



## COUNCIL OF MAYORS

### MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

9:30 AM

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#### 1.0 Call To Order

Representing agencies present:

**Central Council of Mayors:** President Alice Gallagher, Western Springs

**Kane Council of Mayors:** Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

**Kane Council of Mayors:** President John Skillman, Carpentersville

**Lake Council of Mayors:** Mayor Leon Rockingham, North Chicago

**McHenry Council of Mayors:** Mayor Emily Berendt, Bull Valley

**North Central Council of Mayors:** President Jeffrey Sherwin, Northlake

**North Central Council of Mayors:** Mayor Joseph Tamburino, Hillside

**North Shore Council of Mayors:** President Greg Lungmus, Northfield

**North Shore Council of Mayors:** Mayor George Van Dusen, Skokie

**Northwest Council of Mayors:** President Karen Darch, Barrington

**Northwest Council of Mayors:** President Thomas Hayes, Arlington Heights

**South Council of Mayors:** President Michael Einhorn, Crete

**South Council of Mayors:** President Bob Kolosh, Thorton

**Southwest Council of Mayors:** President Dave Brady, Bedford Park

**Southwest Council of Mayors:** President Mary Werner, Worth

**Will Council of Mayors:** President Keith Ogle, Frankfurt

**Staff present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Leonard Cannata, John Carpenter, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Alex Ensign, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Natalie Kuriata, Linda Mastandrea, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahon, Alexis McAdams, Jason Navota, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Piotr Wietrzak

**Others present:** Anthony Cefali, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, John Donovan, Jon Paul Diipla, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Kristen Hahn, Kendra Johnson, Peter Kersten, Mike Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Joe Surdham, Freddie Vasquez

#### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

*A motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022 and July 19, 2022 meetings was made by President Lungmus and seconded by Mayor Rockingham. The motion was approved.*

##### 2.01 Minutes from April 19, 2022 and July 19, 2022.

[22-437](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [CoM EC Minutes 2022.04.19](#)  
[CoM EC Minutes 2022.07.19](#)

*The agenda item was approved.*

### **3.0 New Business**

#### **3.01 CMAP Update**

[22-438](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP leadership will provide an update on recent agency actions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP executive director Erin Aleman began her update by congratulating Chair Schielke on the recent renaming of Batavia's Village Hall in his honor. Ms. Aleman then gave an overview of CMAP's upcoming board meeting, which will include an update on CMAP's efforts to build consensus around a regional priority projects list for infrastructure projects pursuing funding through IJIA. Ms. Aleman specifically highlighted the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, for which CMAP coordinated a joint, regional application involving the seven counties and IDOT.

Ms. Aleman also informed the committee that CMAP will be releasing a call for projects later in the fall to identify local planning projects to receive technical assistance. Ms. Aleman then explained that CMAP is reviewing the environmental impact study for the proposed rail merger of the Pacific and Kansas City Southern railroads. Public comment is currently open, so now is the time to provide feedback.

Finally, Ms. Aleman gave an overview of CMAP's updated state and federal legislative agenda.

There were no questions.

#### **3.02 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update**

[22-404](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: IDOT Local Roads staff will provide an update.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Chad Riddle of the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads was unavailable for today's meeting. The Committee was invited to share any questions or concerns to be passed on to Mr. Riddle. There were no questions.

#### **3.03 STP Project Selection Committee update**

[22-405](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on activities of the STP Project Selection Committee and review the FFY 2023 - 2027 Local STP Programs memo.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [STP-L CoM EC Memo](#)

CMAP analyst Kama Dobbs provided an update on the recent work of the STP Project Selection Committee. The committee has met twice since the last meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive

Committee. At those meetings, staff presented potential methodology changes for discussion, including modifying the calculation of the jobs and household score to better account for the subregional reach of projects. Additional work will be done on this topic before a decision is made at the November meeting. Staff also proposed modifying the current transit station improvement category to include improvements to commuter rail yards and terminals as eligible projects. The committee agreed with this change. The committee also supported the establishment of minimum thresholds for project consideration based on need scores, as well as minor modifications to subregional priority points. Finally, staff presented options for relaxing the requirement for preliminary engineering to be substantially complete prior to applying for funding. A final proposal on this topic will be presented at the November meeting.

