

MPO POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Thursday, January 12, 2023

9:30 AM

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Osman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and reminded the audience that the meeting is being held virtually, as allowed by the governor's disaster proclamation and determination by the committee.

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

Absent: CMAP Representative 1, and Will Co Representative

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

Secretary Omer Osman served as IDOT Representative; Commissioner Gia Biagi served as CDOT Representative; Matt Brolley served as CMAP Representative 2; Mike Connelly served as CTA Representative; Sis Killen served as Cook County Representative; Jeff Schielke served as Council of Mayors Representative; Chris Snyder served as DuPage County Representative; David Snyder served as FHWA Representative; Tony Greep served as FTA Representative; Cassandra Rouse served as Tollway Representative; Tom Rickert served as Kane County Representative; Scott Gengler served as Kendall County Representative; Kevin Carrier served as Lake County Representative; Scott Hennings served as McHenry County Representative; Jim Derwinski served as Metra Representative; Melinda Metzger served as Pace Representative; Jill Leary served as RTA Representative; Lindsey Douglas served as Class I Railroads Representative

Staff present: Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Bill Barnes, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Aaron Brown, Julie Burros, Karly Cazzato, John Carpenter, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Alex Ensign, Doug Ferguson, Parry Frank, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Mitch Hirst, Tricia Hyland, Ethan Jantz, Aimee Lee, Tony Manno, Matthew Marth, Alexis McAdams, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Jason Navota, Art Nichols, Timothy O'Leary, Stephane Phifer, Jose Portillo, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Isaura Velez, Mary Weber, Piotr Wietrzak, Laura Wilkison, Asad Zaidi

Others present: Lynenette Ciavarella, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, John Donovan, Deanna Durica, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Brandon Geber, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Scott Hennings, Jon-Paul Kohler, Mike Klemens, Michael Kray, Jill Leary, Heidi Lichtenberger, Heather Mullins, Mary Nicol, Kevin O'Malley, Jada Porter, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof, Freddy Vasquez, Rocco Zucchero

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Secretary Osman recognized two new members of the MPO Policy Committee: Deborah Conroy, chair of DuPage County, and Scott Gengler, vice-chair of Kendall County.

Secretary Osman also recognized Jennifer "Sis" Killen as the MPO Policy's Committee's new vice-chair.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes from October 12, 2022

[23-031](#)

Attachments: [MPO 10.12.22 Minutes](#)

A motion was made by CDOT Representative Biagi, seconded by Cook Co Representative Killen, to approve the minutes from October 12, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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4.0 Updates

4.01 Executive Director's report

[23-029](#)

Attachments: [2023 IJA Priority Projects for Northeastern Illinois](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Priority Booklets, the proposed budget and work plan, the federal and state Advocacy Agenda, the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART), and the recent visit of Vice-President Kamala Harris for the announcement of IIJA bridge funding for the City of Chicago's Calumet River Bridges.

Executive Director Aleman reported on the convening of an advisory group from the Transportation Committee for the review of the current project selection subcommittees and the discussion of potential process improvements and alignments. The Transportation Committee discussed the proposed timeline and scope for the project at its last meeting.

Staff will continue to meet with the advisory group and the Transportation Committee to create bylaws for the Transportation Committee's subcommittees, build stronger information sharing pathways, conduct peer exchanges with other metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and recommend process improvements to the Transportation Committee for the UWP Committee and possibly other subcommittees. Staff will keep MPO Policy Committee informed throughout the process.

The Executive Director's report was received and filed.

4.02 CMAP Board report

[23-035](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman provided a report of the November 2022 CMAP Board meeting. The Transportation Committee's annual report was submitted, TIP Strategies gave an overview of its data analysis and proprietary tool, the 2023 federal and state Advocacy Agenda was reviewed, and an update to the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) was presented.

The CMAP Board report was received and filed.

5.0 Other Items for Approval

5.01 ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment Memo

[22-588](#)

Attachments: [ON TO 2050 2023-2027 TIP Conformity Memo](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, senior analyst in the Transportation, Research Analysis and Programming division, presented TIP Amendment 23-04. CMAP's region is in a non-attainment area for ozone and is required to demonstrate that projects in the TIP conform to the motor vehicle emissions budget. The public comment period ended on December 18, 2022, and no comments were received.

A motion was made by CTA Representative Mike Connelly, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzger, to approve the ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment Memo. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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5.02 Roadway Safety Performance Targets for 2023

[22-590](#)

Attachments: [Board MPO SafetyTargets 2023](#)

Victoria Barrett, senior planner in Regional Policy and Implementation division, presented the 2023 roadway safety performance targets. The roadway safety performance measures are a part of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program that focuses on five traffic safety performance measures mandated since 2018.

Victoria Barrett reviewed the process for roadway safety targets, noting that the process begins with IDOT sharing its statewide roadway safety targets. The FHWA conducts an annual assessment to determine whether the state has met or made significant progress toward accomplishing its safety targets. If the state does not meet or make significant progress on four of its five safety targets, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) apportionment funding can only be used for safety related projects in the state.

Victoria Barrett reviewed statistics on the annual rate of fatalities, fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. While the rate of serious injuries has declined, the rate of fatalities has increased within the same time frame. The state has targeted a two percent annual reduction in each

of its five safety targets.

Staff recommends supporting IDOT's 2023 roadway safety targets. CMAP has expanded the safety work with the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program to help meet the targets and will continue to track and publicly report on regional safety performance measures and targets.

A motion was made by Cook Co Representative Jennifer Sis Killen, seconded by DuPage County Representative Chris Snyder, to approve the roadway safety performance targets for 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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5.03 Reappointment of a second year for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CMAP Transportation Committee

[23-040](#)

Council of Chairs Representative Jeff Schielke recommended the reappointment of Jessica Hector-Hsu and Kevin Carrier as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee. This is traditionally a two-year appointment and this would be the second year. Jessica Hector-Hsu and Kevin Carrier's qualifications were reviewed.

Council of Chairs (CoM) Representative Jeff Schielke moved, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzger, to reappointment Jessica Hector-Hsu and Kevin Carrier as Chair and Vice-Chair of the CMAP Transportation Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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6.0 Information Items

6.01 MPO Policy Committee June meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023

[23-041](#)

Attachments: [2023 Revised Schedule](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on a scrivener error in the 2023 MPO Policy Committee schedule. The committee typically meets the second Thursday on prescribed months but was errantly identified as June 15, 2023. To maintain consistency in the meeting dates, the MPO's June meeting has been corrected to June 8, 2023.

The correction to the MPO Policy Committee June meeting was read into the record. The correct meeting date is June 8, 2023.

6.02 2023 Federal and State Advocacy Agenda[23-027](#)**Attachments:** [CMAP Advocacy Agenda FINAL](#)

John Carpenter, Legislative Affairs Director, presented a draft of the 2023 Federal and State Advocacy Agenda. The combined agenda reflects the policy and legislative recommendations that will be needed to fully leverage the opportunities available to our region since the passage of the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) and Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA).

The draft agenda was informed by CMAP's strategic direction and was realigned to reflect CMAP's core focus areas of transportation, regional economy, and climate.

The 2023 Federal and State Advocacy Agenda was presented.

6.03 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update[23-002](#)

Senior Director and Policy Advisor Laura Wilkison provided an update on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). The General Assembly has mandated that CMAP look at the long-term financial viability of the operating system of transit and has requested that CMAP consider multiple factors and identify specific mechanisms in its recommendation.

CMAP has thoughtfully considered the scope of the work and has developed a project timeline to meet the deadline requirements of the General Assembly. In late January 2023, CMAP is convening the first steering committee, as identified in the legislation, and will continue to meet with them throughout the year. Staff will engage with the committees, the MPO Policy Committee, and CMAP Board on the work occurring on the PART project. The final draft of the report will come to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board at their October 11, 2023, joint meeting.

CMAP has developed a public outreach and engagement strategy that will be used throughout the development of the report. The PART project will be aided by three CMAP Board advisors and one CMAP Board alternate advisor. Laura Wilkison identified the co-chairs and members of the steering committee and discussed the next steps which include interviews by Eno Center for Transportation, a public survey being sent out, draft white papers on topical issues, and ongoing coordination with RTA.

Pace Representative Melinda Metzger noted that the discussion should consider how transit agencies will factor the expense of getting to zero emissions.

An update of the PART report was provided.

6.04 FY 2024 CMAP Budget process[23-045](#)**Attachments:** [Final Budget Memo FY24](#)

Finance Director Piotr Wietzrak provided a brief presentation on the FY 2024 CMAP budget process. He identified key projects that are included in the FY2024 proposed budget the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART), Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR), and the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan for our partners across the region. The proposed budget all includes funding for other aspects of work that CMAP completes such as regional economic collaboration, small tier plans revolving around climate change, and strengthening the resiliency of our infrastructure. The Unified Work Program (UWP) portion of the budget will be brought back to the MPO Policy Committee for its consideration at a future meeting.

The FY2024 CMAP budget process was presented.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the committee.

8.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by CoM Representative Jeff Schielke, seconded by Pace Representative Melinda Metzber, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.