



MPO POLICY COMMITTEE AND CMAP BOARD

AGENDA - FINAL-REVISED

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Joint meeting

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

Members of the public who attend in-person can pre-register for a visitor's pass at info@cmap.illinois.gov until October 7 at 4:00 p.m. or should plan to arrive early to check-in with the building's information desk for access.

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements****2.01 Executive director's report**[25-302](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: An update of notable activities of the agency and the executive director.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report](#)

3.0 Approval of Minutes**3.01 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes from June 12, 2025**[25-303](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Review and approval of meeting minutes.

ACTION REQUESTED: MPO Policy Committee Approval

Attachments: [MPO Policy Committee 06.12.2025 Minutes](#)

CONSENT AGENDA**3.02 CMAP Board minutes from September 10, 2025**[25-304](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Review and approval of meeting minutes.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [CMAP Board 09.10.25 Minutes](#)

REGULAR AGENDA**4.0 Other Items for Approval****4.01 Approval of the MPO Policy Committee meeting schedule for 2026**[25-305](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Attached are the proposed 2026 dates for the MPO Policy Committee's review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: MPO Policy Committee Approval

Attachments: [Memo - MPO Policy Committee 2026 meeting dates](#)

4.02 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chair[25-306](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The MPO Policy Subcommittee will present their nominated candidate for the office of Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for the following year.

ACTION REQUESTED: MPO Policy Committee Approval

Attachments: [Memo - Nomination of Vice-Chair](#)

5.0 CMAP Announcements

5.01 CMAP Board report

[25-307](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: An update on CMAP Board meeting activities will be provided.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

5.02 Council of Mayors' Executive Committee report

[25-308](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: A report on the activities of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee will be provided.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

6.0 Information Items

6.01 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[25-309](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on the Regional Capital Project (RCP) and Financial Plan components of the RTP.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\) update](#)

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Public Comment

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

9.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

10.0 Adjournment

Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will enter into a workshop.

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item 2.01

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: Erin Aleman, Executive Director
Date: October 2025
Subject: Executive Director's report
Action Requested: Information

Dear Board Members,

This report provides an update ahead of our October meeting with the goal of greater transparency to CMAP's work and to supplement the agenda.

Should you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Aleman', is positioned above the printed name.

Erin Aleman

The Century Plan

At the Board's September meeting, we focused on The Century Plan — a vision for northeastern Illinois for 2060 and beyond.

In case you missed it, you can watch the presentation and discussion from the meeting. In addition to an update on where we are and where we headed with planning efforts, we also shared success stories from our previous plans, GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050. [Watch video](#).

The information serves as a good primer in advance of the October joint Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting and interactive workshop on scenario planning and strategic foresight as part of our vision work.

We will publicly launch The Century Plan and celebrate CMAP's 20-year anniversary on November 4th at CMAP's State of the Region event. The [public portal](#) to purchase tickets is now open.

We look forward to celebrating the public launch of The Century Plan and CMAP's 20-year anniversary with you.

Technical assistance: Progress on corridors, communities, and connections

Through CMAP's [Technical Assistance program](#), communities across the region are turning planning ideas into actionable strategies. By working hand in hand with local leaders, residents, and partners, these projects reflect the power of collaboration to address safety, infrastructure, and quality-of-life opportunities at the community level.

- **Cicero Safety Action Plan**
With extensive public engagement and crash data analysis, [this plan](#) targets reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries. It lays out strategies to enhance pedestrian crossings, safer infrastructure, and street-level interventions to make streets safer for all users.
- **Greater Ashburn Safety Action Plan**
Developed in partnership with the Greater Ashburn Development Association, [this plan](#) applies the Safe System Approach, identifies priority corridors, schools, and parks for safety upgrades, and proposes context-sensitive interventions (e.g., traffic calming, rail crossing treatments, pedestrian enhancements) to reduce serious traffic incidents.
- **Pavement Management Plans in nine communities**
Addison, Bannockburn, Fox Lake, Godley, Indian Head Park, Palos Heights, Richton Park, St. Charles, and Wood Dale have adopted pavement management plans. These documents assess pavement conditions, model investment needs, recommend maintenance or rehabilitation strategies, and help those municipalities prioritize and stretch limited infrastructure dollars.

Numerous additional technical assistance efforts are currently underway across the region, advancing corridor and site planning, safety, and active transportation goals in close collaboration with local communities. These projects reflect CMAP's commitment to helping

municipalities plan for growth, strengthen connectivity, and improve quality of life. To learn more about these efforts — and to share input through surveys, maps, and other tools — please visit CMAP’s [engagement page](#).

Federal activities

With federal transportation reauthorization on the horizon, CMAP is helping our region speak with one voice — publishing principles to guide both northeastern Illinois priorities and shared priorities among the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The current transportation bill — the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) — expires in September 2026, creating urgency for a new package that ensures stable, predictable funding. For MPOs like CMAP, reauthorization is critical because it sets the rules and resources that shape regional plans, prioritize projects, and support collaboration across all levels of government.

A diverse coalition of regional transportation implementers, civic and advocacy organizations, and labor partners worked with CMAP to develop [One Regional Voice 2025](#), which reflects the shared principles of northeastern Illinois’ transportation implementers and stakeholders for the federal surface transportation reauthorization.

Additionally, CMAP convened peer MPOs representing some of the nation’s largest regions to identify [common reauthorization principles](#). This group is united in support of a robust transportation reauthorization agenda, including funding levels and policies that empower regions to meet the nation’s evolving transportation needs.

Q1 FY2026 Communications and Engagement metrics and media

The CMAP Communications and Engagement team informs and influences through various platforms — meeting our partners where they are — and these quarterly metrics reports capture the agency’s extensive work engaging with our many stakeholders.

CMAP Communications & Engagement

Social/newsletters metrics

Q1 FY2026: July-September

	<p>11 newsletters</p> <p>Topics including accessibility, regional economy, climate, transportation, and more</p>
	<p>16,906</p> <p>Total unique newsletter opens</p>
	<p>119,002 social media impressions</p> <p>Across Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Threads</p>
	<p>45 mentions</p> <p>Media coverage covering topics like housing, safe travel, the transit fiscal cliff, climate, and more (see below for links)</p>

CMAP Communications & Engagement Engagement metrics Q1 FY2026: July-September



77 events in 7 counties

Highlights included ongoing community engagement for the Regional Transportation Plan, speaking engagements, and steering committee meetings for local accessibility and safety plans



18,352

Engagement HQ site visits

2,959

New contributions, with 14% of visitors contributing to projects

CMAP Q1FY26 media mentions

[Surface Transportation News: Infrastructure Stimulus Bill, Highway Investment and COVID-19](#)

Reason Org

[Why rail, public transit could make central Ohio land more valuable](#)

NBC 4

[The Traffic Guy 2.0 hears...](#)

Evanston Round Table

Chicago transit's \$771M fiscal cliff could shrink because of extra sales tax	Crain's Chicago Business
WVON-AM broadcast	WVON-AM
Kane County launches Smart Sprinkler pilot to cut water use, protect aquifers	Daily Herald
Will LinkUS change the way Columbus commutes?	NBC 4
Council faces 100+ comp plan edits	Evanston Now
Special City Council meeting will see Envision plan amended, but not adopted	Evanston Round Table
Eye On Illinois: Do your research now before ideas become substantial proposals	Shaw Local
Are city's concrete bike lane barriers a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act?	News-Star
Lake County announces six-month housing coalition initiative	Lake County Gazette
State Sen. Ram Villivalam: Here's how we can stop Chicagoland transit from falling off the fiscal cliff	Streetsblog Chicago
Derailed: Looming funding cuts to Philadelphia's transit system offer a lesson for Chicago	Chicago Tribune
Kane County needs participants for Smart Sprinkler pilot program	Daily Herald
City Council notes: Population projections still on the docket	Evanston Round Table
Former Barrington Village President Darch receives 2025 Simon-Edgar Award	The Southern Illinoisan
The Weeks Aug. 10: Gobble Doggs, Beyond Borders, streetscape update, HFD honored for film role, 'Matilda' the musical, 'Matilda' the film	Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle
Willie Wilson: Even Pharaoh knew his limits when it came to taxes	Chicago Tribune
Cutting parking for homes built near transit aims to ease housing crunch	Chicago Sun Times
The Weeks Aug. 17: Streetscape update, road diet plea, Trail Mix concert, Civics Academy signup open, youth karate, library hosts sales, Choo-Choo Ride	Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle
CTA Unveils New Argyle Red Line Station, Businesses Split on Whether It Was Worth It	Borderless
Modernizing Illinois' Sales Tax: a Pathway to a Sustainable Future	State Universities Annuity Association
Crest Hill residents invited to share input for regional transportation plan	Will County Gazette

The Weeks Aug. 24: Delanoe's bid, Homewood sales tax discussion, new HHS president, last Choo-Choo Ride, streetscape update, bike path meeting, Meet Our Docs	Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle
Focus on Safety: CMAP study offers glimpse at types of cargo in local trains	Homewood-Flossmoor Chronicle
Park Forest seeks resident input on long-term regional transportation planning	Will County Gazette
Urban coyote spatiotemporal overlap with humans is associated with environmental characteristics not human sociodemographics	Nature.com
Pavement condition assessment scheduled for Crest Hill in late August	Will County Gazette
Evanston awarded \$10.06 million for Chicago Avenue improvement project	The Daily Northwestern
'This is my family's story': Fujian groups celebrate heritage in Chicago	Chicago Tribune
Editorial: More housing density on the tony North Shore remains elusive in practice	Chicago Tribune
Editorial: Chicago's looming property tax hit looks like it will strike lower-income neighborhoods hardest	Chicago Tribune
WATCH YOUR STEP!; City seeks public's input on accessible streets and sidewalks	The Woodstock Independent
Transportation plan casts wide net for zero emissions in Chicago region	Chicago Tribune
Republican State Sen. Seth Lewis says he's exploring options to save and improve transit that align with his views on fiscal responsibility	StreetsBlog Chicago
Open Communities hosts Walk the Redline event ahead of Envision Evanston 2045 vote	The Daily Northwestern
Trump Announces Chicago ICE Operation	Loyola Phoenix
Why Chicago Is the Best Location for Warehouse Storage in the Midwest	The Daily Journal
Unfurling Like a Rose: The Life and Times of Dr. Yaoundé Olu	Sixty Inches From Center
Final Phase of North Aurora Road Improvement Project Begins Sept. 29	Positively Naperville
From course project to \$4.2M startup: The accidental entrepreneur making sidewalks accessible nationwide	The Grainger College of Engineering (UIUC)
Work starts next week on final phase of North Aurora Road improvements, bridge	Naperville Sun
Scaled-Back South Side housing ordinance passes City Council as Obama Presidential Center opening nears	Hyde Park Herald

[Denise Barreto: Where are the Black voices in the transit debate?](#)

Chicago Tribune



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MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Thursday, June 12, 2025

9:30 AM

Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Biagi called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: Class I Railroads Representative and FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

Noting a physical quorum of the Committee, Chair Biagi reported that requests were received from Kendall Co Representative Scott Gengler and Class 1 Railroads Representative Tom Evenson, to participate in this meeting remotely in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A vote is required.

A motion was made by CoM Representative, seconded by Metra Representative, that the agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative and FTA Representative

Not Present: Kendall Co Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Gia Biagi served as IDOT Representative, Mary Nicol served as CDOT Representative, Frank Beal served as CMAP 1 Representative, Tara Orbon served as Cook Co Representative, Jeff Schielke served as CoM Representative, Molly Poppe served as CTA Representative, Steve Travia served as DuPage Co Representative, Cassandra Rouse served as Tollway Representative, Tom Rickert served as Kane Co Representative, Scott Gengler served as Kendall Co Representative, Shane Schneider served as Lake Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, Jim Derwinski served as Metra Representative, Erik Llewellyn served as Pace Representative, Kyle Whitehead served as RTA Representative, Tom Evenson served as Class 1 Railroads Representative, Jon Paul Dipla served as FHWA Representative

Staff present: Erin Aleman, John Carpenter, Kama Dobbs, Aimee Lee, Martin Menninger, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Isaura Velez

Others present: Brandon Geber, Megan Swanson

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There are no changes to the agenda.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by Lake Co Representative Shane Schneider, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 under one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: Class I Railroads Representative and FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

3.01 Minutes from March 13, 2025

[25-214](#)

Attachments: [MPO Policy Committee 03.13.25 minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 were taken under one vote.

3.02 Minutes from the May 30, 2025 special meeting

[25-216](#)

Attachments: [MPO Policy Committee 05.30.25 Minutes](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 3.02 were taken under one vote.

4.0 CMAP Announcements

4.01 Executive director's report

[25-205](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the June meeting. She announced that CMAP's request for a \$2 million appropriation was successfully included in the FY2026 state budget. The funding will come through the Illinois Department of Human Services aligning with CMAP's mission to support dynamic, community responsive planning efforts across the region. Director Aleman highlighted that this funding enhances CMAP's ability to fulfill the Regional Planning Act's directives extending beyond transportation to include land use, water and economic development planning. She noted the importance of diversifying funding sources given the uncertainty of federal funding. Director Aleman thanked members for their engagement with legislators as it was key to securing the appropriation.

Director Aleman shared the successful adoption of countywide Safety Action Plans for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties under CMAP's Safe Travel for All Initiative. The initiative was supported by a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The plan aims to reduce serious traffic injuries and fatalities. With plans now adopted, local governments are eligible to apply for the SS4A funds by June 26.

Director Aleman announced the selection of the 30 new 2025 Planning Technical Assistance projects. The projects were chosen from over 80 applications and address local needs such as ADA transition planning, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and pavement management. She thanked the RTA for its continued partnership in the joint call for projects.

Director Aleman highlighted the release of CMAP's Local Housing Profiles that were developed with DePaul University's Institute for Housing Studies. These profiles provide housing market data for every county municipality and Chicago community area and are now available on CMAP's website.

She also announced a new partnership between CMAP and Lake County to advance affordable housing initiative, supported by a \$300,000 grant from the Schreiber Philanthropy. Over the next year, this initiative will produce a Housing Ready Toolkit with tailored, actionable housing solutions.

Director Aleman noted that the next committee meeting will take place in October as a joint meeting with the CMAP Board.

The executive director's report was received and filed.

4.02 CMAP Board update

[25-206](#)

Frank Beal, CMAP Representative 1, reported on the April 9, May 14, and June 11 CMAP Board meetings. At the April meeting, the board received an update on the agency's congestion management strategy and its connection to the Regional Transportation Plan. The board also reviewed the Emerging Priorities report which outlines proposed goal areas for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan.

At the May meeting, the board received an update on the I290 Blue Line Corridor Development office project and progress made by the CDO and its partners. The board also heard a presentation on the Regional Vision planning process and was given a preview of early insights from the existing conditions assessment.

At the June meeting, the board provided concurrence on the FFY 2026-2030 CMAQ STP Shared Fund and TAP-L programs which are up for MPO approval. The board also previewed key findings from the Existing Conditions report for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and received an update on awarded projects under the 2025 Technical Assistance Call for Projects.

The CMAP Board update was received and filed.

4.03 Council of Mayors' Executive Committee report

[25-207](#)

Jeffrey Schielke, Chair of the Council of Mayors' Executive Committee, reported on their recent meeting. The committee includes representatives from each of the 11 regional councils of mayors. The committee welcomed three new members representing the Northwest and North Shore councils: Mayor Jesal Patel from Lincolnwood, President Mike Moran from Barrington, and President Cecily Kats from Kenilworth.

The committee discussed CMAP's data and mapping tools.

The committee also approved new by-laws, replacing the previous version that dated back to 2001. The updated by-laws now allow for hybrid workshop meetings with the goal of making participation easier and more accessible for mayors across the region.

The next meeting for the Council of Mayors is scheduled for September.

(Kendall Co Representative Scott Gengler arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

The Council of Mayors' Executive Committee report was received and filed.

5.0 Other Items for Approval

5.01 MPO Self-Certification for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

[25-177](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Self Certification](#)
[CMAP MPO self-certification 2025](#)

Martin Menninger, Program Lead in Regional Policy and Implementation, reported on the agency's self-certification process which is required to confirm that the regional planning process complies with federal regulations. Menninger shared that self certification is an internal audit conducted by CMAP with a full federal certification review expected in early 2026.

Self-certification includes 10 parts detailed in the committee packet. Part 1 addresses core MPO requirements including the Regional Transportation Plan, the Congestion Management Process, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Part 2 of the self certification pertains to the Clean Air Act conformity and parts 3 through 10 cover civil rights related statutes such as the Americans Disabilities Acts, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Older Americans Act.

Menninger noted that while CMAP complies with all requirements, not all relevant documents were accessible on the new website. Staff has since worked with the communications team to ensure that all materials are now available on the website. The Transportation Committee recommended approval of the self-certification at its May meeting.

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead, to approve the MPO Self-Certification for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: Class I Railroads Representative and FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

5.02 ON TO 2050/2025-2029 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**25-176**

Attachments: [Memo - Conformity Analysis](#)
[Formal TIP Conformity Amendment 25-08](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Program Lead Analyst, reported on the ON TO 2050, 2025/2029 TIP Conformity Amendment 2508. He noted that the CMAP region is designated a nonattainment area for ozone, thus required under the Clean Air Act to demonstrate that projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) conform to the federally approved motor vehicle emission budget through a regional emissions analysis.

Pietrowiak explained that projects subject to air quality analysis must be modeled to show that regional emissions do not exceed the approved budget which is detailed in the conformity memo included in the meeting packet. The conformity amendment was released for a 30day public comment period during which no comments were received.

He shared that the emissions modeling process and regulatory requirements were reviewed at the Tier II interagency consultation meeting on May 16. During the meeting participants expressed support for CMAP's methodology. The conformity amendment was also presented to the CMAP Transportation Committee on May 30 where it received recommendation for MPO approval.

Pietrowiak shared that by approving this amendment the MPO affirms that the TIP is in conformity with air quality standards. There were no questions following the presentation.

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by Tollway Representative Cassaundra Rouse, to approve the ON TO 2050/2025-2029 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

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Absent (NV): FTA Representative

5.03 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026- 2030 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund (STP-SF), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) Programs**25-184**

Attachments: [Memo - Fed Programs 26-30](#)
[FFY26-30 CMAQ Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[FFY26-30 STP-SF Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[FFY26-30 TAP-L Prog-TC 05-30-25](#)
[CMAQ TIP Amendment 25-09.1](#)
[STP-SF TIP Amendment 25-09.2](#)
[TAP-L TIP Amendment 25-09.3](#)

Kama Dobbs, Principal Analyst, reported on TIP Amendments 2509.1, 2509.2 and 2509.3 which include the FFY 2026/2030 CMAQ, STP Shared Fund and TAPL project programs. These amendments reflect recommendations from CMAP's project selection committees, the Transportation Committee,

and the CMAP Board.

Principal Analyst Dobbs shared that the most recent call for projects received 88 applications, totaling more than \$1 billion in federal funding requests. She shared that after evaluating and scoring based on technical merit, project readiness, and funding availability, 40 projects were selected across the three programs. A public comment period received four comments but yielded no changes to the draft programs based on the comments.

The recommended projects represent over \$296 million in regional investment including funding for emissions reduction, transit access, highway improvements, and bike/pedestrian infrastructure. The programs were approved by the project selection committees, reviewed by the Transportation Committee, and received concurrence by the CMAP Board.

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by CMAP Representative 1 Frank Beal, to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund, and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Programs. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: Class I Railroads Representative and FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

6.0 Information Items

6.01 Appointment of a subcommittee for nominating the vice chair of the MPO Policy Committee

[25-202](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Nominating MPO Policy Subcommittee](#)

Secretary Biagi reported that each year, the Chair of the MPO Policy Committee appoints a nominating committee to recommend a candidate for Vice Chair for the following year. This year's nominating committee includes Frank Beal (CMAP Board) representing the regional planning agency, Lynette Ciavarella (Metra) representing the public transportation agency, Mayor Jeff Schielke (Council of Mayors) representing municipal government, Mary Nicol (Chicago Department of Transportation) representing highway and roads transportation, and Scott Hennings (McHenry County) representing counties.

Secretary Biagi noted that no vote is required, and this agenda item was presented for information only.

The Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet following the MPO Policy meeting.

The agenda item was received and filed.

6.02 Regional Vision update

[25-131](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Vision](#)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the agency's effort to update the region's comprehensive plan currently known as the ON TO 2050. She shared that this initiative is an agency effort focused on shaping the future of Northeastern Illinois through a robust, inclusive, and data-driven process. Scott shared that CMAP is gathering the best available data and conducting scenario planning to examine major drivers of change such as technological advancements, demographic shifts, economic trends, environmental pressures, and land use impacts. This work will form the foundation for regional civic dialogue in 2026 to identify shared priorities, challenges, and opportunities.

She shared that the ultimate goal is to produce a concise and dynamic plan that reflects the region's collective vision and identifies key areas for coordinated action. The new plan will be rooted in public input and civic engagement and supported by rigorous data analysis and presented in an accessible format.

Scott encouraged committee members to engage with their networks in the planning process and participate in upcoming outreach efforts. She also asked members to save the date of November 4, 2025 for a celebration marking CMAP's 20th anniversary and the launch of the new comprehensive plan.

The agenda item was presented.

6.03 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[25-181](#)

Attachments: [Memo - 2026 RTP Existing Conditions report](#)
[Existing Conditions Report](#)

Ryan Thompto, Principal Policy Analyst, provided an update on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) emphasizing the recent release of the Existing Conditions Report as a significant milestone in the planning process. This report contains comprehensive data about current trends and challenges and will be integrated with the emerging priorities work to inform the plan's goals, objectives, strategies, and project selection and funding decisions.

Thompto shared how CMAP is progressing on several critical components of the RTP including the financial plan. He shared that a draft forecast of baseline revenues has been completed, and staff are now developing reasonably expected revenues to support the long range transportation vision. He noted that additional updates are anticipated at a future meeting.

In addition to financial planning, CMAP has collected submissions for the Regional Capital Projects process. These projects are undergoing evaluation to determine which will be prioritized in the RTP and the results of the evaluation with a full project list will be presented in a future meeting.

Thompto noted that public engagement remains a key part of the process with ongoing outreach to stakeholders and the public. He shared that a regional questionnaire was distributed and has already received 1,000 responses. Thompto shared that CMAP is increasing in person engagement activities across the region this summer and is attending community events to gather input on mobility challenges and priorities.

Julie Reschke, Senior Policy Analyst, presented findings from the Existing Conditions Report for the RTP. She highlighted that while serious injuries from crashes have declined since 2020, fatalities remain elevated while pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly those under 18 and over 55, are disproportionately impacted. She noted that the report emphasizes the critical role of active transportation and vulnerability of nonvehicle travelers in high crash areas.

Reschke discussed how climate impacts such as flooding and extreme heat increasingly impact transportation infrastructure and public mobility, with many regional assets at high flood risk. She noted that the region's economy grew 71% between 2010 and 2023 and added 430,000 jobs with transportation, distribution, and logistics emerging as high performing sectors. The region's economic growth trails behind other peer metros and the national average of 84%, underscoring the importance of strong transportation infrastructure in supporting economic competitiveness.

Reschke shared that much of the region's infrastructure dates to the 1950s and 1960s and is at risk of deteriorating without coordinated investment. Funding challenges such as decreasing motor fuel tax revenues due to fuel efficiency and improvements in electric vehicles have become more common. She stressed the need for strategic asset management and encouraged stakeholders to review the full Existing Conditions report.

Discussion ensued regarding the growth of suburban areas such as Batavia, IL and Kendall County. Mayor Jeffrey Schielke commented that Batavia has experienced growth due to the quality of public schools, access to tollway and Metra and medical services availability.

An update to the Regional Transportation Plan update was presented.

6.04 Legislative update

[25-215](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative Update](#)

John Carpenter, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, provided an update on recent legislative developments. The General Assembly appropriated \$2 million for CMAP's for non-transportation work in the FY2026 budget and is awaiting the governor's signature. He expressed appreciation to supporters, cosponsors and legislators who helped secure the funding.

Carpenter summarized the broader state budget actions noting the \$55.2 billion FY2026 budget passed on May 31. The budget reflects a 4% increase over the previous fiscal year and includes a \$100 million reserve fund for immediate disbursement. He noted an \$800 million revenue package introduced on new taxes to tobacco, vaping products, sports betting, and on foreign and out of state corporations aiming to close a projected \$500 million revenue shortfall. It was noted that approximately \$171 million of motor fuel sales tax revenue was diverted from the Road Fund to the General Revenue Fund. Carpenter shared that a major legislative focus this session was transit reform and funding. He said bills were introduced in the final week and proposed establishing a new Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) to oversee CTA, Metra, and Pace. It included revenue proposals for transit operations and capital. While the Senate passed its version of the bill, the House did not advance either version.

Carpenter noted that legislative leadership and the governor agreed that more work is needed to address governance and funding issues. The General Assembly is not scheduled to reconvene until October, but a special session remains possible. Additionally, CMAP's intergovernmental affairs team will focus its summer on outreach advocating for stable, reliable transit funding and continue

engaging legislators around the recommendations in the PART report.

The agenda item was received and filed.

7.0 Other Business

No other business was brought before the committee.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident congratulated Nora Leerhsan as the new acting President of the CTA. Garland also commented on communications from Metra, PACE, RTA and CTA for those with language barriers and disabilities. The RTA, PACE, CTA and Metra will follow up.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the CMAP Board scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by CTA Representative Mary Nicol, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Tollway Representative

Absent: CMAP Representative 2 and Will Co Representative

Non-Voting: Class I Railroads Representative and FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Isaura Velez.



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:30 AM

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

Members of the public who attend in-person can pre-register for a visitor's pass at info@cmap.illinois.gov until September 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. or should plan to arrive early to check-in with the building's information desk for access.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82410801918?pwd=LBh63lWIDzQ4linAzh4g2hlxfXbpCK.1>

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Meeting ID: 824 1080 1918 Passcode: 617525

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The total cumulative time for public comment is limited to 15 minutes, unless determined otherwise by the Chair. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person unless the Chair designates a longer or shorter time period. Public comments will be invited in this order: Comments from in person attendees submitted ahead of time; comments from in-person attendees not previously submitted; comments from virtual attendees submitted ahead of time; and comments from virtual attendees not previously submitted.

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If you require a reasonable accommodation or language interpretation services to attend or join the meeting, please contact CMAP at least five days before the meeting by email (info@cmap.illinois.gov) or phone (312-454-0400).

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Bill Barnes, Alexander Beata, Vas Boykovskyy, Phoebe Downey, Austen Edwards, Jane Grover, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Maren Lutterbach, Stephane Phifer, Kyle Schulz, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Claire Williams

Others present: Garland Armstrong, Heidi Files, Michael Fricano, Jane Hirt, Neil James, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Ashni Pabley, Leslie Phemister, Michael Sewall, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett welcomed the new Board member taking the place of John Roberson on the Board, Jung Yoon. Jung Yoon introduced herself.

2.01 Executive Director's report

[25-269](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Executive director report 9.10.25](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported on CMAP's activities over the summer, which included participation in the Transport Chicago conference, the National Association of Regional Councils annual conference in Seattle, as well as this year's Esri User Conference in San Diego.

Additionally, CMAP hosted the 17th annual Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program over the summer, which introduces high school students to urban planning.

The Executive Director also gave opening remarks at the 15th annual Transportation Asset Management conference.

Regarding CMAP's federal activities, the Executive Director met with several members of our congressional delegation to share CMAP's progress and priorities. CMAP staff also developed a regional policy document - One Regional Voice 2025 - a unified set of principles for the next federal surface transportation reauthorization.

The Housing Lake County program launched in July and hosted its first stakeholder meeting which was attended by 110 people. CMAP is hopeful this will be a model that can be replicated in other

counties.

Several community data snapshots, which are the top resource on CMAP's website, were updated over the summer. This year's update also included new data on uninsured populations, vehicle miles traveled per household, and county-level development from CMAP's Northeastern Illinois Development Database. The Executive Director encouraged Board members to utilize these resources that CMAP offers and collaborate with CMAP staff teams on visits to the local communities.

The Executive Director also reminded the Board that the next meeting on October 8, 2025, will be the joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee. The location is still to be determined.

The executive director's report was received and filed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01)

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by Board Member Paul Hoefert, seconded by Board Member Nancy Rotering, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 under the consent agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting

[25-270](#)

Attachments: [CMAP Board minutes 06.11.25](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

4.01 Intergovernmental agreement for Cook County Assessor Data - Tax Year 2024

[25-272](#)

Attachments: [Memo - CCAO justification](#)
[Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County 2026](#)
[Resolution with Cook County Assessors Office 2026](#)
[Exhibit A - Statement of Purpose FY26](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

5.0 Executive Session

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

[25-278](#)

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Gary Grasso, to not enter into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

5.02 Action on staff recommendation regarding closed session minutes

[25-279](#)

A motion was made by Member Gary Grasso, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to follow the staff's recommendation to maintain confidentiality on previously approved closed session meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Anne Sheahan
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak and Matthew Walsh

6.0 Other Items for Approval

6.01 FY2026 Budget and Work Plan Amendment

[25-280](#)

Attachments: [Memo - FY2026 Budget and Work Plan Amendment](#)

(Member Walsh arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

Vas Boykovskyy, Deputy Director of Finance, presented an amendment to the Budget and Work Plan for FY2026. CMAP has received an additional \$1.2 million from IDOT and the Illinois General Assembly has awarded CMAP \$2 million in funds for non-transportation work. CMAP also received \$300,000 from Schreiber Philanthropy for CMAP's affordable housing project in Lake County. Consequently, CMAP is requesting to increase the budget by \$3.5 million in revenue and \$2.3 million in expenses.

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Matt Walsh, to approve the budget and work plan amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh
Absent: Richard Reinbold
Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden
Not Present: John Noak

6.02 Nomination of CMAP officers

[25-277](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Nomination of CMAP officers](#)

Executive Director Aleman asked for confirmation of the CMAP officers on the Executive Committee as required annually by the Regional Planning Act. The recommendation is to confirm the existing

members of the Executive Committee for another year with the only change being Jung Yoon joining the Executive Committee to replace John Roberson.

A motion was made by Member Matthew Walsh, seconded by Member Paul Hoefert, to approve the proposed nominations of CMAP officers for the Executive Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, Nancy Rotering, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: John Noak

7.0 Information Items

7.01 The Century Plan update

[25-273](#)

Attachments: [Memo - The Century Plan update](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman provided a brief overview of CMAP's long-range planning history and recognized the long-standing service of Member Beal and Chair Bennett. Both reflected on CMAP's evolution and emphasized its role as a regional resource for governments and businesses. Member Beal highlighted Chair Bennett's leadership and expressed appreciation for staff contributions.

(Member Noak arrived at 9:59 a.m.)

Elizabeth Scott, Principal Policy Analyst, reviewed the guiding ethos and priorities of past plans *GO TO 2040* and *ON TO 2050*, which focused on transportation modernization, climate resilience, inclusive housing, fiscal sustainability, and data-driven decision-making.

Kasia Hart, Principal Intergovernmental Affairs, outlined specific examples of achievements stemming from the *GO TO 2040* and *ON TO 2050* plans. Examples included (1) the Local Technical Assistance program that helped communities unlock millions of dollars of state and federal funding, (2) the Illinois Port District Master Plan which secured \$34 million in federal funding to rebuild Calumet River docks, (3) rebuilding Illinois capital plan which resulted in 20% new gas tax revenue being reserved for transit capital needs, (4) a refined methodology for the Surface Transportation Fund, and (5) the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership which influenced 60+ pro-Chicagoland business decisions to relocate or expand to the region leading to \$715 million in workers' earnings and 8,500 jobs.

Members Schofield and Brolley shared positive local impacts of the Local Technical Assistance program and affirmed its strategic importance. Members Idemudia and Noak added that strategically this program is vital to enable communities to implement projects and has enabled basic comprehensive planning.

Kasia Hart further summarized the input CMAP has received from the Board along with input from stakeholders to be included in The Century Plan. These were (1) economic growth, vitality and competitiveness, (2) climate change and the ability of the transit system to meet regional needs, and (3) a people centered vision focused on connection and interdependence.

(Member Grasso left the meeting at 10:29 a.m.)

Members discussed measuring plan outcomes, nimbleness in responding to change, grassroots engagement, timeliness, and continued focus on quality of life, economic stability, and sustainability.

Austen Edwards, Senior Policy Analyst, presented the approach of the new long-range plan, the Century Plan, and the scenario planning that is currently being undertaken. In the fall, CMAP is planning to engage in more activities focusing on translating the information the agency has collected into tangible ideas. CMAP identified drivers of change and major shifts that need to be kept in mind when exploring future scenarios, also noting trends with competing impacts (e.g., advancements in health vs. rising chronic diseases and pandemics). Austen Edwards emphasized aligning local plans and building consistency across the region.

Elizabeth Scott concluded with next steps: The Board will be presented with a plan preview in fall 2026 for input and refinement before final development of the plan. Furthermore, events in every subregional council will be planned to gather input for the Century Plan. There will be a workshop with professional scenario planners Kerr Smith for the Board and MPO policy committee at their next meeting on October 8. She also reminded the Board of the State of the Region event on November 4, 2025.

An update to The Century Plan was presented.

7.02 Board member attendance and attendance policy research

25-271

Attachments: [Memo - Board member attendance and attendance policy research](#)

Chair Bennett emphasized the importance for all Board members to be present for every Board meeting in person to allow for a quorum and the productive work of the Board, as the input of all members is critical.

The research on the attendance policy was presented.

7.03 Legislative update

25-274

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative update](#)

Erin Aleman summarized briefly that the general assembly is not in session now, but CMAP will be closely monitoring their veto session as well as the federal level. As soon as the state legislature is back in session there will be a more comprehensive report.

A legislative update was presented.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, reminded the Board that people with disabilities need proper communication to understand CMAP's work and be a part of it, possibly even in terms of translation services. Heather Armstrong asked the Board to monitor the financial situation of the CTA closely.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee and is scheduled for October 8, 2025, location will be determined.

11.0 Adjournment

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

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Paul Hoefert, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Nancy Roterling, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield, Anne Sheahan and Matthew Walsh

Absent: Richard Reinbold

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Not Present: Gary Grasso

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Maren Lutterbach



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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: Erin Aleman, Executive Director

Date: September 24, 2025

Subject: MPO Policy Committee 2026 meeting dates

Action Requested: MPO Policy Committee Approval

The MPO Policy Committee is proposed to meet on the following dates in 2026:

- Thursday, January 8, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. (joint meeting with the CMAP Board)



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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: MPO Policy Nominating Subcommittee members

Date: September 24, 2025

Subject: Nomination of the Office of Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee

Action Requested: MPO Policy Committee Approval

Per the MPO Policy Committee By-Laws, “each year during June, after notice to the membership in the call and agenda of a particular meeting, the Chair shall appoint a subcommittee of five members of the MPO Policy Committee to nominate at a meeting in October, the name or names of candidates for election to the office of Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for the following year.”

Past practice has been that the Vice Chair serves two consecutive terms. In 2024, the MPO Policy committee appointed Cassaundra Rouse, Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway, to serve as vice chair for 2025.

The MPO Policy Nominating Subcommittee recommends reappointing Ms. Rouse for 2026.

The nominating group believes this individual is representative of the needs of the committee.



MEMORANDUM

To: Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: September 24, 2025

Subject: Regional Transportation Plan update

Action Requested: Information

General update

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) continues to advance through research, data analysis, and stakeholder engagement. As of September 2025, more than 1,500 people from all seven counties in the CMAP region have responded to the RTP questionnaire.

Several themes have emerged from the responses:

- Pressing transportation challenges include vehicle speeding, road congestion, and access to transit.
- Respondents want greater investment in infrastructure that supports transit, walking, and biking.
- Safety, reliability, and – particularly for transit – frequency of service are key factors in travel choices.
- Beyond transportation options, respondents value a system that strengthens communities, supports economic development, builds resilience, and protects farmland and natural resources.

These insights, combined with ongoing research, data analysis, and partner engagement, will guide the strategies included in the final RTP.

Financial plan update

To meet federal requirements for fiscal constraint, CMAP is preparing long-range financial forecasts to estimate baseline revenues and expenditures and identify additional reasonably expected revenues. Working with a [resource group](#) of regional transportation stakeholders, CMAP has:

- developed baseline assumptions for revenues and expenditures;
- examined the implications of current and future policies; and

- refined a methodology that is transparent, accurate, and appropriate for a planning-level forecast.

The expenditure forecast provides a framework for prioritizing investments in the RTP by allocating planned costs across categories such as administration, operations, maintenance, improvements, enhancements, and expansion. These categories will help clarify regional funding priorities, investment strategies, and trade-offs – for example, balancing asset condition targets, needed system enhancements, and capacity expansion.

However, both revenue and expenditure forecasts are subject to economic, policy, and implementation uncertainties — particularly over a 20+ year timeframe. To ensure the fiscal constraint presents a realistic and resilient blueprint for transportation investment between now and 2050, CMAP is beginning to shape and conduct a risk assessment in partnership with resource group members.

The *Financial Plan Risk Assessment* will evaluate known uncertainties by systematically identifying, prioritizing, and analyzing the risks associated with key financial assumptions, such as the availability of future revenue streams, cost escalation rates, and project delivery schedules. By revealing the conditions under which the fiscal constraint may be at risk, this exercise will increase transparency about the strengths and limitations of a long-range forecast and support better decision-making in the face of uncertainty.

Financial plan policy briefs

As with past financial plans, expenditures for 2027-2050 are projected to exceed the baseline revenues that will be available, underscoring the need for additional revenues to support the transportation system over the planning horizon. To support the identification of reasonably expected revenues, CMAP published the following:

- [Transportation funding strategies: Revenue options for consideration in the Financial Plan for Transportation](#)
- [Tolling and pricing strategies: Revenue options for consideration in the Financial Plan for Transportation](#)

An additional white paper that explores next steps towards implementing a road usage charge in Illinois is forthcoming.

Regional capital projects

Through coordination with partner agencies, CMAP has identified 137 Regional Capital Projects (RCPs) for inclusion in the RTP. Each project is being evaluated for how well it advances regional transportation goals. The evaluations consider measurable criteria such as existing asset conditions, travel time performance, and the expected impacts on regional travel times and emissions based on outputs from the regional travel demand model. A [draft RCP Benefits Report](#) summarizing the benefits that each proposed project offers to the region is now available. The RCP candidates can also be viewed in an [interactive map](#).