislative update[24-199](#)

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)LegUpdatev2](#)

Kasia Heart, Intergovernmental Affairs Senior, provided a legislative update on the SB3388/HB5077: Regional Planning Act (RPA) Appropriation Bill and the SB3389/HB5078: RPA Modernization Bill. Additionally, staff is working with the Illinois Municipal League to propose amended language to the Open Meetings Act statute that would allow more flexibility for virtual participation in certain, limited circumstances. She also mentioned that some additional updates are included in the agenda packet.

A legislative update was presented.

6.0 Other Business

IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank announced that the state of Illinois has \$110 million available through IDOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program and \$17 million available for electric school buses through the Driving a Cleaner Illinois Program.

7.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong commented on his concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks by Will County's bus stops, noting that many are located in non-ADA compliant areas such as grassy areas. He also commented on fire safety prevention on buses.

John Paul Jones expressed his appreciation for gateway planning funding support for the Englewood community. He noted his concern of soil contamination in Englewood as it sits along a former

railroad. He also encouraged CMAP and partners to help communities better coordinate, improve and leverage ways to do more to engage the public.

Brian Smith of AECOM submitted a public comment card requesting that the Joint Statement of Understanding for the I-290/Blueline project be made publicly available. Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis, and Programming, responded that the document will be placed on CMAP's website shortly.

Comments from the public were received.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2024.

9.0 Adjournment

Chair Kevin Carrier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by Tollway Representative Karen Robles, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, and CoM Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Minutes prepared by Evan Hay