

COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:30 AM

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

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schielke at 9:36 a.m.

Present Central Council of Mayors, Kane Council of Mayors, Lake Council of Mayors, North Shore Council of Mayors, Northwest Council of Mayors, South Council of Mayors and Southwest Council of Mayors

Absent DuPage Council of Mayors, McHenry Council of Mayors, North Central Council of Mayors and Will Council of Mayors

Staff present: Alex Bahls, Kama Dobbs, John Carpenter, Doug Ferguson, Ryan Gougis, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Dave Morck, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Reigstad, George Rivera, Sarah Stolpe, Stephane Phifer

Others present: Gretchen Klock, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brian Larson, Drew Duffin, George Kandathil, Joe Surdam, Brittany Matyas, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 Draft minutes from March 4, 2025 [25-161](#)

Attachments: [CoM EC Draft Minutes 3-4-25](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Kuchler, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, that the meeting minutes from March 4, 2025 be approved. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3.0 CMAP Announcements

CMAP staff Stephane Phifer shared that for CMAP and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) received a historically high number of application for the 2026 Call for Technical Assistance projects. The applications are currently under review and awarded projects will be announced next month.

Phifer also shared that CMAP has met key milestones in the development of both the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and CMAP's long-range vision plan. CMAP will be celebrating its 20th anniversary and the launch of the new vision plan at the State of the Region event on November 4, 2025.

4.0 New Business**4.01 CMAP Socioeconomic Forecast**[25-162](#)**Attachments:** [Socioeconomic Forecast Memo](#)

CMAP staff Alex Bahls presented about development of the regional and local socioeconomic forecasts for the northeastern Illinois region. Forecasting is an integral part of the planning process and a requirement of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Bahls highlighted recent trends and key data included in the forecasting process. Draft results for the regional forecast were shared with committee members, including population and job projections through 2050.

4.02 Northeastern Illinois Development Database[25-163](#)**Attachments:** [Northeastern Illinois Development Memo](#)

CMAP staff Dave Morck provided a demonstration of the Northeastern Illinois Development Database (NDD) interactive webmap. The database includes data on all major land uses and tracks developments from proposal stage to completion. Morck encouraged municipalities to assist in updating the database by submitting additions and edits through the webmap platform.

4.03 Job Quality and Access Tool[25-164](#)**Attachments:** [Job Quality and Access Tool Memo](#)

CMAP staff Katie Reigstad demonstrated the Job Quality and Access tool that was developed by CMAP and TIP Strategies as source for data in local planning. Reigstad provided definitions for how both "quality" and "access" are assessed and reflected in the platform. A user guide and instructional video are available on the CMAP website, along with the full methodology and relevant staff for support.

4.04 Committee Bylaws[25-182](#)**Attachments:** [By-laws memo June 2025](#)[Council of Mayors Bylaws](#)

CMAP staff Jane Grover presented recommended changes to the committee bylaws, to intentionally reflect the purpose and mission of the committee as an advisory body to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The updated bylaws include changes to the way in which meetings are held, allowing for workshops with remote participation.

A motion was made by Mayor Skillman, seconded by Mayor Kuchler, to approve the committee bylaws as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.

5.0 Updates**5.02 Legislative Update**[25-167](#)

CMAP staff Ryan Gougis reported that the CMAP Strengthen Communities funding initiative was successfully incorporated into the fiscal year 2026 state budget. CMAP staff is coordinating with officials to access and utilize the \$2 million appropriation for local planning efforts. Gougis thanked the mayors and municipalities for their show of support for the legislation. Gougis summarized the remainder of the \$55.2 billion state budget. Gougis also provided the committee with an overview of legislative activities regarding transit funding, reform, and governance, highlighting that CMAP staff will continue engaging with the general assembly to offer support and feedback on pending transit bills.

6.0 Committee Member Reports

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

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

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Patel, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.