



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

**CMAP Board Members
Present:**

Gerald Bennett - Chair-representing southwest Cook County, **Frank Beal** - representing the City of Chicago, **Matthew Brolley** – representing Kane/Kendall County, **Karen Darch** – representing northwest Cook County, **Paul Goodrich** – representing the City of Chicago, , **Nina Idemudia** – representing the City of Chicago, **John Noak** – representing Will County, **Richard Reinbold** – representing south suburban Cook County, **Nancy Rotering** – representing Lake County, **Stephen Schaffer** (arrived at 9:55 a.m.) – representing City of Chicago, **Carolyn Schofield** - representing McHenry County, **Anne Sheahan** – representing the City of Chicago, **Matthew Walsh** – representing west central Cook County, **Diane Williams** – representing Cook County , non-voting member **Abolfazl Mohammadian** – representing the Office of the Governor; non-voting member **Leanne Redden** – representing the MPO Policy Committee

**Board Members
Absent:**

Jim Healy – representing DuPage County

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Dustin Calliari, Daniel Comeaux, Brian Daly, Penny Dubernat, Austen Edwards, Kate Evasic, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jonathan Haadsma, Mark Heiden, Lindsay Hollander, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tony Manno, Jessica Matthews, Alexis McAdams, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahaon, Martin Mettinger, Tom Murtha, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Dawn Rafferty, Yousef Salama, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Matt Stern, Molly Talkington, Simone Weil, Laura Wilkison, Beatrix Yan

Others Present:

Philip Banea, Matt Beach, Eric Czarnota, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Bob Heuer, Kendra Johnson, Jason Keller, Tom Kelso, Andrew Kiefaber, Brittany Matyas, John McFarlane, Ed Paesel, Leslie Phemister, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Troy Simpson, Tina F. Smith,

1.0 Call to order and Introductions

9:30 a.m.

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and reminded the members that the meeting is being live-streamed. He requested that Erin Aleman, Executive Director, call the roll:

Mayor Bennett	Present	Nina Idemudia	Present	Anne Sheahan	Present
Frank Beal	Present	Mayor Noak	Present	Matt Walsh	Present
President Brolley	Present	President Reinbold	Present	Diane Williams	Present
Mayor Darch	Present	Mayor Rotering	Present		
Paul Goodrich	Present	Stefan Schaffer	Present	Leanne Redden	Present
Jim Healy	Absent	Carolyn Schofield	Present	Abolfazl Mohammadian	Present

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no announcements or changes.

3.0 Approval of CMAP Board Minutes – October 13, 2021.

A motion was made by Member Reinbold, seconded by Member Williams, to approve the October 13, 2021, minutes. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bennett	Aye	Nina Idemudia	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Frank Beal	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	Matt Walsh	Aye
President Brolley	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Mayor Rotering	Aye		
Paul Goodrich	Aye	Stefan Schaffer	Not Present	Leanne Redden	-
Jim Healy	Absent	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Abolfazl Mohammadian	-

4.0 Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Erin Aleman’s report included updates on the following: the Atlanta LINK peer visit and moderated panel; a video clip prepared on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) on inclusion and equity related to infrastructure; an update to House Bill (HB) 106 regarding the Farebox Recovery Ratio; and a grant from the MacArthur Foundation that allows CMAP to continue its Capacity Building Program and provide technical assistance support to regional communities. Director Aleman provided an in-depth overview of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and its potential impact to CMAP and the region.

(Member Shaffer arrived at 9:55 a.m.)

5.0 Procurements and Contracts (Angela Manning-Hardimon)

- 5.1 Vendor limit increase for AECOM for project management of the Municipal Pavement Plans Management Program.
- 5.2 Vendor limit increase for Cambridge Systematics for the Illinois International Port District Master Plan.
- 5.3 Contract to extend annual financial and audit services with Sikich, LLC.
- 5.4 Contract for the Brookings Institution’s partnership with Cities GPS LLC for the Chicago Inclusive Regional Economy Engagement Project.

- 5.5 Contract with Ceridian for RFP 252, Outsourced Payroll System and Human Capital Management (HCM) System.
- 5.6 Sole-sourced contract with the University of Chicago for applied data fellowship.

A motion was made by Member Notering, seconded by Member Noak, to approve procurements and contract items 5.1 through 5.6. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bennett	Aye	Nina Idemudia	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Frank Beal	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	Matt Walsh	Aye
President Brolley	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Mayor Rotering	Aye		
Paul Goodrich	Aye	Stefan Schaffer	Aye	Leanne Redden	-
Jim Healy	Absent	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Abolfazl Mohammadian	-

6.0 Committee Reports

Member Reinbold provided an update of the Coordinating Committee’s discussion on the Technical Assistance Call for Projects. The program was designed to align with On To 2050 priorities. Member Reinbold reported that 70 applications were received from 50 communities and identified next steps in the application process.

7.0 Economic Recovery and Its Impact on Mobility in Our Region

CMAP staff Austen Edwards and Daniel Comeaux provided an update regarding economic and mobility recovery efforts by CMAP and its partners. Topics for economic recovery focused on collaboration on economic development, workforce, and tourism to address short-term and long-term actions needed for economic recovery. The Regional Economic Recovery Committee launched multiple initiatives including a regional promotion, a regional collaboration marketing assessment, statewide 2-1-1 services, and an inclusive growth framework.

Daniel Comeaux reported on an 18-month effort to understand the impact the pandemic has had on the mobility system in northeastern Illinois. Working with a consultant, CMAP is working to assess the medium-term challenges created by COVID-19 and address them in a manner that aligns with CMAP’s On To 2050 goals. Mr. Comeaux reviewed some of the challenging scenarios that link the economy with mobility. In the coming months, the focus will shift to using the policy research and data analysis to develop a comprehensive view of priorities and responses.

8.0 Strategic Direction and Engagement Strategy

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on CMAP’s strategic direction and engagement strategy. Over the last month, she and Chief of Staff Amy McEwan have met with board members to discuss the new strategic direction that will guide and prioritize the agency’s work over the next five years.

Director Aleman reviewed the agency’s vision, mission statement, and core values and discussed the three core goals including: transportation, regional economic competitiveness, and climate. Staff is looking at aligning its engagement tools to better engage people and hear from representatives of hard to reach and marginalized populations. Staff will make a recommendation in January for an engagement strategy and committees that align with the CMAP’s strategic direction.

9.0 State and Federal Legislative Update

Chair Bennett reported that there is no formal report but discussed the Infrastructure and Investment Job Act (IIJA) and opportunities to collaborate with counties on projects related to sewer and water.

10.0 Other Business

Member Darch reported on a discussion with Metra at the Metro Mayors Caucus meeting regarding Union Pacific Railroad’s sale of 41 stations to a developer. Metra has the right of first refusal to purchase the stations and each community has a short timeframe to request that Metra purchase the property on behalf of the community and reimburse Metra. Discussion ensued.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

12.0 Next Meeting

Chair Bennett reported that the Board will not likely meet again until January 12, 2022.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Rotering, seconded by Member Darch, to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bennett	Aye	Nina Idemudia	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Frank Beal	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	Matt Walsh	Aye
President Brolley	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Mayor Rotering	Aye		
Paul Goodrich	Aye	Stefan Schaffer	Aye	Leanne Redden	-
Jim Healy	Absent	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Abolfazl Mohammadian	-

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Blanca Vela-Schneider
Executive Operations Manager