



**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Friday, June 2, 2023

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room  
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450  
Chicago, IL 60607**

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**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Kevin Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:32a.m., and reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded.

**Present:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC 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, CoM Representative, and IEPA Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

Kevin Carrier (Chair) served as representative to Lake County; Mary Nicol served as representative to CDOT; Doug Ferguson served as representative to CMAP; Bob Dean served as representative to CNT; Tara Orbon served as representative to Cook Co; Leah Mooney served as representative to CTA; John Loper served as representative to DuPage Co; John Donovan served as representative to FHWA; John Baczek served as representative to IDOT D1; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Mike Vanderhoof 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, Lindsay Bayley, Michael Brown, John Carpenter, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Parry Frank, Sarik Goyal, Michael Greco, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Craig Heither, Leroy Kos, Aimee Lee, Alexis McAdams, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Timothy O'Leary, Russell Pietrowiak, Hannah Schamney, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Andres Vazquez, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison, Ingrid Witherspoon

**Others Present:** Garland Armstrong, Noel Basquin, Zach Braun, Joe Breinig, Lenny Cannata, Brian Larson, Melanie Castle, Anthony Cefali, Eric Czarnota, Drew Duffin, Maggie Eickhoff, Michael Fricano, Michael Gillis, Kennedy Hayes, Kendra Johnson, John Paul Jones, Mike Klemens, David Kralik, Brian Larson, Jonathan Leppert, Jack Malec, Brittany Matyas, Donal McMillan, Heather Mullins, Lorri Newson, David Ollin Pesqueira, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Tom Rickert, Chad Riddle, Kelly Samara, Steve Schilke, Todd Schmidt, Shane Schneider, Tina Smith, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, Joe Surdam, Tom Vander Woude, John Yonan, Jill Ziegler

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements****2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes**[23-281](#)

There were no changes to the agenda.

**2.02 Executive Director's Announcements**[23-282](#)

Aimee Lee provided the committee with remarks on behalf of Erin Aleman. The Illinois legislative session concluded, with CMAP and the committee paying attention to key changes. Lee spoke to the ultimate goals of PART, which is slated to be complete in coming months. CMAP has been involved in the Chicago Mayoral Transition team with Erin Aleman serving on the transportation subcommittee. Transit is a top priority for CMAP in this capacity. CMAP has also worked on a grant application for the Blue Line Corridor in conjunction with the CTA, which has 2 regionally significant projects within it. The MPO Policy Committee will vote on Kevin Carrier and Tara Orbon as the Chair and Vice Chair of this committee.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes****3.01 Minutes from April 28, 2023**[23-283](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(DraftMinutes\)04-28-23](#)

*A motion was made by Lynette Ciavarella, seconded by John Loper, that the Minutes from April 28, 2023 be approved with noted revisions. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC 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, CoM Representative, and IEPA Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

**4.0 Items for Approval****4.01 FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications**[23-284](#)

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-09](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-09](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-09.1](#)  
[TIP Amendment 23-09.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP, presented the committee with the latest formal and administrative TIP amendments. There were a number of new ITEP projects added to the TIP, including pedestrian facilities, streetscapes, and bicycle trails. Audrey Wennink of MPC posed questions about the TIP process, administrative thresholds and how CMAP evaluates the justification of cost increases. She expressed an interest in an analysis of efficiency of project cost changes. Wennink also questioned whether the committee can approve or deny projects on an individual basis. Pietrowiak indicated that amendments do not always entail a cost change but instead, funding is moved around and adjusted. The project sponsor is responsible for justification for cost changes. He also responded that the matter of Transportation Committee authority is more of an issue of committee policy. John Donovan of FHWA added that TIP authority is granted from MPO policy committee. Jack Cruikshank of IDOT asked about the ramifications on conformity if an individual project change is denied by the committee. Tara Orbon of Cook County added that there are checks in place through the Councils of Mayors and Planning Liaisons. Bob Dean of CNT asked if there is value in flagging projects that have changed significantly. Henry Guerriero added that he feels the obligation report, the TIP and all amendments to the TIP should be viewed in conjunction with the amendment report. There is interest in further discussions about the TIP process.

*A motion was made by Henry Guerriero, seconded by Bob Dean, that the FFY 2023-2028 TIP Amendments be approved. The motioned carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative
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#### 4.02 ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment Memo

[23-286](#)

**Attachments:** [230608 conformityTCreport official draft](#)

Russell Pietrowiak presented the results of the ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity analysis and TIP amendment. He highlighted that the committee will hear more on issues of ozone emissions and their impact on the region in future meetings. Leah Mooney of CTA commented that these pollutant levels are alarming. Kyle Whitehead of RTA added that project impacts on emissions maybe needed in addition to regional budgets. Bob Dean of CNT stated that he has concerns with the methodology to analyze projects.

*A motion was made by Scott Hennings, seconded by Christina Kupkowski, that the ON TO 2050/2023-2027 TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

- Aye:** CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC 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

[23-285](#)

Laura Wilkison, CMAP, updated the committee on PART progress with the service boards. CMAP staff focused on finalizing the system improvements, the options being considered for funding and revenue. Governance is an additional topic being addressed with this report. CMAP is working to create a framework of governance built from a problem statement. The PART update also included presentations on efficiencies and service changes by CTA, Pace, and Metra staff. In this, staff is looking to maximize the budget as it relates to service. Kyle Whitehead of RTA urged the committee to consider the imminence of the fiscal cliff. Audrey Wennink of MPC emphasized the need for state involvement in transit. Jack Cruikshank of IDOT discussed automatic enforcement and the localization of those funds. CMAP staff plan on holding 1-on-1 conversations with all of

the Board and MPO members in coming months. Henry Guerriero of the Tollway added that drivers are already price incentivized to take transit and increasing toll rates could risk freight and manufacturing jobs. Christina Kupkowski of Will County expressed that more rural areas are concerned about paying for transit services that we they don't have access to.

## 6.0 Legislative Update

John Carpenter and Kasia Hart, CMAP, gave an update on their meetings with leaders in Springfield. The Illinois House has approved the annual 2024 budget. House Bill 1342 was included in the session as an omnibus transit bill including changes to safety enforcement, procurement of new bus fleets, service board performance measure, and an RTA study on year-round free and reduced fares. A bill to require employers to provide pre-tax transit benefits could be brought forth. The committee discussed concern about HB 2878, which included language regarding the MPO's long range transportation planning and the role of the MPO in the P3 process. Bob Dean of CNT echoed concerns about this bill and its link to HJR23. Audrey Wennink of MPC and Kyle Whitehead of RTA added concern about expansion of I-55 and the potential to get this project removed from CMAP's long range plan.

## 7.0 Other Business

Leah Mooney of CTA revisited the ideas from the PART presentation and concerns about regional access to transit, adding that she believes more conversations with committee members would be good. Mooney raised concerns about the economic impacts of removing transit and increasing congestion in Chicago. Jack Cruikshank of IDOT asked about the status of committee working groups. Aimee Lee stated that it's been tabled since the return to in-person meetings.

## 8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, a member of the disability community and former resident of the region, questioned whether the Elmhurst Metra station has made progress in terms of access to people with disabilities when switching platforms are there is currently only stairs between them. He emphasized that there are not enough safety measures in place on CTA trains and platforms. He also praised PACE and CTA's efforts to create transit solutions for non-standard working hours. Armstrong urged the committee to ensure that ADA is a consideration when looking at the transit fiscal cliff.

## 9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2023.

## 10.0 Adjournment

*A motion was made by Jackie Forbes, seconded by Bob Dean, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:48am. The motion carried by a voice vote.*

Minutes prepared by Sarah Stolpe