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CMAQ, CRP & TAP-L PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, May 14, 2026

11:00 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 Ferguson at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Douglas Ferguson, Grant Davis, Mark Pitstick, Tom Rickert and Chris Schmidt

Absent: Dave Brady and Gabe Desmond

Non-Voting: Jon Paul Diipla

Absent (NV): Mark Kane

Staff Present: Victoria Barrett, Marielle Brown, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Alyson Dressman, Jon Haadsma, Hayden Horton, Aimee Lee, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, George Rivera, Charlie Rotering, and Sarah Stolpe

Others Present: Eric Czarnota, Rithvika Dara, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Quinn Kasal, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Leslie Rauer, Chad Riddle, Michael Sewall

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Ferguson announced Mark Pitstick's retirement and thanked him for his 27 years serving on the CMAQ/TAP-L Project Selection Committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Draft Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2026 — 26-125

Attachments: PSC(DraftMinutes)03-26-26

A motion was made by Mark Pitstick, seconded by Tom Rickert, to approve the draft minutes from the March 26, 2026 meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.01 Project Programming Status Sheets — 26-126

Attachments: CMAQ Program Summary_May2026
CMAQ Deferred Program Summary_May2026
TAP-L Program Summary_May2026
CRP Program Summary_May2026

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming status sheets.

4.02 CMAQ Programming Summary and Obligation Goal **26-127**

Attachments: FFY26 ob goal table_20260514

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming summary and obligations.

5.0 Project Changes

5.01 Project Change Request Memo **26-128**

Attachments: Project Change Memo_Formal Requests_05072026

Jon Haadsma provided an overview of the requested changes.

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by Tom Rickert, seconded by Mark Pitstick, that the project change requests in items 5.01.1 and 5.01.2 be approved as requested. The motion carried by a voice vote.

5.01.1 Bellwood - Metra Station and Pace Bus Access Improvements (04-24-0005) **26-134**

Attachments: 04-24-0005 Cost Change Request

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a transfer of $11,685 CMAQ from engineering 2 to construction and a cost increase of $25,601 CMAQ for construction and construction engineering in FFY 2026.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

5.01.2 Harvard - Access to Transit (11-25-0021) **26-133**

Attachments: 11-25-0021_Schedule Change Request

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a schedule advancement of engineering 2 from FFY 2028 to FFY 2027 and of construction and construction engineering from FFY 2029 to FFY 2028.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

6.0 FFY 2028-2032 CMAQ and TAP-L Program Development

6.01 Highway Transportation Impact Criteria - Safety **26-135**

Attachments: PSC(HwySafetyMemo_Safety)051426

Alyson Dressman presented recommendations for changes to the safety scoring for the highway project's Transportation Impact Criteria (TIC) safety score. Highway projects are currently scored for safety using IDOT's SRI scores. Dressman recommended that safety scoring be replaced with whether the project is located on a High Injury Network, as defined by each of the County's Safety Action Plans, and whether the project location has identified systemic risk factors.

Chair Ferguson then presented a proposal to shift 5 points from the Corridor/Transit Improvement category to the safety category under the Highway Transportation Impact Criteria.

6.02 Direct Emission Reduction Transportation Impact Criteria **26-136**

Attachments: PSC(DER-TIC_Memo)05-14-26

In the last call for projects program cycle, the data used to score benefits to sensitive populations was removed from the EPAs website. As a result, staff were not able to score Direct Emissions Reduction projects for Transportation Impact Criteria and instead only scored projects using emission benefits and equity. Chair Ferguson asked committee members if they had ideas for potential alternatives that could be considered for the upcoming call for projects program cycle.

7.0 Other Business

Chris Schmidt notified the Committee that transit projects looking to have an FTA transfer occur in federal fiscal year 2026, should send those requests to IDOT to be processed prior to the end of the year.

Mark Pitstick announced that Peter Kirsten will be representing RTA/NITA at upcoming Project Selection Committee meetings.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2026.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

A motion was made by Mark Pitstick, seconded by Tom Rickert, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Jon Haadsma