



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, April 28, 2023

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Kevin Carrier 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: 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: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, and FTA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Kevin Carrier (Vice Chair) served as representative to Lake County; Jeff Sriver 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; Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT D1; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Brandon Gerber served as representative to IDOT OP&P; Jackie Forbes served as representative to Kane Co; Heidi Lichtenberger served as representative to Kendall Co; Audrey Wennink served as representative to MPC; Scott Hennings served as representative to McHenry Co; Lynnette Ciavarella served as representative to Metra; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Kyle Whitehead served as representative to RTA; Chris Hiebert served as representative to SEWRPC; Henry Guerriero 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, Karly Cazzato, Daniel Comeaux, Stephen Di Benedetto, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Michael Kray, Aimee Lee, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Jason Navota, Timothy O'Leary, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Katie Piotrowska, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Zachary Braun, Melanie Castle, Michael Connelly, Hugo Coronado, Mimi Cowan, Kaci Crowley, Michele Curran, Dina Dawn, Michael Einhorn, Peter Fahrenwald, Michael Gillis, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Daniel Knickelbein, David Kralik, Michael LaFargue, Ted Lachus, John Loper, Jack Malec, Brittany Matyas, Daniel Maziarz, Melissa Meyer, John Morris, Heather Mullins, Alan Ochab, Mark Pitstick, Leslie Rauer, Chad Riddle, Julie Roberts, Todd Schmidt, Shane Schneider, Brian Schumacher, Tina Smith, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof, Jazmin Vega

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Jessica Hector-Hsu has left the RTA and will no longer be Chair of the Transportation Committee. Kevin Carrier the Vice Chair led the meeting.

2.1 Requests for Agenda Changes

[23-208](#)

There were no changes to the agenda.

2.2 Executive Director's Announcements

[23-209](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAQ Executive Director Erin Aleman shared that the next meeting will be in-person, with an updated Public Participation Policy that allows the public and other stakeholders to participate virtually. Aleman provided the committee with highlights from the 2022 Annual Report and public opinion survey of regional residents, which has helped guide CMAQ's evaluation of technical assistance and allocation of resources. Aleman concluded her remarks by celebrating the 2023 Regional Excellence awardees.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.1 Minutes from February 24, 2023

[23-215](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC 2.24.23 Minutes - final draft](#)

A motion was made by Lynette Ciavarella, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, that the minutes from February 24, 2023 be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CDOT Representative, CMAQ 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: Academic Research Representative 1, Academic Research Representative 2, Bike/Ped TF Representative, IEPA Representative, NIRPC Representative, and FTA Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

4.0 Items for Approval

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

[23-210](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 23-07 was published to the eTIP web site on April 21, 2023 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 23-07 and administrative amendments 23-07.1 and 23-07.2 is included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval of TIP Amendment 23-07.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-07](#)
[TIP Amendment 23-07](#)
[TIP Amendment 23-07.1](#)
[TIP Amendment 23-07.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP staff, summarized highlights from the formal 23-07 TIP Amendment and administrative amendments 23-07.1 and 23-07.2. With all cost changes, the TIP remains fiscally constrained. Audrey Wennink, MPC, posed questions about 4 projects from the update: 02-94-0001, 02-97-0006, 10-03-0005, and 18-10-0046. Wennink encouraged the project managers to consider multimodal improvements and transit-oriented development, expressing concern about roadway expansion projects.

A motion was made by Tara Orbon, seconded by Jackie Forbes, that the FFY 2023-2028 TIP Amendments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 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

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4.2 FFY 2023 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of 5307/5340 Urbanized Area, 5337 State of Good Repair, 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities and 5310 Enhance Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds

[23-213](#)

At its March 16, 2023 meeting the RTA Board approved the splits of FFY 2023 FTA §5307/§5340, §5337, §5339 and §5310 funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin as presented in the attached memo. Staff requests approval recommending the subarea allocations between northwest Indiana- northeastern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin-northeastern Illinois to the MPO Policy Committee for their consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(FTA Funding Splits Memo\)04-28-23](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP staff, reviewed the funding splits designated in the FFY 2023 FTA Subarea Allocation

between IL and WI and IN memo. In response to a question about the historical splits between IL/IN/WI, staff responded that the splits are established in a letter of understanding between the RTA, NIRPC and SEWRPC.

A motion was made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Jack Cruikshank, that the FTA Subarea Allocation be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: CMAP Representative, CNT Representative, CoM Representative, Cook Co Representative, CTA Representative, DuPage Co Representative, IDOT-D1 Representative, IDOT - OIPI Representative, IDOT - OP&P Representative, IEPA 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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5.0 Information Items

5.1 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report update

[23-229](#)

PURPOSE: Update regarding CMAP's work to develop a transit system report, the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) report, as required by the Illinois General Assembly. The update will include progress since February related to new public revenue sources, efficiencies, governance and system improvements. It will also include an overview of expected activities over the next couple of months.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Laura Wilkison, CMAP staff, provided an update on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). Discussion included governance approach, funding discussion, system improvements updates, and timeline. The PART team is exploring service coordination and various revenue options. The individual transit service boards also gave presentations regarding potential savings and efficiencies at their agencies. Kyle Whitehead, RTA, added that the fiscal cliff is less to do with inefficiencies and bloated budgets, and more to do with structural shifts in the economy because of the pandemic. Wilkison concluded that system improvement recommendations are set to be completed by June and final draft recommendations will be developed by September. Jack Cruikshank, IDOT, asked about congestion issues in downtown and its relation to tolling and highways. Staff responded that tolling is included in the roadway system menu of options. Christopher Snyder, DuPage County, suggested that if transit is not an option, there should not be punitive measures for road usage.

5.2 Regionally Significant Project Evaluation Measures

[23-225](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP is developing a Transportation Project Analysis Tool (TPAT). This tool will be used to aid in the analysis of Regionally Significant Projects for long-range transportation planning. Staff are working with High Street Consulting to compare past measures with best practice. Potential changes to evaluation measures and methods will be discussed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Martin Menninger, CMAP staff, shared an overview of the Transportation Project Analysis Tool (TPAT) being developed to assess the alignment of RSPs with the long-range plan. A peer literature review has been completed and a tool to automate some of the analysis work will be underway this summer. Menninger noted that Community Alliance for Regional Equity (CARE) members stressed the need to maintain and improve existing transportation systems. Kyle Whitehead, RTA, emphasized alignment with goals and targets for safety, environment, and modal choices. Kevin Carrier, Lake County, added that Lake County has struggled to gather data of usage for sidewalks and bike facilities.

6.0 Legislative Update

There were no legislative updates.

7.0 Other Business

Jack Cruikshank shared on behalf of the IDOT that a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for transit planning funds has been issued. The call for applications closes on May 24, 2023. Cruikshank also shared interest in hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and encouraged the committee to discuss further performance safety targets, going above and beyond that of the IDOT Safety Plan. Staff noted in response to a question about the status of forming working groups, that there is no update at this time.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, a member of the disability community and former resident of the region, made a comment concerning the transit fiscal cliff in 2026 emphasizing that federal lawmakers should intervene alongside state and local actors. John Paul Jones, Grow Greater Englewood, expressed concern about the changes with a lot of projects that are incredibly cost intensive. Jones suggested a better fine tuning and alignment of projects, as they need to keep those involved in the community energized. Michael LaFargue echoed Mr. Jones' comments and advocated for expediting projects in specific communities to allow for greater community engagement.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 2, 2023.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Leah Mooney, seconded by Jackie Forbes, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Stolpe