Ms. Dobbs then provided an update on the STP local program. CMAP's transportation committee and MPO policy committee will be considering 12 amendments to the TIP that include more than \$470 million in federal fundings for 216 new, locally sponsored projects.

### **3.04 Making it Better--CMAP's plan to help northeast Illinois improve accessibility**

[22-400](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an overview and discussion of the agency's plans to help municipalities across the region comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP director Linda Mastandrea provided an overview of the agency's ongoing and upcoming work to support ADA transition planning throughout the region. Ms. Mastandrea began by discussing the importance and value of expanding accessibility and then outlined the legal requirements that most local governments must meet, including the development and implementation of an ADA transition plan. Ms. Mastandrea then outlined CMAP's plan for supporting expanded inclusion and integration of people with disabilities in region. These efforts include education and training about legal requirements and how to meet them, technical assistance to guide communities through the transition planning process, and toolkits and resources to facilitate this work. Finally, Ms. Mastandrea emphasized that while CMAP is taking the lead, making progress in this area will require everyone working together.

Chair Shielke thanked Ms. Mastandrea for the presentation and said that his community is home to many senior citizens, and that accessing digital resources can be a challenge for them. Ms. Mastandrea agreed that there is a range of technological ability in every community and emphasized that CMAP's outreach will include a variety of initiatives, including low and no-tech resources and engagement opportunities.

### **3.05 RTA strategic plan**

[22-403](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: RTA staff will provide an update on the strategic plan, including a discussion about key areas for action and advocacy in 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [Action and Advocacy Agenda August 2022](#)

RTA Principal Planner Peter Kersten provided an update on the RTA's ongoing effort to create an updated regional transit strategic plan. Mr. Kersten began his presentation by outlining challenges facing regional transit in northeastern Illinois, and specifically highlighted funding concerns resulting

from pandemic-related reductions in system ridership. Mr. Kersten then outlined the year-long process to develop both the strategic plan and a ten-year financial plan and explained the key points the plan will seek to address, including safety, affordability, accessibility, sustainability, and emissions reductions, among others. Mr. Kersten concluded his presentation by inviting committee members to attend future engagement events. There were no questions from the committee.

### **3.06 Legislative Update**

[22-406](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on recent legislation affecting the agency and its work.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [2023 State Advocacy Agenda DRAFT](#)  
[2023 Federal Advocacy Agenda DRAFT](#)

CMAP director John Carpenter provided a brief update on the agency's recent initiative to create updated state and federal legislative agendas. Senior intergovernmental affairs specialists Tim McMahon and Kasia Hart then provided a detailed overview of the agency's federal and state agendas, which include recommendations for transportation, climate, and regional economic competitiveness. Finally, Mr. Carpenter reviewed next steps for the agendas, which will go to the CMAP board for review in November and approval in January.

Chair Schielke raised concerns about the effect that the recent redistricting process may have on representation in Springfield. There were no additional questions or comments.

### **4.0 Other Business**

Mayor Karen Darch highlighted that both the RTA strategic plan and CMAP's legislative agenda address pandemic-related decreases in transit ridership. Mayor Darch stated that transit is a critical part of many communities, and that it is important not to prematurely decide that these reductions are permanent. President Einhorn agreed with Mayor Darch and emphasized that the region needs to be realistic and strategic when planning large investments.

### **5.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for early 2023.

The next meeting will be held in January 2023. Committee members will be notified via email when 2023 meeting dates have been finalized. Meeting dates will also be posted on CMAP's website.

### **7.0 Adjournment**