

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

9:30 AM

The meeting will be held in-person at the Chicago Union Station - Burlington Room or you can join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair Pro-Tem Carolyn Schofield called the CMAP Board meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

(Members Karen Darch, Jim Healy, John Noak, and Nancy Rotering attended the meeting electronically, as permitted by the Governor's disaster declaration.)

Present: Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh, and Diane Williams

Absent: Gerald Bennett

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian, and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee Chair Pro-Tem Redden called the meeting of the MPO Policy Committee to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative, and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

Michael Vanderhoof served as IDOT Representative; Kevin O'Malley served as CDOT Representative; Frank Beal served as CMAP Representative 1; Matt Brolley served as CMAP Representative 2; Michael Connelly served as CTA Representative; Jesse Elam, followed by Sis Killen, served as Cook Co

Representative; Jeff Schielke served as CoM Representative; Chris Snyder served as DuPage Co Representative; David Snyder served as FHWA Representative; Tony Greep served as FTA Representative; Tom Rickert served as Kane Co Representative; Scott Gryder served as Kendall Co Representative; Kevin Carrier served as Lake Co Representative; Peter Austen served as McHenry Co Representative; David Kralik served as Metra Representative; Richard Kwasneski served as Pace Representative; Leanne Redden served as RTA Representative; Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant served as Will Co Representative.

(Members Chris Snyder, Tony Greep, Jesse Elam, Kevin Carrier, Jeffrey Schielke, and Michael Vanderhoof attended the meeting electronically as permitted by the Governor's disaster declaration.)

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Jonathan Burch, John Carpenter, David Clark, Stephen DiBenedetto, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Ryan Ehlke, Austen Edwards, Doug Ferguson, Michael Fricano, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Tricia Hyland, Michael Kray, Natalie Kuriata, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Linda Mastandrea, Alexis McAdams, Amy McEwan, Timothy McMahan, Evan Means, Nikolas Merten, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowski, Katie Piotrowska, Julie Reschke, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Piotr Wietrzak, Laura Wilkison, and Alonzo Zammaron

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Antonio Benecchi, Jason Biernat, Elaine Bottomley, Alaina Bridges. Leonard B Cannata, Anthony Cefali, Eric Czarnota, Jon Paul Diipla, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Lindsey Frey, Hunter Gillaspie, Chris Hatt, Scott Hennings, William Kelly, Peter Kersten, Leatha King, Mike Klemens, Jon-Paul Kohler Steve Laffrey, Jeremy LaMarche, Heidi Lichtenberger, Kyle Lucas, Rohan Mascarenhas, Brittany Matyas, Melinda Metzger, Heather Mullins, Elaine Nekritz, May Ortiz, Ed Paesel, Jada Porter, David Powe, Manny Ramos, Leslie Rauer, Marc Rogers, Melissa Silverberg Meyer, Gordon Smith, Joe Surdam, Tina F Smith, Vicky Smith, David Tomzik, Sam Vaghani, Freddy Vasquez, Jazmin Vega, and Kyle Whitehead

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

CMAP Board Chair Pro-Tem Schofield thanked Amtrak for hosting CMAP's joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at the historic Chicago Union Station.

Director Aleman congratulated Dave Bennett on his recent retirement as the executive director of Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) and welcomed Neil C James who was appointed the new executive director of MMC.

MPO Policy Committee Chair Pro-Tem Redden announced Cassandra Rouse who will serve as the MPO representative for the Illinois Tollway. She announced that this will be the last meeting for Kendall County Chair and MPO Representative Scott Gryder.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 CMAP Board minutes from September 14, 2022

[22-459](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board 9.14.22 Minutes - Final](#)

CMAP Board

A motion was made by CMAP Board Member Richard Reinbold, seconded by CMAP Board Member Frank Beal, to approve the September 14, 2022 Board meeting minutes. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan and Diane Williams

Absent: Gerald Bennett

Abstain: Nancy Rotering

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: Matthew Walsh

3.02 MPO Policy Committee minutes from June 9, 2022.

[22-460](#)

Attachments: [MPO Policy Committee 6.9.22 Minutes - Final](#)

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee CTA Representative Michael Connelly, seconded by MPO Policy Committee CDOT Representative Kevin O'Malley, to approve the June 9, 2022 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Not Present: Kendall Co Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

4.0 Updates

4.01 Executive Director's report

[22-466](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, thanked Amtrak for hosting CMAP's Board and MPO Policy Committee joint meeting. Director Aleman's report included efforts by the Transportation, Regional Economy and Climate Committees to help CMAP focus its work to reach key milestones of CMAP's long-range comprehensive plan. The Transportation Committee focused on learning more about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and its funding opportunities, collaborating with other municipalities and transit agencies to develop consensus driven regionally significant projects (RSPs). *Executive Director Aleman's report was received and filed.*

4.02 CMAP Board report

[22-467](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that at the Board's June and September meetings, the ON TO 2050 Plan Update and Mobility Recovery were reviewed and discussed. September was the Board's first in-person meeting in more than two years held at the Old Post Office. An update of the Regional Economy Committee, which included the committee's annual report, was submitted to the Board.

