

## COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:30 AM

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

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**1.0 Call To Order and Introductions****2.0 Approval of Minutes****2.01 Minutes from June 3, 2025**[25-392](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [CoM EC Minutes 060325](#)**3.0 Chair Report****4.0 CMAP Announcements****5.0 Action Items****5.01 Proposed 2026 meeting schedule**[25-384](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule 011326](#)**5.02 Appointment to the STP Project Selection Committee**[25-389](#)

PURPOSE &amp; ACTION: Nominations for and election of a representative to the STP Project Selection Committee are requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [Appointment to the STP PSC 011326](#)**5.03 Appointment to the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee**[25-390](#)

PURPOSE &amp; ACTION: Nominations for and election of a representative to the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee are requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [Appointment to the CMAQ TAP CRP PSC 011326](#)**5.04 Appointment to the Unified Work Program Committee**[25-391](#)

PURPOSE &amp; ACTION: Nominations for and election of a representative to the Unified Work Program Committee are requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [Appointment to the UWP Committee 011326](#)

**6.0 Informational Items****6.01 AI, Data, and Quantum in northeastern Illinois**[25-393](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will present the committee with emerging trends and data related to the development of data centers and quantum computing in the region.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**6.02 Northeastern Illinois Development Database update**[25-394](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on the Northeastern Illinois Development Database (NDD) web map.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**6.03 Upgraded eTIP platform**[25-385](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will demonstrate key features on the newly modernized eTIP website.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [Upgraded eTIP Platform 011326](#)

**6.04 Legislative update**[26-003](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP intergovernmental affairs staff will provide an update on recent federal and state legislative activity.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [COMs 1 2026 Legislative Update Memo](#)

**7.0 Other Business****8.0 Public Comment**

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

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting will adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

## COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:30 AM

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#### 1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Schielke at 9:36 a.m.

**Present**      Central Council of Mayors, Kane Council of Mayors, Lake Council of Mayors, North Shore Council of Mayors, Northwest Council of Mayors, South Council of Mayors and Southwest Council of Mayors

**Absent**      DuPage Council of Mayors, McHenry Council of Mayors, North Central Council of Mayors and Will Council of Mayors

**Staff present:** Alex Bahls, Kama Dobbs, John Carpenter, Doug Ferguson, Ryan Gougis, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Dave Morck, Richard Norwood, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Reigstad, George Rivera, Sarah Stolpe, Stephane Phifer

**Others present:** Gretchen Klock, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brian Larson, Drew Duffin, George Kandathil, Joe Surdam, Brittany Matyas, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Rauer

#### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

##### 2.01 Draft minutes from March 4, 2025

[25-161](#)

**Attachments:** [CoM EC Draft Minutes 3-4-25](#)

*A motion was made by Mayor Kuchler, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, that the meeting minutes from March 4, 2025 be approved. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

#### 3.0 CMAP Announcements

CMAP staff Stephane Phifer shared that for CMAP and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) received a historically high number of application for the 2026 Call for Technical Assistance projects. The applications are currently under review and awarded projects will be announced next month.

Phifer also shared that CMAP has met key milestones in the development of both the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and CMAP's long-range vision plan. CMAP will be celebrating its 20th anniversary and the launch of the new vision plan at the State of the Region event on November 4, 2025.

**4.0 New Business****4.01 CMAP Socioeconomic Forecast**[25-162](#)**Attachments:** [Socioeconomic Forecast Memo](#)

CMAP staff Alex Bahls presented about development of the regional and local socioeconomic forecasts for the northeastern Illinois region. Forecasting is an integral part of the planning process and a requirement of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Bahls highlighted recent trends and key data included in the forecasting process. Draft results for the regional forecast were shared with committee members, including population and job projections through 2050.

**4.02 Northeastern Illinois Development Database**[25-163](#)**Attachments:** [Northeastern Illinois Development Memo](#)

CMAP staff Dave Morck provided a demonstration of the Northeastern Illinois Development Database (NDD) interactive webmap. The database includes data on all major land uses and tracks developments from proposal stage to completion. Morck encouraged municipalities to assist in updating the database by submitting additions and edits through the webmap platform.

**4.03 Job Quality and Access Tool**[25-164](#)**Attachments:** [Job Quality and Access Tool Memo](#)

CMAP staff Katie Reigstad demonstrated the Job Quality and Access tool that was developed by CMAP and TIP Strategies as source for data in local planning. Reigstad provided definitions for how both "quality" and "access" are assessed and reflected in the platform. A user guide and instructional video are available on the CMAP website, along with the full methodology and relevant staff for support.

**4.04 Committee Bylaws**[25-182](#)**Attachments:** [By-laws memo June 2025](#)[Council of Mayors Bylaws](#)

CMAP staff Jane Grover presented recommended changes to the committee bylaws, to intentionally reflect the purpose and mission of the committee as an advisory body to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The updated bylaws include changes to the way in which meetings are held, allowing for workshops with remote participation.

