

STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:30 AM

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dobbs at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Grant Davis, Jeffery Schielke, Kama Dobbs and Mark Kuchler

Absent: Anne Zhang and Leon Rockingham

Non-Voting: Jon Paul Diipla, Tara Orbon and RTA Representative

Absent (NV): Mark Kane, Megan Swanson and Chad Riddle

Mark Pitstick served as the RTA representative.

Staff Present: Victoria Barrett, Marielle Brown, Phoebe Downey, Alyson Dressman, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Hayden Horton, Aimee Lee, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, George Rivera, and Sarah Stolpe

Others Present: Eric Czarnota, Dawn Dina, Heidi Files, Dan Forbush, Mike Fricano, John Paul Jones, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer, and Tom Rickert

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Draft meeting minutes from February 5, 2025

[26-071](#)

Attachments: [STP PSC 2-05-26 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Jeffrey Schielke, seconded by Grant Davis, to approve the minutes from February 5, 2026, as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.

President Kuchler was not present for approving the minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting.

4.0 Active Program Management Reports

4.01 Shared Fund Status Updates

[26-072](#)

Attachments: [FFY26-30 STP-SF Active Program March 2026](#)
[FFY26-30 STP-SF Contingency Program March 2026](#)

CMAP staff Jon Haadsma provided highlights of the attached status reports, noting two projects were delayed from the April to June lettings.

Haadsma also noted that the LaSalle Street Bridge project is anticipated to be authorized in June,

which would use the rest of the Shared Fund mark. All projects that receive an authorization after the LaSalle Street Bridge project will draw from the Regional Redistribution funds.

In response to a question from Chair Dobbs, Haadsma explained that the transition to the new project delivery platform in eTIP has resulted in some challenges delaying submittal of status updates. CMAP is working through those challenges, and is not penalizing projects that have not submitted updates. Haadsma noted and Chair Dobbs reiterated, that active program management policy states that updates are required for continued use of funds and CMAP will be expecting adherence to this policy soon.

Haadsma explained, at the request of Tara Orbon, that access to make updates in the eTIP platform is granted to project sponsors' designated financial, technical, and consultant managers. This access to eTIP is only for project delivery updates and to upload attachments. Access to funding and other programming information for locally sponsored projects is still restricted to the council of mayors or planning liaisons.

4.02 Regional Accounting Update

[26-073](#)

Attachments: [STP Regional Accounting - March 2026](#)

CMAP staff Jon Haadsma provided a summary of the STP obligations from both the Shared Fund and local programs, highlighting progress on regional obligations and the use of redistribution.

5.0 FFY 2028-2032 STP-SF Program Development

5.01 Safety - Corridor & Small Area Safety Improvements

[26-089](#)

Attachments: [STP PSC Safety Memo 03-26-26](#)

CMAP staff Vickie Barrett shared updates and findings from CMAP's Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program. Barrett noted that county safety action plans have been adopted and the next step is to use the plans to inform other work that CMAP is doing, including the work of the project selection committee. Discussion of the plans and opportunities for applying the findings to the project selection methodology occurred. Discussion of staff recommendations for modifying scoring criteria is anticipated at the committee's next meeting.

6.0 Other Business

Mayor Schielke shared concerns about an ordinance proposed by the governor's office that would shift zoning law authority to the state.

7.0 Public Comment

John Paul Jones from Grow Greater Englewood expressed appreciation for the focus on safety in today's discussion. Jones added that rail and freight travel should also be an important part of this discussion. Train derailments close to Chicago pose significant safety risks and that rail safety should not just be a Metra conversation. Jones also noted appreciation for the complete streets planning factor in selection criteria, noting that CMAP funding support for that type of investment helped to build local interest in this type of investment in the communities he works with.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. was made by Mayor Schielke and seconded by President Kuchler. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes prepared by: Jen Miller