

## MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, March 10, 2022

9:30 AM

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### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Secretary Osman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

**Absent:** CMAP Representative 1

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

Secretary Omer Osman served as IDOT Representative; Kevin O'Malley served as CDOT Representative; Matt Brolley and John Noak alternatively served as CMAP Representative 2; Mike Connelly served as CTA Representative; Sis Killen served as Cook County Representative; Jeff Schielke served as Council of Mayors Representative; Dan Cronin served as DuPage County Representative; Arlene Kocher and John Donovan alternatively served as FHWA Representative; Tony Greep served as FTA Representative; Rocco Zuccherro served as Tollway Representative; Tom Rickert served as Kane County Representative; Scott Koeppel served as Kendall County Representative; Shane Schneider served as Lake County Representative; Scott Hennings served as McHenry County Representative; Lynnette Civarella served as Metra Representative; Melinda Metzger served as Pace Representative; Leanne Redden served as RTA Representative; Elaine Bottomley served as Will County Representative; and Liisa Stark served as Class 1 Railroads Representative.

**Staff present:** Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Aaron Brown, Anthony Cefali, Michael Collins, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Leroy Kos, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Alexis McAdamas, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Tom Murtha, Russell Pietrowiak, Yousef Salama, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Simone Weil

**Others present:** Garland Armstrong, Holly Bieneman, Jason Biernat, Joe Breinig, Leonard Cannata,

Lynnette Ciavarella, Doug DeLille, Jon Paul Diipla, Jackie Forbes, Jacky Grimshaw, Scott Gryder, Jessica Hector-Hsu, John Paul Jones, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Jon-Paul Kohler, David Kralik, Jill Leary, Leon Rockingham, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Troy Simpson, Christopher Snyder, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Michael Vanderhoof

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that the Governor may not extend his disaster declaration. If and when the disaster declaration is terminated, meetings will resume to in-person attendance.

Secretary Osman reported that the Investment and Infrastructure Job Act (IIJA) has created opportunities to implement a number of projects but the federal funding still requires a local match. Because of the timing of the Act, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has agreed to fund the first year local match for metropolitan planning organizations in Illinois to allow them the opportunity to plan for future years.

Secretary Osman reported on Governor Pritzker's announcement on the release of the fifth round of funding of Rebuild Illinois.

IDOT's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes an increase of up to 400 positions for its agency in anticipation of the increased demand of project applications resulting from the IIJA and Rebuild Illinois funding. He noted that the job market is competitive and there is a shortage of employees which could prove challenging.

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from January 13, 2022

[22-127](#)

**Attachments:** [MPO 1.13.2022 Minutes - Final](#)

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by RTA Representative Leanne Redden, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

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## 4.0 Committee Reports

(CMAP Representative 2 John Noak arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

4.0A CMAP Board report

[22-213](#)

Vice-Chair Leanne Redden reported that at the February 2022 CMAP Board meeting, the annual financial audit report and management letter was presented, the FY 2023 comprehensive annual workplan and budget was approved, and an update on the ON TO 2050 Plan update with a focus on socio-economic forecast, the federal targets and system performance report, the financial plan for transportation, and the evaluation of regionally significant projects.

At the March 2022 CMAP Board Meeting, staff presented a state legislative update that could impact key recommendations from the ON TO 2050 Plan on the indexing of the motor fuel tax to inflation, an update was provided on strategic engagement and the committees, and a presentation of CMAP's mobility recovery work was given. Staff also gave an update on regionally significant projects and the financial plan for the ON TO 2050 Plan.

The CMAP Board report was read into the record.

4.0B Council of Mayors report [22-214](#)

Mayor Jeff Schielke reported that at the January 2022 meetings, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee received updates from the STP Project Selection Committee and the Illinois Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Roads. Staff provided an overview of CMAP's safety action agenda and zoning reforms that communities can make to support equity and housing choice. Staff also provided updates on the progress of the regional socio-economic forecast, its legislative affairs team, and the local government network. The next Council of Mayors Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2022.

The Council of Mayors report was read into the record.

4.01 Executive Director's report [22-135](#)

Executive Director Aleman reported that the Board should plan for an in-person committee meeting in June should the Governor discontinue the disaster declaration.

The executive director's report included the following: the Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment and Electric Vehicle workshops held by CMAP, the Illinois Department of Transportation's commitment to awarding State Planning Funds for metropolitan planning organizations' non-federal matching requirements for the state's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023; and the submittal of CMAP's draft FY 2023 annual workplan and budget to the state.

Executive Director Aleman reported on the governor's budget proposal for a one-year freeze on the motor fuel tax rate, that Congress has approved a resolution to keep the government funded into next week, and the release of a \$1.5 trillion bill for 2022 funding. by the House and Senate appropriations which will result in \$135 million in relinquished revenue in FY 2023. Executive Director Aleman announced that the Federal Highway Authority and Federal Transit Authority are in the process of conducting their joint MPO Certification review.

Finally, Executive Director Aleman announced that nominations are open for the third annual Public Service Awards which recognize the extraordinary service of CMAP staff.

Discussion ensued.

The Executive Director's report was read into the record.

**5.0 Other Items for Approval**

5.01 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Allocations [22-138](#)

**Attachments:** [PolicyCmteMemo--ARP ACT FTA Funding Splits mar 2022 corrected 3-7-22 ARP Funding Agreement](#)

Teri Dixon, CMAP staff, clarified that the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 ARPA Federal Allocations to the

Service Boards and the subarea allocations are only for Section 5307 and that the attachment correctly reflects this. The packet also includes an RTA memo. It was noted that the RTA's board of directors approved the allocations at their November 5, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Cook County Representative Sis Killen, seconded by CMAP Representative John Noak, to approve the ARPA FTA funding allocations. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

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5.02 Regional ITS Architecture v4.0

[22-098](#)

**Attachments:** [Regional ITS Architecture v4.0 Summary Report](#)  
[Regional ITS Architecture v4.0 Maintenance Plan](#)

Daniel Comeaux, CMAP staff, provided an update to the Regional ITS Architecture, the roadmap to transportation systems integration in the northeastern Illinois region. Staff is requesting that the committee approve and adopt version 4.0, which include numerous revisions since the ON TO 2050 Plan was adopted. Revisions of the Regional ITS Architecture are included as an attachment to this agenda item. An ongoing maintenance plan will be handled by the Transportation Technology and Operations Coalition, an informal working group. Discussion occurred.

A motion was made by Council of Mayors Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzger, to approve the fourth version of the Regional ITS Architecture. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved:

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

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5.03 FY2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) Budget

[22-065](#)

**Attachments:** [MPO Policy Committee FY23 UWP Budget Memo 2.25.2022](#)

A presentation of the FY 2023 UWP Budget was presented. Chief of Staff Amy McEwan provided opening remarks. Deputy Executive Director of Research, Analysis, and Planning Yousef Salama reviewed objectives related to transportation. Executive Deputy Director of Planning Stephane Phifer, discussed regional economic competitiveness work. Deputy Executive Director of Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs Laura Wilkison reviewed work related to climate.

Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon provided highlights on the core operations and budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Revenues are expected to increase 23 percent compared to Fiscal Year 2022. Expenses for CMAP's comprehensive budget are expected

to increase 37 percent more than Fiscal Year 2022.

A motion was made by CTA Representative Michael Connelly, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzger, to approve the UWP Budget. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved:

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

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## 6.0 Information Items

### 6.01 CMAP's strategic direction and the committees

[22-099](#)

Jane Grover, CMAP staff, provided a presentation on CMAP's strategic direction and its committees. The strategic planning process led to a theory of change which connects the actions of the organization to its work on the ON TO 2050 plan in three core areas: transportation, regional economic competitiveness, and climate.

Jane Grover reviewed CMAP's framework and identified the committees approved by the CMAP Board in January. Ms. Grover discussed the goals of the three core areas and how these goals will be accomplished through the work of its committees.

A presentation on CMAP's strategic direction was presented to the committee.

### 6.02 ON TO 2050 Update

[22-131](#)

**Attachments:** [MPO Memo - ONTO2050Update- Draft RSP List 3.3.22](#)  
[MPO Memo - Forecast 3.3.22](#)

A presentation was provided by CMAP staff, Jonathan Burch, on the ON TO 2050 update, specifically the regional significant projects (RSPs). Mr. Burch reviewed the RSP process and reported that 65 projects were submitted for consideration, including 13 new fiscally constrained projects.

CTA Representative Michael Connelly commented that the I-290 Eisenhower expressway and the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Reconstruction be consolidated into one larger project.

A presentation on the ON TO 2050 update was presented to the committee.

### 6.03 2022 US DOT planning certification review

[22-129](#)

John Donovan, Federal Highway Authority, provided an overview of CMAP's 2022 US DOT planning certification review process. Mr. Donovan discussed scope of the review and the planning regulations that impact the review. While the formal review occurs every four years, there are many review phases that occur throughout the four-year cycle. Findings of the review are expected to be presented to the MPO Policy Committee at its June 2022 meeting. He reported that the public can comment through March 25, 2022 to him or Tony Greep of the Federal Transit Authority (FTA).

The 2022 US DOT planning certification review process was presented to the committee.

## 7.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

## **8.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

Heather Armstrong, Iowa resident, commented on the need for double-decker expressways to ease congestion.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

**The MPO Policy Committee will meet on June 9, 2022**

## **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

A motion was made by CTA Representative Michael Connelly, seconded by Cook County Representative Sis Killen, to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.