

CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

(Members Goodrich, Schofield, and Williams participated in the meeting remotely. Members Healy and Noak participated remotely until their arrival, as noted in the meeting minutes.)

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

Absent: Frank Beal, and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian, and Leanne Redden

Staff present:

Sema Abulhab, Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Jonathan Burch, Daniel Comeaux, Patrick Day, Stephen Di Benedetto, Phoebe Downey, Alex Ensign, Doug Ferguson, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Craig Heither, Holly Hudson, Jaemi Jackson, Ethan Jantz, Natalie Kuriata, Jen Maddux, Alexis McAdams, Amy McEwan, Evan Means, Jason Navota, Art Nicholas, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Kelsey Pudlock, Julie Reschke, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Piotr Wietrzak, Laura Wilkison, and Beatrix Yan

Others present:

Garland and Heather Armstrong, Leonard B Cannata, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, John Donovan, Peter Fahrenwald, Jackie Forbes, Lindsey Frey, Michael Fricano, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, John McFarlane, Heather Mullins, Leslie Phemister, Jada Porter, Mayor Jeffrey Schielke, Tina F Smith, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, and Freddy Vasquez

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett announced that the Governor's Executive Order is still in effect.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from June 8, 2022

[22-325](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board 6.8.22 Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Richard Reinbold, seconded by Matthew Walsh, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV):: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

4.0 Executive Director's Report

4.01 Executive Director's report

[22-276](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman updated the board on the implementers convenings related to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Two, \$20 million RAISE grants for the City of Chicago's Englewood Line Trail and Pace's Harvey Intermodal Transportation Center were awarded for the northeastern Illinois Region. CMAP, in collaboration with county partners and IDOT, will be submitting a multi-jurisdictional application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to improve travel safety in the region.

Executive Director Aleman reported that CMAP has conducted multiple outreach engagements with stakeholders and Councils of Governments throughout the region regarding the IIJA and its impact to the region. CMAP relies on local contributions from its 284 municipalities, seven counties, and funding from the RTA and Illinois Tollway to fund the required local match that unlock federal planning funds. The increase of IIJA funding necessitates a 20 percent increase to municipalities in the next year with four percent annual increases in subsequent years. The counties, RTA, the City of Chicago, and Illinois Tollway will see larger increases.

Executive Director Aleman's report included information on the Technical Assistance Call for Projects, a regional economy partnership update, the status of the Canadian Pacific - Kansas City Southern (CP-KCS) merger under consideration by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), and the potential strike of freight workers that will impact service to Metra.

The next CMAP Board meeting will be held jointly with the MPO Policy Committee at the Chicago Union Station.

The Executive Director's report was received and filed.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by John Noak, seconded by Anne Sheahan, to approve agenda items 5.01 through 5.03 under one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

5.01 Additional services and cost increase approval for Oates Associates, Inc. for the ADA Transition Plan Training Project, not-to-exceed \$212,006 [22-339](#)

Attachments: [Oates Cost Increase Board Report](#)

Piotr Wietzrak, Finance Director, requested a cost increase of \$54,610 for additional services to the Oates Associates contract for the ADA Transition Training Project. The increase will be used to fund a pilot training module and two additional module offerings per year.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

5.02 Support for the Cook County Property Tax Working Group in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) for three-year intergovernmental agreements with UIC and Cook County, funded by Cook County in the amount of \$1,500,000. [22-396](#)

Attachments: [UIC Board Report](#)

Piotr Wietzrak, Finance Director, reported that this is the approval of three-year intergovernmental agreements with the University of Illinois at Chicago and Cook County to support the CookCounty Property Tax Working Group. Cook County will fund this project.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

5.03 Intergovernmental agreement for Cook County Assessor Data - Tax Year 2020 [22-401](#)

Attachments: [Resolution w Cook County Assessor - OriginalTaxYear2020 IGA for CCAO data](#)
[Exhibit A - CCAO data](#)

Piotr Wietzrak, Finance Director, reported that this intergovernmental agreement with Cook County Assessor data will allow CMAP access to GIS data from tax year 2020. There is no cost for the data.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.01 Regional Economy Committee update [22-304](#)

Attachments: [REC CMAP Committee Annual Report 08232022](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that an update on the Regional Economy Committee was included in the Board's packet for their review.

The agenda item was presented.

7.0 Other Items for Approval

7.01 Nominations of CMAP Officers [22-361](#)

Attachments: [Memo on nomination of Executive Committee Officers](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported the board packet included a memo from the nominating

advisory group making its recommendation for CMAP Board Officers and who will also represent the Executive Committee. The recommendation is as follows:

- Chair - Gerald Bennett - representing suburban Cook County
- Vice Chair - Carolyn Schofield - representing collar counties
- Vice Chair - Anne Sheahan - representing City of Chicago
- Member at Large - Diane Williams - representing suburban Cook County
- Member at Large - Paul Goodrich - representing City of Chicago
- Member at Large - John Noak, representing the collage counties

(Member Healy arrived in-person at 10:04 a.m.)

A motion was made by Matthew Walsh, seconded by Karen Darch, that the CMAP Officers and members of the Executive Committee, as submitted, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV):: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

8.0 Information Items

8.01 ON TO 2050 Plan Update

[22-424](#)

- Attachments:** [Board memo on public comment](#)
[2023-28 TIP Document Final Draft Sept2022](#)
[Financial Plan Appendix September 2022](#)
[Indicators Appendix September 2022](#)
[Plan Update Narrative September 2022](#)
[Regionally Significant Projects Benefits Appendix September 2022](#)
[Socioeconomic Forecast Appendix September 2022](#)
[System Performance Report Appendix September 2022](#)
[Transportation Conformity Analysis Appendix September 2022](#)
[Travel Demand Model Documentation Appendix September 2022](#)

(Member Noak arrived in-person at 10:07 a.m.)

Jonathan Burch, CMAP staff, provided a presentation on the ON TO 2050 Plan Update. The presentation summarized comments received during the public comment period of June 10 through August 13. More than 500 comments were received from local governments, advocates, and the public.

Comments received included:

- concern of the impact of roadway expansion on climate mitigation efforts;
- transportation system safety and accessibility;
- the need to transparently prioritize scarce public resources, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding;
- support for strategies that promote mode shift to walking, biking, and transit;
- rural land preservation; and

- opposition of the Tri-County Access Project.

Discussion ensued regarding how real data is compared to the modeling forecasts.

The draft ONTO 2050 Plan Update was presented to the Board.

8.02 Update on Mobility Recovery

[22-425](#)

Daniel Comeaux, CMAP staff, provided an update on mobility recovery. The goal of the mobility recovery project is overcome the medium-term transportation challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with the goals of the ON TO 2050 Plan and Invest in Transit documents. CMAP has benchmarked mobility policies in the United States and across the world, has completed research on employment, housing, where and when people travel, how often people are working remotely, and have used the agency's travel models to understand what the future of transit might look like in our region. CMAP has also engaged communities and stakeholders to identify possible solutions in response to the changes in transportation demand and what the financial implications of the shifting patterns will be. CMAP is developing a recommended list of strategies that it is targeting for completion in October 2022.

Recommendation that will be coming from this study include:

- identifying and enacting new revenues for transit;
- enabling faster and more reliable regional bus service;
- continuing reforms toward a more integrated and affordable transit system; and
- investing in infrastructure that make active and sustainable modes safe and more attractive to use.

Daniel reported that the Illinois General Assembly (ILGA) has legislated that CMAP produce a long-term financial viability report on a comprehensive and coordinated regional public transit system. The work will be overseen by a steering committee of regional stakeholders, but tentative approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee is expected in late 2023 with final presentation to the ILGA in January 2024.

Discussion ensued regarding safety of transit systems, the different perceptions of safety, quantification and correlation of health benefits in the use of public transportation, and how to envision density around transit in varying suburban contexts.

An update on mobility recovery was presented to the board.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the board.

10.0 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.

Garland and Heather Armstrong, inquired whether recycling of plastics and glass and aluminum cans will be funded again. He also expressed concern on the potential for workers' strike.

11.0 Executive Session

The general consensus of the Board was to not enter into Executive Session but to take action on items 11.1A and 11.2A.

11.1 Executive Session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)21.

[22-275](#)

It was determined that Executive Session was unnecessary and the item was withdrawn.

11.2 Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

[22-306](#)

It was determined that Executive Session was unnecessary and the item was withdrawn.

11.1A Action on the November 18, 2020 and June 9, 2021 closed session minutes, recommendation from counsel regarding prior closed session minutes, and the destruction of closed session recordings after 18 months

[22-281](#)

A motion was made by Karen Darch, seconded by Nina Idemudia, to approve the closed session minutes of November 18, 2020 and June 9, 2021; release the closed session minutes dated February 8, 2006, March 8, 2006, April 11, 2007, January 14, 2009, February 10, 2010, January 12, 2011, February 9, 2011, November 9, 2011, November 14, 2012, January 8, 2014, June 10, 2015; maintain confidentiality of all other approved executive session minutes; and to destroy all audios older than 18 months. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

11.2A Action on the executive director's performance review.

[22-303](#)

The agenda item was approved.

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

12.0 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held jointly with the MPO Policy Committee on scheduled for October 12, 2022. The joint meeting will be held at Chicago Union Station, 225 S. Canal Street, Chicago, IL in the Burlington Room.

Executive Director Erin Aleman stated that there might be a need for the board to discuss finding a good balance between in-person meetings and virtual meetings should legislation permit.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

A motion was made by John Noak, seconded by Anne Sheahan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Frank Beal and Nancy Rotering

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