*A motion was made by Mayor Skillman, seconded by Mayor Kuchler, to approve the committee bylaws as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.*

**5.0 Updates****5.02 Legislative Update**[25-167](#)

CMAP staff Ryan Gougis reported that the CMAP Strengthen Communities funding initiative was successfully incorporated into the fiscal year 2026 state budget. CMAP staff is coordinating with officials to access and utilize the \$2 million appropriation for local planning efforts. Gougis thanked the mayors and municipalities for their show of support for the legislation. Gougis summarized the remainder of the \$55.2 billion state budget. Gougis also provided the committee with an overview of legislative activities regarding transit funding, reform, and governance, highlighting that CMAP staff will continue engaging with the general assembly to offer support and feedback on pending transit bills.

**6.0 Committee Member Reports**

There was no other business.

**7.0 Public Comment**

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

There was no public comment.

**8.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

**9.0 Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Mayor Patel, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.*



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## MEMORANDUM

**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** January 6, 2026  
**Subject:** 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule  
**Action requested:** Approval

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The following are proposed Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting dates for 2026.

All four meetings are on **Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**The January 13 regular meeting requires an in-person quorum** at CMAP's offices to conduct the business of the committee and take action by vote. Those actions will include approving this meeting schedule and member appointments to three CMAP committees. For the January 13 meeting, a **quorum** shall consist of a majority of Committee members representing a majority of appointments from different subregional councils, in this case a minimum of **6 members from 6 different councils**. Members may attend the three workshop meetings in person or remotely; no committee actions will be taken at the workshops.

Reference: [Council of Mayors Executive Committee Bylaws](#)

<b>Proposed 2026 Council of Mayors Executive Committee Calendar</b>			
<b>Tuesday, January 13</b> <i>Regular In-person</i>	<b>Tuesday, March 3</b> <i>Workshop Hybrid</i>	<b>Tuesday, June 16</b> <i>Workshop Hybrid</i>	<b>Tuesday, Sept 15</b> <i>Workshop Hybrid</i>



**MEMORANDUM**

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** January 6, 2026

**Subject:** Appointment to the Surface Transportation Program Project  
Selection Committee

**Action Requested:** Nomination and approval

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The Council of Mayors Executive is to appoint **three representatives to the STP Project Selection Committee**. Mayor Jeffery Schielke (Batavia, Kane/Kendall County Council of Mayors), Mayor Leon Rockingham (North Chicago, Lake County Council of Mayors), and President Mark Kuchler (La Grange, Central Cook Council of Mayors) are the current representatives, appointed on November 7, 2023. Mayor Schielke and Mayor Rockingham have agreed to reappointment.

The STP Project Selection Committee reviews [STP Shared Fund](#) applications and recommends projects to the [MPO Policy Committee](#) for funding. The committee develops a methodology for choosing projects — with parameters for assisting disadvantaged communities — and develops policies for the active program management of the STP Shared Fund and Local Programs, which it updates as needed.

**These are the seven 2026 meeting dates for the STP Project Selection Committee, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.:**

<b>February 5</b>
<b>March 26</b>
<b>May 14</b>
<b>July 16</b>
<b>August 27</b>
<b>November 5</b>
<b>December 3</b>

This committee is a public committee that meets in accordance with the Open Meetings Act's requirements for an in-person quorum and limited exceptions for members to participate remotely.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Council of Mayors Executive Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** January 6, 2026

**Subject:** Appointment to the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee

**Action requested:** Nomination and approval

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The Council of Mayors Executive Committee appoints one representative to the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee. President Dave Brady (Bedford Park, Southwest Council of Mayors) is the current representative, appointed on November 7, 2023.

The CMAQ, CRP, & TAP Project Selection Committee provides overall guidance for the development of the [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\) Improvement Program](#), [Carbon Reduction Program \(CRP\)](#), and the locally programmed [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\)](#), and recommends projects to the [MPO Policy Committee](#) for funding. This Project Selection Committee also reviews and considers changes to the scope, schedule, and funding programmed for these projects.

**These are the seven 2026 meeting dates for the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Project Selection Committee, Thursdays at 11 a.m.:**

February 5
March 26
May 14
July 16
August 27
November 5
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## MEMORANDUM

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** January 6, 2026

**Subject:** Appointment to the Unified Work Program Committee

**Action requested:** Nomination and approval

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The Council of Mayors Executive Committee appoints one of its members to the Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee.

The Unified Work Program contains the planning projects the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and other agencies undertake each year to enhance transportation in northeastern Illinois and fulfill federal planning regulations. The UWP document includes transportation planning activities to be carried out in the region, detailing each project's description, products, costs, and sources of funding.

The UWP Committee develops a program of transportation planning projects for recommendation to the [Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) Policy Committee](#). Member agencies of the UWP Committee traditionally receive UWP funding, but any other MPO Policy Committee agencies can submit proposals or sponsor submissions from other entities.

**These are the five 2026 meeting dates for the UWP Committee, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.:**

May 14
July 16
August 27
November 5
December 3

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## MEMORANDUM

**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** January 6, 2026  
**Subject:** New eTIP Platform  
**Action requested:** Information

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CMAP has launched a [new, modernized eTIP website](#) that improves public access to information about transportation projects across northeastern Illinois. The [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) is the region's agenda of roadway, transit, and active transportation investments expected to move forward in the next five federal fiscal years, including all federally funded projects and regionally significant non-federal projects. The redesigned eTIP site offers clearer insights into where projects are located, how they are funded, and when they are scheduled — strengthening transparency and understanding of how transportation investments advance regional priorities and align with the [ON TO 2050](#) regional plan.

The new eTIP platform features an interactive map, expanded search tools, and downloadable data that allow users to explore more than 2,000 active projects. Members of the public, local partners, and stakeholders can filter information by geography, project type, funding source, and year, making it easier to see what is happening in your community and across the region. The site also provides direct access to TIP amendments, key project documents, and public comment opportunities — ensuring both residents and transportation partners stay informed and engaged throughout the programming process.

For more information about the eTIP and how to use it, please contact Sarah Stolpe ([sstolpe@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:sstolpe@cmap.illinois.gov)).



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee

**From:** CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs Staff

**Date:** December 29, 2025

**Subject:** Legislative update

**Action Requested:** Information

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### **FEDERAL**

#### **Surface transportation reauthorization**

Progress toward the next surface transportation reauthorization bill continues. Congressional authorizing committees have begun circulating draft language internally in advance of anticipated public release and markups during the first quarter of 2026. The current surface transportation bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), is set to expire on September 30, 2026, and Congress is working to pass reauthorization ahead of this deadline.

CMAP staff collaborated with regional transportation implementers, advocacy groups, and stakeholders to develop [One Regional Voice 2025](#) (ORV 2025) which reflects the shared principles of northeastern Illinois transportation stakeholders in the federal surface transportation reauthorization.

CMAP staff has shared ORV 2025 with the region's congressional delegation and other federal stakeholders to help inform federal policy and investment decisions in the reauthorization bill. As the reauthorization process evolves over the next year, CMAP will continue engaging with the region's congressional delegation and stakeholders to elevate shared goals and priorities.

### **STATE**

#### **Transit funding and reform**

On December 16, 2025, Governor Pritzker signed SB2111 ([P.A. 104-0457](#)) into law. This comprehensive transit funding and reform package creates the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) and provides nearly \$1.5 billion to support the system's operating and capital needs.

The law directs existing state sales tax on motor fuel to transit operations, authorizes the RTA Board to approve a 0.25% RTA sales tax increase, and provides new capital revenue from interest on the Road Fund balance. The law also increases tolls by 45 cents for passenger vehicles and 30% for commercial vehicles and directs those revenues to Tollway's capital program.

The law also includes several measures to promote transit and trail supportive development in the region. NITA is authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, and sell property within 1/2 mile of a transit

station, 1/8 mile of a bus stop, and 1/4 mile of a public trail for transit and trail supportive development. However, the board is required to follow local land use regulations.

The law establishes a 20-member NITA Board with five members appointed each by the Governor, the Mayor of Chicago, the Cook County Board President, and collar county leadership. NITA is tasked with new responsibilities that improve user safety and experience and foster a more integrated transit system.

The law is set to take effect on June 1, 2026, and all new board appointments must be approved by appointing authorities with 120 days of this effective date. CMAP will continue engagement with the General Assembly, regional partners, and stakeholders to support implementation and the transition to a new regional agency.

### **STAR bonds expansion**

On December 12, 2025, Governor Pritzker signed SB1911 ([P.A. 104-0453](#)) into law, a tax omnibus measure which responds to select provisions in the July 2025 federal budget reconciliation bill, broadens the state's film production tax credit program, and expands the use of [Sales Tax and Revenue \(STAR\) bonds](#) to support development projects.

STAR bonds allow local governments to finance major tourism, entertainment, and retail projects by pledging a portion of the future state and local sales tax revenues those projects are expected to generate. STAR bond projects are intended to bolster significant economic activity and must meet certain investment and job creation thresholds.

P.A. 104-0453 requires local units of government to submit a notice of intent to create a STAR bond district to DCEO and IDOR by June 1, 2026, but allows up to 23 years from the district's approval date to authorize STAR bond projects.

The law also establishes New Opportunities for Vacation and Adventure (NOVA) districts, which operate under guidelines similar to STAR bonds but require higher investment and job creation thresholds to support large-scale projects.

### **General legislative activity**

The General Assembly is scheduled to convene for its regular session starting the second week of January 2026.

CMAP staff tracks legislation before the Illinois General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to CMAP's work. For more information on tracked legislation of interest, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at [rgougis@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:rgougis@cmap.illinois.gov).