



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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 Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Jada Curry and Paul Hoefert

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

Noting a physical quorum of the Board, Chair Bennett reported a request was received from Member John Noak to attend the meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A vote is needed to approve their virtual attendance.

A motion was made by Member Gary Grasso, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to allow the virtual participation of its remote members. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Jada Curry and Paul Hoefert

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Not Present: John Noak and John Roberson

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

Staff present: Bill Barnes, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Teri Dixon, Phoebe Downey, Austen Edwards, Jane Grover, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Elizabeth Scott, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, Claire Williams

Others present: Garland Armstrong, John Paul Diipla, Jane Hirt, Mike Klemens, Jill Leary, Brittany Matyas, Jada Porter, Vicky Smith, Justine Sydello, Daniel Thomas

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda.

2.01 Executive director's report

[25-118](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report 5.7.25](#)

Laura Wilkison, Deputy Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report. Wilkison reported that Erin Aleman, Executive Director, is attending the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors and is also participating in a panel hosted by Brookings Institution. Director Aleman attended the groundbreaking ceremony of US Route 14's new grade separation project, joined a podcast with the American Council of Engineering Companies, participated in a panel with the Civic Federation and Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois on modernizing Illinois' Sales Tax for a 21st Century Economy, and presented at a meeting of the Lake County Committee of the Whole regarding the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART).

CMAP was a recipient of the WTS Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for its work on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit report. CMAP's engagement activities included kicking off the new Regional Mobility Council, hosting a delegation of 80 international leaders as part of the 20th Americas Competitiveness Exchange, and welcoming students from McHenry County's District 155.

Wilkison reported that the climate action planning work, funded through a US EPA grant, is moving forward after a temporary pause. She shared that CMAP's Local Housing Profiles have been released and that CMAP is soliciting transportation resilience projects for inclusion in the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) project list. Additionally, CMAP and Lake County are partnering together to expand affordable and accessible housing in Lake County through a \$300,000 grant from Schreiber Philanthropy. It was also noted that CMAP is accepting applications through June 2, 2025 for high school students for the Future Leaders in Planning program and that the MPO Policy Committee will hold a special meeting on May 30, 2025 to consider approval of the Safe Streets for All Plan.

(Member John Roberson arrived at 9:41 a.m.)

The executive director's report was received and filed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Items 3.01, and 4.01 through 4.04)

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Jada Curry and Paul Hoefert

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

3.01 Minutes from April 9, 2025

[25-122](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board 04.09.24 Minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

4.01 Authorization to enter into a sole source contract with TierPoint for IT Data Center Colocation for a term of up to 24 months with three, one-year options to renew in the amount of \$889,000

[25-110](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Sole Source Justification-TIERPOINT](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

- 4.02 Authorization to amend contract C-24-0063 with Matrix Management Institute, Inc. (MMI) for RFP 293 matrix management consultancy and training for an additional amount of \$197,750 for a total not to exceed amount of \$385,750 and to exercise its one-year renewal option** [25-113](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Amendment Justification - MMI](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

- 4.03 Authorization to amend contract C-22-0042 with Astriata for RFP 258 Website Migration, Design and Development, Content Strategy, Hosting, and Support Services in the amount of \$54,280 and exercise a one-year renewal option** [25-114](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Amendment Justification - Astriata](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

- 4.04 Authorization to purchase compensation study services from Crowe, LLC under the TXShare Master Interlocal Purchasing Agreement in the amount of \$160,000 for a term of up to 12 months with a one-year renewal option** [25-115](#)

Attachments: [Memo - ILA Justification- Crowe LLC](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 through 4.04 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

5.0 Information Items

- 5.01 I-290 Blue Line Corridor Development Office (CDO) update** [25-124](#)

Attachments: [Memo - I-290 Blue Line Corridor Program](#)

Phoebe Downey, Principal, reported that the I-290 Blue Line Corridor Development encompasses 13.5 miles of corridor that spans seven municipalities, five Chicago community areas, 11 CTA stations, and 46 bridges and interchanges. There is a need for a strategic approach to address the aging infrastructure to make the corridor safer, faster, and more reliable. The program's success is in finding suitable and sustainable funding streams and partnership from the multiple jurisdictional agencies. IDOT, cTA and CMAP are the Program partners.

Justine Sydello, Program Manager with CDM Smith, provided an update on the work that has been occurring on the development of the corridor. The Corridor Development Office is working on four core works streams: 1) establishing a corridor vision and unified messaging; 2) developing a funding and financial plan; 3) coordinating and support program implementation; and 4) engaging stakeholders to understand priority and build consensus. This program has allowed for the development of an e-builder project management system hosted by the Tollway that shares information amongst transportation agencies. This work requires strategy in determining which projects will be in the program and will necessitate collaboration in funding the program through long-term solutions.

Work during the last six months included holding two workshops with the Program's partner agencies and management committee to identify the vision for the mainline corridor program, gathering existing project information along the corridor from partner agencies, leveraging committee structure

on how to work with partner agencies, finalizing the work plan, summarizing the agencies' current funding commitments and obligations, working on branding; and finalizing a communication plan.

Sydello reported the vision focuses on achieving safety, mobility, resilience and community economic development. The program includes the Blue Line Forest Park Branch project, the I-290 Eisenhower Expressway Improvements project, and additional corridor projects that will address the immediate needs of the corridor and prepare for future work. The program already has \$1.65 billion committed from IDOT, CTA, and federal funds. Significantly more funding is needed.

Downey reported that CMAP is helping communities leverage the funding that has already been committed. CMAP continues to identify community plans and current community needs that align with the vision and current state of work. CMAP will work with partners to explore funding and delivery options and provide project development that aligns with the lead agency scheduling and sequencing.

Discussion ensued regarding the long-term vision, the program cost, the need to stagger projects in a way that builds on previous projects, and collaboration with the freight railway owners.

An update of the I-290 Line Corridor Development Office was presented.

5.02 Regional Vision update

[25-131](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Vision](#)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal, and Austen Edwards, Senior Analyst, delivered the Regional Vision update. The state of Illinois Regional Planning Act requires CMAP to periodically update its comprehensive plan requirements that includes broad stakeholder engagement, guides the physical development of the region, and establishes the foundation for all planning in the region. As a metropolitan planning organization, CMAP's federal requirements must plan for a minimum 20-year planning horizon, involve implementers, FTA, and FHWA, develop plans that guide transportation investments, and comply with technical requirements.

In the past, CMAP has fulfilled these requirements by creating one large plan through the GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050 Plans. This time, CMAP will develop a Vision and will then develop and release action and policy plans over the lifespan of the Vision. The Vision will identify the region's priorities, build consensus on challenges and opportunities, articulate a plan for the region, and will coordinate progress in the region.

Scott reviewed the Board's role in providing input and shaping and developing the Vision. On November 4, 2025, CMAP will launch the project at its State of the Region event and CMAP's 20th anniversary. The Vision will provide an analysis of the existing conditions, include scenario planning to understand future opportunities and threats, cultivate civic dialogue on possible futures, hear from the region on its highest priorities for the future, and articulate a shared vision of the future and identify a path forward.

Edwards discussed regional trends in demographics, economy, fiscal capacity of communities, environment, and issues of quality of life. The region's population remains flat, but households have slightly grown. The regional economy has grown steadily. Flood risk remains high across the region for housing, businesses, and infrastructure. The development of farmland and natural areas has slowed

but outpaces the infill. It was noted that Lake and Kane counties have put more acres into conservation than new development.

Discussion ensued regarding maintaining fairness to ensure that the Vision addresses affordable housing and accessibility through data, identifying successes from former plans, guidance on practitioners' use the plan, and how the work now will drive success for the future.

An update of the Regional Vision was presented.

5.03 Legislative update

[25-123](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative Update](#)

Kasia Hart, Senior Specialist, provided federal and state legislative updates.

The Surface Transportation Authorization work continues with the House's Transit and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works have opened portals for stakeholder and member comments on the reauthorization. CMAP has submitted its comments based on previously developed regional principles for reauthorization. Staff has also spoken with Senator Durbin and Duckworth's offices about these principles. CMAP will also facilitate regional discussions with regional metropolitan planning organizations and transportation implementers.

CMAP has shared with the region's federal delegation information about what projects are in each district that are included in the TIP to provide further context on regional priorities. Staff will continue to monitor the federal appropriations bill for impacts to CMAP's work.

CMAP continues to engage with legislators on IL House Bill (HB3784), the Strengthen Communities Regional Planning Act (RPA) funding initiative that would appropriate \$2 million to support the planning functions and programs required by the Illinois RPA.

The General Assembly is now in its final month of regular session. Transit reform has been a major topic of conversation and CMAP has been invited by legislators to participate in transit town halls to share more information on the fiscal cliff and the Plan of Action for Regional Transit.

Discussion ensued regarding the state's budget and the transit fiscal cliff.

A legislative update was received and filed.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

7.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, encouraged CMAP to provide information in multiple languages so that the public and individuals who use paratransit services understand how the transit reform legislation will impact their services.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Matt Brolley, seconded by Member Anne Sheahan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Jada Curry and Paul Hoefert

Non-Voting: Leanne Redden

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.