The CMAP Board report was received and filed.

4.03 Council of Mayors' report

[22-468](#)

MPO Policy Committee CoM Representative Jeffrey Schielke delivered the Council of Mayors Executive Committee report. At its July 19, 2022 the Council of Mayors Executive Committee received updates from CMAP's executive director, the STP Project Selection Committee, and IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and an overview of the mobility recovery work was provided and draft recommendations were discussed. A presentation of the regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory and related local emissions summaries was delivered and updates were given from CMAP's Local Government Network and Legislative Affairs teams.

At the September 13, 2022 meeting, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee received updates from CMAP, the STP Project Selection Committee and the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads. A presentation was given on CMAP's Making It Better Plan, a plan to assist municipalities across the region improve accessibility and comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The RTA discussed their Strategic Plan 2023 agenda and CMAP's Legislative Affairs team discussed the need to update CMAP's federal and state focuses to align with core areas and leverage opportunities available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Council of Mayors' report was received and filed.

5.0 Other Items for Approval

5.01 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair

[22-461](#)

Attachments: [Election of Vice Chair - MPO Policy Committee 8.29.22](#)

At the request of Erin Aleman, Executive Director, this item was tabled until later in the meeting.

5.02 Approval of the MPO Policy Committee meeting schedule for 2023

[22-473](#)

Attachments: [2023 MPO Policy Meeting Schedule](#)

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee PACE Representative Richard Kwasneski, seconded by MPO Policy Committee Metra Representative David Kralik, to approve the 2023 meeting schedule for the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Not Present: Kendall Co Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

5.03 ON TO 2050 Plan Update[22-451](#)

Attachments: [ON TO 2050 Plan Update adoption Memo](#)
[ONTO2050 Update Summary and Appendices](#)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal in Regional Policy and Implementation, provided an overview of the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. She reviewed the key milestones of putting together the update. Transportation expenditures over the next 28 years are estimated at \$520 billion of which 89% will be used for maintenance of existing infrastructure and the remaining 11 % is split between system enhancements and expansion. The 71 Regionally Significant Projects (RSPs) cover the breadth of the region.

(MPO Policy Committee Cook Co Representative Jennifer Sis Killen and MPO Policy Committee Kendall Co Representative Scott Gryder arrived.)

More than 500 public comments were submitted related to the ON TO 2050 Plan Update including concerns on roadway expansions, transportation safety and accessibility, prioritization of public resources to promote active transit, and the need for farmland preservation.

Discussion ensued regarding how to manage land use for freight and to preserve agriculture, reducing greenhouse gases, and extending public transit.

CMAP Board

A motion was made by CMAP Board Member Karen Darch, seconded by CMAP Board Member Matthew Walsh, that the ON TO 2050 Plan Update be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Karen Darch, Paul Goodrich, Jim Healy, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Carolyn Schofield, Stefan Schaffer, Anne Sheahan, Matthew Walsh and Diane Williams

Absent: Gerald Bennett

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by MPO Policy Committee Kendall Co Representative Scott Gryder, to approve the 2023 meeting schedule for the MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

5.01 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair[22-461](#)**Attachments:** [Election of Vice Chair - MPO Policy Committee 8.29.22](#)

CoM Representative Jeffrey Schielke reported that the MPO Policy Subcommittee recommends Jennifer "Sis" Killen for the office of Vice-Chair of the MPO POLICY Committee for the calendar year 2023. On behalf of the MPO Policy Committee, he thanked Leanne Redden for her service as Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee during the last two years.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by MPO Policy Committee RTA Representative and Chair Pro-Tem Leanne Redden, to approve Jennifer "Sis" Killen as the Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee CTA Representative Michael Connelly, seconded by MPO Policy Committee CDOT Representative Kevin O'Malley, to approve agenda items 5.04 and 5.05 under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

Absent: Tollway Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Absent (NV): Class I Railroads Representative

5.04 Approval of FFY 2023-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)[22-476](#)**Attachments:** [2023-28 TIP Document Final Draft](#)

Kama Dobbs, Senior Analyst in the Transportation Division, presented the TIP Document, the foundation for Regionally Significant Projects (RSPs). This document describes how CMAP conducts its metropolitan planning and programming process in the region, serves as a tool for collaboration between government agencies, and is a way for the public to trace the use of local, state, and federal transportation funds in our region.

This document reflects the progress toward meeting CMAP's performance targets and reflects changes to the RSPs that were updated in the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. The document

includes updates to the resources available to the region which have significantly changed from the FFY 2019 - 2024 TIP due to both Rebuild Illinois and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Technical updates are also reflected in the document that show the evolution of the project selection methodologies and the eTIP database functionality along with the work types and funds sources within the TIP. Kama reported the TIP document was available for public review and comment from June 10 through August 13, 2022 and no comments were received.

The agenda item was approved.

5.05 ON TO 2050 Plan Update/FFY 2023-2028 TIP Conformity Determination Supplemental

[22-477](#)

Attachments: [TC \(Memo\) Conformity Supplement](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Analyst in Transportation Division, presented the ON TO 2050 Plan Update/FFY 2023-2028 TIP Conformity Analysis for MPO Policy Committee consideration. CMAP is in a non-attainment area for ozone and must demonstrate that the ON TO 2050 Plan Update and the TIP document conform to the motor vehicle emissions budget for our area. The regional emissions analysis of transportation projects in the TIP include new regionally significant projects (RSPs) in the ON TO 2050 Plan Update, and uses the latest planning assumptions and socio-economic forecasts that are incorporated in the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. The memo includes information on changes to RSPs that necessitated redoing the benefits analysis and conformity and updated truck information.

The agenda item was approved.

5.06 FFY 2023-2027 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Local Programs in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

[22-419](#)

Attachments: [MPO\(Memo\)TIP Amend STP-L 23-02series](#)

Kama Dobbs, Senior Analyst in Transportation Division, reported that each of the 11 subregional councils of mayors and CDOT held individual call for projects to be funded in FFY 2023-2027 with their local allocations of STP funds. In response to these calls, over 114 local agencies requested about \$670 million from the councils and CDOT considered 43 projects requesting more than \$976 million. Project applications were scored according to each subregions' methodology and the resulting program of projects were available for public comment during the summer.

The final council and CDOT programs allocated approximately \$471 million in federal STP funding during the next five fiscal years for 216 new locally sponsored projects in addition to the many projects continuing from the prior programming cycle. Approximately three-quarters of the new projects are for road and bridge maintenance and modernization, but few are stand alone street resurfacing projects. Local programs are investing more in projects to improve safety including enhancing and repairing the bicycle and pedestrian networks, increasing accessibility for all through ADA improvements, and incorporating green infrastructure to address the vulnerability of our transportation system.

The memo in the agenda packet incorporates the programs into the series of TIP changes.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by CMAP Representative 2 Matt Brolley, seconded by MPO Policy Committee CTA Representative Michael Connelly, to approve the FFY 2023-2027 STP Local Programs in the TIP. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative
- Absent:** Tollway Representative
- Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative and FTA Representative
- Absent (NV):** Class I Railroads Representative

6.0 Information Items**6.01 Presentation of RTA's draft 2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan**[22-469](#)

Attachments: [Working Groups](#)
[Action and Advocacy](#)

Leanne Redden, MPO Policy Chair Pro-Tem and RTA Executive Director, reported that transit has been providing significant life-line services for the region's most vulnerable travelers. The RTA has been working to stabilize funding for the transit system and during the pandemic, the RTA led a three-step recovery effort that allocated more than \$3 billion of federal COVID Relief Funding, to CTA, Metra, and Pace.

This year, a milestone of 1 million trips were being made on daily basis for the transit system's recovery but the pandemic has left a indelible effect on transit and how transit systems operate throughout the region. Many of the large transit agencies are experiencing similar scenarios and are working to adapt and modify their funding gap and operations.

A \$730 million transit budget deficit is possible by 2026 due to escalated expenses caused by inflation, materials, and labor as well as reduced ridership. The transit budget model is too reliant on fares and there is a need to find stable funding sources. The Finance teams from the RTA and CMAP have been working together for months on a 10-year financial plan that will inform the strategic plan.

Jessica Hector Hsu, Director of Planning at RTA, reviewed the 2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan. The RTA has been intentional in seeking stakeholder and public engagement throughout its process. The 2023 Agenda for advocacy and action was presented. Next steps include providing input via today's discussion, public survey, or through a follow-up meeting; opening the draft strategic plan for public comment in December, and considering the final plan for adoption by the RTA Board in February 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding the collaborative process to develop this plan and several CMAP Board and MPO Members expressed their support of the RTA Regional Transit Strategic Plan.

The RTA draft 2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan was received and filed.

6.02 Mobility recovery update and development of the transit system report

[22-456](#)

Attachments: [Mobility Recovery and the ILGA report October 2022](#)

Erin Aleman, CMAP Executive Director, presented on the mobility recovery and ILGA transit report. The goal of the Mobility Recovery project was to think about what the region will look like in the next 5 to 10 years and how it will respond to achieve the goals of the ON TO 2050 Plan, a plan that looks different than it did when it was adopted in 2018.

The working group reviewed policies from around the world, analyzed what changed due to COVID in employment and housing, considered where, when and how people travel, and used CMAP's travel models to understand what the impacts of those changes are and will be as the region continues to recover. Throughout the process, small, large and community work groups were engaged and helped to develop a list of recommendations. Through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and collaboration around mobility recovery, our region can make progress on long-term goals and advance solutions to the challenges facing our region. Recommendations include funding and improving transit; making transit safe, active, and sustainable; and balancing the benefits and impacts of e-commerce and freight activity. The work being done on the mobility recovery project helps ensure people are getting to where they need to be faster, reliably, and affordably while creating access to opportunity, education, jobs, and other necessities.

The next phase of work includes public and stakeholder engagement through steering committees, surveys, focus groups, and other activities to be determined, and through discussion at the CMAP Board, MPO Policy, and working committees. The report is due in early 2024.

Discussion ensued.

The mobility recovery update was received and filed.

6.03 US DOT Planning Certification Review of the Chicago Illinois TMA

[22-293](#)

John Donovan, Federal Highway Authority, presented the findings of the US DOT Planning Certification Review. Every four years, the US DOT is required to certify the planning process. The region has done a lot of work to position itself for success in recovering from the pandemic and addressing the budget shortfall. It has spent a lot of time refocusing and reprioritizing efforts to provide a safe system approach to the roadway challenges.

A few of the recommendations being made by the FHWA and Federal Transit authority is for CMAP to reassess its safety recommendations, put together a strategy for ADA transition planning, and encourage state and regional coordination to identify the needs and projects for freight.

The US DOT Planning Certification Review update was received and filed.

7.0 Other Business

MPO Policy Committee Kendall Co Representative and Kane County Chair Scott Gryder commended CMAP for their work and contributions to improve the lives of the people in the region through their efforts in transit, sustainability, and climate. Erin Aleman, Executive Director, thanked Scott Gryder for his service on the MPO Policy Committee and as Chair of Kendall County, and wished him the best as he moves on to pursue other endeavors.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, Iowa resident, commended CMAP for their efforts to improve safety. He asked if there have been any improvements to Tinley Park's sidewalk improvements. Staff will follow up with him.

Sam Vaghani, Legacy LEED AP US Green Building Council, offered comment on the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. He recommended a synergistic involvement with the municipalities of the greater Chicagoland area and more LEED certified green building policies as well as a commitment for the LEEDS for Cities and Community Program.

Kyle Lucas commented on the ON TO 2050 Plan. He indicated that the ON TO 2050 Plan will expand roadways by 300 miles which he feels is contradictory to CMAP's stance on climate action and moving people to mass transit and creating walkable communities. He recommended increasing transit funding while decreasing road funding to achieve climate goals and to address the needs of the vulnerable.

Kwami asked what the goal is to increase transit service on the RTA Regional Strategic Plan. Chair Pro-Tem Leanne Redden, and RTA Representative, requested Kwami leave contact info so that the RTA can reach out to him to discuss his concerns.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting CMAP Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

The next MPO Policy Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023.

10.0 Adjournment

CMAP Board

A motion was made by CMAP Board Member Matthew Walsh, seconded by CMAP Board Member John Noak, to adjourn the CMAP Board meeting. The CMAP Board meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

MPO Policy Committee

A motion was made by MPO Policy Committee Metra Representative David Kralik, seconded by MPO Policy Committee RTA Representative and Chair Pro-Tem Leanne Redden, to adjourn the meeting. The MPO Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider