



**MPO POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

9:30 AM

**Old Post Office  
Marquee Conference Room  
433 West Van Buren Street, 2nd FL  
Chicago, IL 60607**

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## 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

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

**Non-Voting:** Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

Noting a physical quorum of the Board, Chair Bennett reported requests were received from Paul Hoefert and John Roberson to attend the meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A vote is needed to approve their virtual attendance.

*A motion was made by Member Anne Sheahan, seconded by Member Carolyn Schofield, to permit Members Paul Hoefert and John Roberson to participate in the meeting in accordance with Open Meetings Act requirements. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz and Carolyn Schofield

**Non-Voting:** Leanne Redden

**Not Present:** Paul Hoefert, John Roberson and Matthew Walsh

**Absent (NV):** Kouros Mohammadian

MPO Policy Committee

Chair Osman called the meeting of the MPO Policy Committee to order.

**Present:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

Secretary Omer Osman served as IDOT Representative, Tom Carney served as CDOT Representative, Frank Beal served as CMAP Representative 1, Matt Brolley served as CMAP Representative 2, Molly Poppe served as CTA Representative, Jennifer Sis Killen served as Cook Co Representative, Jeff Schielke served as CoM Representative, Steve Travia served as DuPage Co Representative, Andy Brinkerhoff served as FHWA Representative, Tony Greep served as FTA Representative, Cassaundra Rouse served as Tollway Representative, Tom Rickert served as Kane Co Representative, Shane Schneider served as Lake Co Representative, Scott Hennings served as McHenry Co Representative, Jim Derwinski served as Metra Representative, Richard Kwasneski served as Pace Representative, Leanne Redden served as RTA Representative, Elaine Bottomley served as Will Co Representative, and Thomas Evenson served as Class I Railroads

**Staff present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Vas Boykovskyy, Michael Brown, John Carpenter, Enrique Castillo, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Doug Ferguson, Jane Grover, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Tony Manno, Stephane Phifer, Ryan

Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, Claire Williams

**Others present:** Garland Armstrong, Holly Bieneman, Elaine Bottomley, Shae Burnham, Lynnette Ciavarella, Jose Cinfantes, Eric Czarnota, Jon Paul Dipla, Drew Duffin, Julie Forbes, Brandon Geber, Scott Gengler, Chloe Groome, Henry Guerriero, Jennifer Henry, Thomas Hill, Stephen Hull, Neil James, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, David Kralik, Vig Krishnamurthy, Brian Larson, Adrian Levin, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Risara Melendez, Skylar Moran, Tara Orbon, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer, Robert Rescot, Hector Rios, Karyn Robles, Ethan Saltzberg, Todd Schmidt, Ben Schnelle, Vicky Smith, Megan Swanson, Mike Sullivan, Robert Sullivan, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas, Janice Thomas, Steve Travia, Mike Vanderhoof, Alex Wall, Eric Wood, Meg Woodburn

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda.

### 2.01 Executive director's report

[24-414](#)

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

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, welcomed MPO Member Steve Travia, DuPage Co Representative, who is new to the MPO Policy Committee and recognized CMAP Board Members Jada Curry and Joanna Ruiz who are participating in their first joint meeting between the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

(CoM Representative Jeff Schielke of the MPO Policy Committee arrived at 9:43 a.m.)

Executive Director Aleman highlighted several recent CMAP engagements including a presentation of the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) at the AMPO Conference and staff moderating and participating in several panel sessions at American Planning Association State Conference.

CMAP held 45 events across six counties during the months of July to September. It was also noted that Executive Director Aleman received the Leadership in Public Service Award from the March of Dimes at their annual Construction and Transportation luncheon.

The executive director report included an update on the I-290 Corridor Development Office, the launch of the Household travel survey, the biennial municipal survey, ADA coordinators groups, and the upcoming transportation Call for Projects.

*The executive director's report was received and filed.*

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

### 3.01 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes from June 13, 2024

[24-408](#)

**Attachments:** [MPO Policy Committee 06.13.24 Minutes](#)

*MPO Policy Committee: A motion was made by Cook Co Representative Jennifer Sis Killen, seconded by Lake Co Representative Shane Schneider, to approve the June 13, 2024 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative
- Absent:** Kendall Co Representative
- Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda Items 3.02 and 4.01 - 4.03 for CMAP Board Approval)**

(CMAP Board Member Matt Walsh arrived at 9:50 a.m.)

#### **Approval of the Group Vote**

##### *CMAP Board*

*A motion was made by Board member John Noak, seconded by Board Member Anne Sheahan, to approve agenda items 3.02 and 4.01 through 4.03 under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:*

*Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh*

*Non Voting: Leanne Redden*

*Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian*

#### **3.02 CMAP Board minutes from September 11, 2024**

**[24-411](#)**

**Attachments:** [CMAP Board 09.11.24 Minutes](#)

*Agenda items 3.02 and 4.01 through 4.03 were approved by the CMAP Board as part of the Consent Agenda.*

#### **4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

##### **4.01 Authorization to amend contract C24-0066 with Energy + Environmental Economics, Inc. for Comprehensive Climate Action Plan Technical Assistance for an additional amount of \$71,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$511,000**

**[24-427](#)**

**Attachments:** [Memo - C24-0066 Amendment Justification 02](#)

*Agenda items 3.02 and 4.01 through 4.03 were approved by the CMAP Board as part of the Consent Agenda.*

##### **4.02 Authorization to amend contract C23-0029 with ICF Incorporated, LLC for Resilience Improvement Program for the additional amount of \$50,285 for a total not to exceed amount of \$885,000**

**[24-428](#)**

**Attachments:** [Memo - C23-0029 A02 ICF Amendment Justification](#)

*Agenda items 3.02 and 4.01 through 4.03 were approved by the CMAP Board as part of the Consent Agenda.*

- 4.03 Authorization to amend contract C24-0047 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for Northwest Cook Transit Coordination Study for an additional amount of \$29,725.21 for a total not to exceed amount of \$222,100** [24-431](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - C24-0047 A01 Board Justification Memo](#)

*Agenda items 3.02 and 4.01 through 4.03 were approved by the CMAP Board as part of the Consent Agenda.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 5.0 Items for Approval

- 5.01 Approval of the MPO Policy Committee meeting schedule for 2025** [24-412](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - MPO Policy Committee 2025 meeting dates](#)

*MPO Policy Committee*

*A motion was made by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, seconded by RTA Representative Leanne Redden, to approve the MPO Policy Committee meeting schedule for 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

- 5.02 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chair** [24-413](#)

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

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Research, Analysis, and Programming, reported that the MPO Policy Nominating Committee met on September 13, 2024 to review candidates. They nominated Cassaundra Rouse to serve as the Vice-Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for calendar year 2025.

*MPO Policy Committee*

*A motion was made by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, seconded by Metra Representative Jim Derwinski, to elect Tollway Representative Cassaundra Rouse as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for calendar year 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

## 5.03 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

[24-421](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - MOU Board and MPO Policy Committee](#)  
[MPO Board MOU 2024](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that when CMAP was created 20 years ago, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee jointly adopted a MOU that is periodically reviewed. No changes are being recommended but staff requests that both bodies approve and reaffirm the MOU.

### *CMAP Board*

*A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Carolyn Schofield, to approve the MOU between the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

**Non-Voting:** Leanne Redden

**Absent (NV):** Kouros Mohammadian

### *MPO Policy Committee*

*A motion was made by Metra Representative Jim Derwinski, seconded by Cook Co Representative Jennifer Sis Killen, to approve the MOU between the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** IDOT Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

## 6.0 CMAP Announcements

### 6.01 CMAP Board report

[24-415](#)

Leanne Redden, RTA Representative, reported that the CMAP Board did not meet in July or August. At their September 11, 2024 meeting, the Board received an update on the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership regarding the efforts that have been made during the first year of partnership and a look into future work and received an update on upcoming amendments to their bylaws pursuant to Public Act 103-0986 which becomes effective January 1, 2025.

RTA Representative Redden also reported the RTA will be hosting a transportation summit on October 24, 2024 in Arlington Heights with a focus on suburban services.

*The CMAP Board report was presented.*

## 6.02 Council of Mayors' Executive Committee report

[24-416](#)

Jeff Schielke, CoM Representative, reported the Council of Mayors' Executive Committee met on September 24, 2024. The committee began a discussion on the complex transportation funding process and an introduction to the socioeconomic forecast that serves as the anchor for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Committee will meet next month to discuss severe weather trends in northeastern Illinois and how municipalities and CMAP can meet those challenges.

*The Council of Mayors' Executive Committee report was presented.*

## 7.0 Information Items

### 7.01 CMAQ Program Mid-Point Performance Plan

[24-422](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - CMAQ MidPoint Performance Plan](#)  
[CMAQ Mid-Point Performance Plan-2 Performance Period 10-1-24](#)

Doug Ferguson, Senior Analyst, reported the federal requirements for CMAP established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and refined Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) set three specific measures tied to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program.

The northeastern region is non-attainment for national ambient air quality standards and as part of CMAQ Performance Measures, CMAP is required to develop a performance plan covering four-year periods. The first Performance Period began in 2018. CMAP is currently at the two-year mark in the second Performance Period that began in 2022.

The three performance measures are: Peak Hour Excessive Delay; Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (Non-SOV) Travel; and Total Emissions Reduction. CMAP is required to set the Hour Excessive Delay and Non-SOV targets with Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Council.

The northeastern region has met the target for Peak Hour Excessive Delay and has exceeded its two-year goal of increasing Non-SOV travel by 3.9% for a total of 36.3%. Staff believes these goals may have been achieved by travel patterns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The northeastern region did not reach its target in reducing total emissions related to volatile organic compounds (VOC) or nitrogen oxides (NOx). This could be tied directly to how targets were created, whether projects were completed or if replacement projects didn't have the same estimated emissions benefits as an originally approved project. It was also noted that there weren't any diesel fuel projects in this time period which is a main contributor of NOx.

Senior Analyst Ferguson reported that the CMAQ Program Mid-Point Performance Plan was submitted to IDOT and shared with FHWA prior to its October 1st deadline. Staff will evaluate the project in another two years as part of the four-year program, and new targets will be identified at that time.

*The CMAQ Program Mid Point Performance Plan was presented.*

## 7.02 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update

[24-419](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo - RTP Update](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is currently embedded in the ON TO 2050 Plan and includes recommendations on how the seven counties and 284 municipalities will address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality of life issues. The three guiding principles: inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment have informed every recommendation in the current RTP and will continue to serve as pillars for the next RTP.

The Vision and RTP plans will be uncoupled into separate, but related, documents and processes. The RTP will build on the ON TO 2050 Plan and will guide transportation investments, policies, and initiatives within northeastern Illinois along the 2050 planning horizon while providing flexibility to address new and existing challenges or opportunities.

(CMAP Board Member Dr. Korous Mohammadian arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

Ryan Thompto, Principal Policy Analyst, reported he is overseeing the transportation investment strategy program. The RTP must be updated every four years to receive federal funding. Federal regulations require the RTP be fiscally constrained which means that it can only include investments that can be delivered within the anticipated revenues identified in the plan.

The RTP planning process considers three questions: what transportation do we want?; what are the challenges and opportunity to get there?; and how will we achieve the transportation system we want? Principal Thompto reviewed the timeline for completing the RTP.

At previous meetings, CMAP has shared the review of more than 30 multi-modal transportation plans at the local, regional, state, and federal levels. CMAP has met with communities to discuss their transportation priorities and policies and processes related to regionally significant projects (RSPs) have also been updated.

In 2025, the Board and MPO Policy Committee will be updated on the approach for selecting RSPs for inclusion in the RTP. Staff will update committees and stakeholders on emerging priorities and existing conditions and these conversations will inform the selection of a prioritized list of strategies and projects for the RTP along with the financial plan.

A key component of the RTP is to demonstrate that sufficient funding will be available to invest in the transportation system. CMAP must identify anticipated expenditures and revenue sources necessary to carry out the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the region's transportation system through 2050. The financial plan serves as tool to help provide an understanding of the relationship between investments included in the plan and the measures needed to ensure the funding is available to implement the projects.

Principal Thompto reported that the financial plan has historically included baseline revenue sources through federal, state, local, tolls and fares. Total revenue from these sources is \$480 billion. Financial plans have also included additional revenues (known as regionally expected revenues) that could be expected to become available to the region between now and 2050.

Regionally expected revenues identified in the 2022 2050 Plan Update included the tolling of highway



expansions and reconstructions, replacing the motor fuel tax with a road user charge, expanding the sales tax base to include services, implementing a regional fee on transportation networking companies, and expanding the local pricing of parking. Combined, regionally expected revenues and traditional baseline revenue sources allowed the ON TO 2050 Plan Update to have a forecasted total fiscal constraint of \$526 billion.

Principal Thompto reported that the expenditures for the associated administration, operation, and maintenance of the current system in its existing conditions account for 80% of the transportation system's total expenditures in the financial plan. The remaining costs include improvements to the existing system that would meet the plan's system performance targets, improvements to the system that would meet other regional goals, and the costs to expand the transportation system.

Principal Thompto reviewed next steps for the financial plan. The next RTP will build on the foundation but evolve to create space for regional dialogue on how to financially plan for the future. Staff will continue to forecast baseline revenues and expenditures but will consider how trends will impact the funding picture. Staff will introduce scenario planning into the process to help the region prepare for different possibilities.

Discussion ensued regarding how the values identified in the ON TO 2050 Plan will be used to prioritize RSPs and the need to consider population decline in the financial plan and RTP.

(MPO Vice-Chair Jennifer Sis Killen left the meeting at 10:22 a.m.)

*An update of the Regional Transportation Plan was provided.*

## **7.03 Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the greater Chicago area update**

**[24-420](#)**

**Attachments:** [Memo - CAP update](#)

Carolyn Schofield, CMAP Board Member, reported on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Steering Committee's first meeting in June. The Steering Committee has been charged with guiding and informing the climate action planning process and bringing perspective about regional priorities and challenges, areas for collaboration, and strategies for implementation.

Nora Beck, principal in Regional Policy and Implementation, reported that she oversees CMAP's Climate Action program. The reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) to combat climate change is included in the ON TO 2050. It includes the goal of having a region that is prepared for climate changes and provides a recommendation to intensify climate mitigation efforts, setting an aggressive goal of an 80% decline in GHGs, relative to 2005, by 2050.

CMAP is working on two key projects to identify and prioritize effective strategies to achieve the region's climate goals: 1) develop a comprehensive climate action plan for the greater Chicago area and 2) the Clean Energy to Communities Technical Assistance.

CMAP partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) on the US EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. The grant requires three deliverables. The first deliverable of creating a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) was led by MMC with the assistance from CMAP. CMAP is leading the second deliverable, a comprehensive action plan (CCAP) that is due next fall. The third deliverable, also being led by CMAP, is a status report.

Principal Beck reported the planning area involves 13 counties, three states, and three metropolitan

planning organizations. The plan will serve as a framework of strategies to reach national goals and will serve as a starting point for ongoing conversations and planning efforts at the Board, MPO, County, municipal, state, and federal levels. Following submission of the plan, CMAP will work with CMAP's governing committees to learn from the process, identify paths forward, and confirm implementation action for CMAP action region. The CCAP will identify strategies to help the region reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and achieve the shorter-term goal of reducing GHG emissions by 50% by the year 2035.

Principal Beck reviewed the timeline for the development of the CCAP and reported that the tasks of establishing guiding principles and creating a greenhouse gas inventory have already been completed. Staff is currently identifying strategies to reduce emissions. In early 2025, CMAP will estimate how strategies impact emissions. In spring 2025, staff will analyze how strategies impact communities. The plan will be completed by the fall 2025.

The four principles that are guiding the plan development are committing to zero by embracing transformative strategies, centering equity to reduce existing disparities, planning for action by prioritizing what will move the region forward, and growing a clean economy by harnessing economic opportunities of climate action.

Emissions were reviewed by county and sector. Three approaches to reduce emissions is avoiding or using less energy, using low-carbon options, and sequestering emissions.

CMAP Board Member Schofield reported that CMAP can learn from other local partners such as McHenry County that identified environmental sustainability as a key issue area in its 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued regarding encouraging ComEd to upgrade their electrical grid, maximizing solar energy on rooftops, storing solar-generated energy, and developing strategies that consider the impact that energy has to communities regionally and globally.

*An update of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for the greater Chicago area was presented.*

#### **7.04 Regional Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program update**

**[24-430](#)**

**Attachments:** [Memo - SS4A Regional Update](#)

Lindsay Bayley, Program Lead, reported that fatalities in CMAP's northeastern region have been increasing since 2014, notably the same year when sports utility vehicles (SUVs) overtook sedans in the market-share of vehicles on roads. Similar trends have been seen for crashes related pedestrians and bicyclists. Traffic fatalities disproportionately impact black people.

Between 2018 and 2022, 2,847 people lost their lives and another 27,592 people were seriously injured or disabled. To address this crisis, CMAP created the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program, a five-year effort to improve traffic safety through data collection and analysis, policy recommendations, local planning projects and implementation assistance. CMAP received \$4 million from the federal Safe Streets For All (SS4A) program to develop a traffic safety framework for northeastern Illinois. IDOT and six counties have contributed local match funds and CMAP is working with them to develop safety action plans based on the regional framework.

The goal of the SS4A program is to reduce and eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes. Data analysis is used to inform the location of roadway safety concerns, and the plan includes the identification of projects, strategies, and policies to reduce risk and eliminate serious injury and fatal crashes.

Safety Action Plans are guided by a Safe System Approach to transportation safety, a holistic approach that anticipates human mistakes and designs a system with safety measures that reduce the likelihood of serious and fatal outcomes of those mistakes.

Project Lead Bayley provided the County Safety Action Plan project overview and timeline. There are three phases of the timeline: Phase 1 identifies existing conditions; Phase 2 reviews potential strategies and prioritization; and Phase 3 implements and presents the plan. CMAP is working with the FHWA to ensure that county plans meet eligibility requirements to allow municipalities to apply for additional implementation funding. She reported additional resources are being put into an equitable engagement campaign to advance the federal justice forty initiative and focus resources where they are most needed. CMAP created a webpage that connects individuals to each of the counties' Safety Action Plan pages where people can view and identify their traffic safety concerns.

Elaine Bottomley, Deputy Chief of Staff of Will County, reported on Will County's Safety Action Plan. Notably, Elwood is the largest inland inter-modal port in the country and has seen the greatest number of injuries. A majority of crashes in Will County are occurring at urban intersections. Will County has created a high injury network map and has engaged the public online and in-person to identify areas of concern.

Cassaundra Rouse, Executive Director of the Illinois Tollway, reported that the Tollway analyzes all crashes regardless of severity to identify opportunities to improve traffic safety along its roads.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact this project has on communities great and small, the need to incentivize communities to make improvements to public transportation area to reduce traffic fatalities, the impact of motor scooters on crash data, and the need educate the public on road safety, particularly in roundabouts.

*An update of the regional Safety Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program was provided.*

#### **7.05 September 2024 Executive Committee report on grants and procurements**

**[24-417](#)**

**Attachments:** [September Grants and Procurements Report](#)

Stephane Phifer, Interim Deputy of Finance, presented the Executive Committee report on grants and procurements, noting that because the Executive Committee meeting was canceled, it is being brought to the CMAP Board. This is for informational purposes.

*The September 2024 Executive Committee report on grants and procurements was received and filed.*

#### **7.06 State legislative update**

**[24-429](#)**

**Attachments:** [Memo - Legislative Update](#)

John Carpenter, Intergovernmental Affairs Director, reported that staff has been actively monitoring the Illinois Senate's Transportation Committee's series of hearings related to improving transit services, noting the last hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. He also reported CMAP's 2025-2026 advocacy agenda is underway and a draft will be presented at November CMAP Board meeting.

CMAP Board Member Carolyn Schofield noted that McHenry County is not represented on the House's Transit Working Group. Director Carpenter reported the Illinois House Speaker appoints members.

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*The state legislative update was received and filed.*

## **8.0 Other Business**

Chair Bennett congratulated CMAP Board Member Nina Idemudia for being recognized by Crain's magazine in the 40 under 40 annual list that recognizes people who have achieved success in business before turning 40.

There was no other business before the CMAP Board or MPO Policy Committee.

## **9.0 Public Comment**

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported two written comments were received by Ethan Saltzberg and Hayden Harris related to principal arterial highways and the expansion of the Forest Park Blue line. The comments have been provided to the members of both committees and will be included in the meeting minutes.

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, commended Greyhound Bus for not closing its bus depot in Chicago and the agencies who worked to encourage that the station remain open. He commented on the need for communities to improve bus stop locations and noted many communities in Iowa are reducing or eliminating paratransit services. He also commented on CMAP staff's efforts to improve climate efforts in the region.

### **9.1 Written Public Comment for October 9, 2024 CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee**

[24-439](#)

**Attachments:** [Written Public Comments 10.09.24](#)

*Written comments were received and filed.*

## **10.0 Next Meeting**

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

*CMAP Board*

*A motion was made by John Noak, seconded by Richard Reinbold, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

**Non-Voting:** Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

The CMAP Board was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

*MPO Policy Committee*

*A motion was made by Pace Representative Richard Kwasneski, seconded by Metra Representative, Jim Derwinski, to adjourn the MPO Policy Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** IDOT Representative, CMAP Representative 1, CMAP Representative 2, CTA Representative, Cook Co Representative, CoM Representative, DuPage Co Representative, Tollway Representative, Kane Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, Pace Representative, RTA Representative and Will Co Representative

**Absent:** Kendall Co Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, FTA Representative and Class I Railroads Representative

**Not Present:** CDOT Representative

The MPO Policy Committee was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider