

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE****MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Friday, February 24, 2023

9:30 AM

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**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Jessica Hector-Hsu called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., reminded the audience that the meeting is being held virtually as permitted by the governor's disaster declaration, and that the meeting was being recorded.

**Present:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

Jessica Hector-Hsu (Chair) served as representative to RTA; Kevin Carrier (Vice-Chair) served as representative to Lake County; Joe Schofer served as representative to Academic Research1; P.S. Sriraj served as representative to Academic Research2; Jessica Ortega served as representative to Bike/Ped TF; Bill Higgins followed by Kevin O'Malley served as representative to CDOT; Doug Ferguson served as representative to CMAP; Bob Dean served as representative to CNT; Leon Rockingham served as representative to CoM; Tara Orbon served as representative to Cook Co; Leah Mooney served as representative to CTA; Chris Snyder served as representative to DuPage Co; John Donovan served as representative to FHWA; Tony Greep served as representative to FTA; John Baczek followed by Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT-D1; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Doug Delille served as representative to IDOT OP&P; Jackie Forbes served as representative to Kane Co; Heidi Lichtenberger served as representative to Kendall Co; Hugo Coronado served as representative to MPC; Scott Hennings served as representative McHenry Co,

Lynnette Ciavarella served as representative to Metra; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Chris Heibert served as representative to SEWRPC; Rocco Zucchero served as representative to Tollway; Christina Kupkowski served as representative to Will Co

**Staff Present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Julie Burros, Karly Cazzato, Daniel Comeaux, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Mitch Hirst, Jaemi Jackson, Leroy Kos, Aimee Lee, Amy McEwan, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Arthur Nicholas, Stephanie Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

**Others Present:** John Adams, Garland and Heather Armstrong, Kaci Crowley, Eric Czarnota, Malika Hainer, Robert Israel, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Perter Kersten, Daniel Knickelbein, Michael LaFargue, John Loper, Cindy MacDonald, Jack Malec, Dolan McMillan, Melissa Meyer, Heather Mullins, Mark Pitstick, Brian Plum, David Powe, Leslie Rauer, Chad Riddle, Todd Schmidt, Mike Sullivan, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas, David Tomzik, Michael Vanderhoof, Jazmin Vega, Kyle Whitehead

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

### 2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

[23-116](#)

*There were no changes to the agenda.*

### 2.02 Executive Director's Announcements

[23-117](#)

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman provided updates on CMAP agency and Board activities. A \$5 million grant was received for the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) Project to address the sharp increase in traffic-related deaths, particularly among pedestrians and bicyclists. CMAP announced that 26 communities in the northeastern region received technical assistance for traffic safety improvements and making travel more accessible. A Call for Projects has been issued for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding with a deadline of March 10, 2023. CMAP will be hosting a number of trainings across the region on Americans with Disabilities (ADA) transition plan. CMAP has prepared the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) priorities booklet which is a result of building consensus with key stakeholders around the most competitive, regional significant projects and aligning them with IIJA funding opportunities.

(Kevin O'Malley arrived at 9:45 a.m. and served as the CDOT Representative for the remainder of the meeting.)

Executive Director Aleman also reported that Governor Pritzker has announced that May 11, 2023 will be the end of the state's public health emergency. Upon the termination of the executive order, public bodies will resume in-person meetings and a physical quorum will be required to hold committee meetings. Virtual participation will be limited to conditions outlined in the Open Meetings Act and will require a majority of the members to approve a member's request to participate virtually.

Discussion ensued regarding STAR program and whether a remote option for committee meetings will be available to the public.

*The Executive Director's announcements were received and filed.*

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

*The agenda item was approved.*

#### 3.01 Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2022

[23-115](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(DraftMinutes\)12-16-22](#)

A scrivener's error to the December 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Member P.S. Sriraj was not identified as attending the meeting but should have been included.

*A motion was made by Tollway Representative Rocco Zuccherro, seconded by Vice-Chair and Lake County Representative Kevin Carrier, to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2022, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

(IDOT D1 Representative John Baczek left the meeting at 10:16 a.m. and Steve Schilke served as IDOT D1 Representative for the meeting.)

### 4.0 Items for Approval

#### 4.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications

[23-118](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-06](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-06](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-06.1](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-06.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP staff, presented an overview of the formal TIP Amendment 23-06 and the administrative amendments 23-06.1 and 23-06.2. TIP amendment 23-06 contains 158 formal amendments and an increase of \$1.9889 billion. Administrative amendments 23-06.1 and 23-06.2 contains 239 administrative amendments that were submitted, reviewed and accepted by staff.

*A motion was made by Metra Representative Lynnette Ciavarella, seconded by IDOT OIPI Representative Jack Cruikshank, to approve the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. The motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative
- Absent:** IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

#### 4.02 FY2024 Unified Work Program (UWP) Budget

[23-119](#)

**Attachments:** [Transportation Committee FY2024 UWP Budget Memo 2.17.2023](#)  
[FY2024 UWP budget](#)

Executive Director Erin Aleman reviewed the budget process for the UWP budget and the overall comprehensive budget and work plan for FY2024. The overall comprehensive budget and work plan has been approved by the CMAP Board. The UWP budget will be brought to the MPO Policy Committee following a recommendation by the Transportation Committee.

The resources available for planning come from a wide array of funds and programs including grants. Much of CMAP's funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). About \$6.3 million of the overall comprehensive budget funding goes to the UWP partner agencies. The other portion of federal dollars in the budget are used to support the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) required functions and management of the federally required plans including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and the administration of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This funding also supports the programming of federal funds for the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), and the new carbon Reduction Program.

Local contributions are at \$1.6 million to meet the region's required 20% match and these contributions will increase incrementally over the next five years to build a more sustainable revenue source. The budget also aligns with CMAP's strategic direction in three focus areas: transportation, climate, and regional economy.

Alex Ensign, Director of Strategic Alignment and Innovation, reported that the FY2024 UWP Budget is \$31,157,952. Approximately \$24.9 million of the FY2024 UWP Budget is used to support the required functions and management of federally required plans. This funding includes \$1.5 million of previously unspent funds provided by IDOT to specifically support operational activities related to the influx of federal funding including Safe and Complete Streets (STAR) Program. The competitive program was not included in the FY2024 but will be reinstated in FY2025 along with an improved core and competitive framework. Alex Ensign reviewed several projects that focus on the intersections of transportation and regional economy or climate.

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis and Programming, reviewed core functions managed or supported by the Research, Analysis, and Programming division. Work includes managing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), performing the associated conformity and analysis, and collaborating with partner agencies to support new and existing funding through the TIP. The

division will focus on making improvements to the UWP Program that will support a more predictable and comprehensive core and competitive funding process. The division will also evaluate and analyze strategies that could streamline project implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding the Carbon Reduction Program, a clarification in the budget documentation, and federal funding increases based upon performance.

*A motion was made by McHenry Representative Scott Hennings, seconded by CTA Representative Leah Mooney, to recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee the FY2024 UWP budget. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

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**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative, and FTA Representative

**Not Present:** CoM Representative, and IDOT-D1 Representative

## 5.0 Information Items

### 5.01 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update

[23-003](#)

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, provided an update on PART. The transit agencies are facing a fiscal cliff and the Illinois General Assembly has mandated CMAP to review the financial sustainability and viability of the region's transit system. Transit agencies are unable to solve this crisis alone nor can it remedy the financial gap through cutting its services. Transit is about the people who are using and not using the system. The project timeline was reviewed with the target of having the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approve the PART Steering Committee's final recommendations at their October 2023 joint meeting.

The recommendations that will be made will focus on improvements that can be through the state's purview. To ensure the best use of the time and to keep committees informed, staff will provide updates at committee meetings and through white papers and videos. Laura Wilkison reviewed the PART Steering Committee meeting dates and membership. The PART Steering Committee has been considering the scope of the project including the focus areas, the considerations needed, and mechanisms available.

The report content will include identifying the system that we want, how to pay for the system, and how to implement the system. Examples of recommendations under consideration for each of these categories were provided. Discussion ensued regarding areas the PART Steering Committee should consider when conducting its analysis.

Laura Wilkison reviewed strategic funding options. Discussion ensued regarding historic funding of transit agencies, looking at an integrated fare system, and the need to understand and curate a message for people who may not use public transit.

*An update to PART was provided.*

## **6.0 Legislative Update**

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, noted the departure of Timothy McMahon who has taken a position as bureau chief with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). She reported on CMAP's efforts in securing funding for the full implementation of the Regional Planning Act, CMAP's enabling statute. Senator Villavalam has filed a bill that, if approved, would appropriate \$10 million to CMAP to grow its ability to fulfill the objectives in the RPA and promote improved access to funds. Representative Moylan is expected to file a bill on the House side. CMAP is reviewing the governor's proposed FY2024 budget to identify impacts to CMAP and transit agencies. CMAP has also released its first Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) priorities booklet.

*A legislative update was given.*

## **7.0 Other Business**

Other business included notification of adoption of RTA and Metra's strategic plans, CTA's data on service attainment is now available on its website, the release of the Transit Supportive Development Plan by CTA and the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, and the deadline of March 17 for Cook County's seventh round of Investing in Cook's Call for Projects.

## **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.

A written comment was provided by Jon-Paul Jones, founder and president with Sustainable Englewood Initiatives, to share a resource on the Office of Political Strategy and Outreach on the briefing of Norfolk Southern Train Derailment and the importance that it will play for our region as CMAP prepares for its CREATE program.

Garland Armstrong requested that CMAP provide information on how it will conduct its public meetings as it resumes in-person meetings, particularly in how it relates to providing ADA-accessibility to hearing and vision impaired public. He expressed concern about ADA-related programs being halted or reduced based upon the financial constraints facing transit agencies.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for April 28, 2023.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

*A motion was made by IDOT-OIPI representative John Cruikshank, seconded by DuPage Representative Chris Snyder, to adjourn. Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, Kane Co Representative, Kendall Co Representative, Lake Co Representative, McHenry Co Representative, Metra Representative, MPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** IEPA Representative, and NIRPC Representative

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider.