



## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Friday, September 22, 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 9:30 a.m. and reminded the audience that the meeting was being recorded.

**Present:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

P.S. Sriraj served as representative for Academic Research; Jeff Sriver served as representative to CDOT; Aimee Lee served as representative to CMAP; Bob Dean served as representative to CNT; Tara Orbon (Vice Chair) served as representative to Cook Co; Michael Connelly served as representative to CTA; Chris Snyder served as representative to DuPage Co; Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT D1; Chuck Abraham served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Brandon Geber served as representative to IDOT OP&P; Jack Cruikshank served as representative to IEPA; Jackie Forbes served as representative to Kane Co; Heidi Lichtenberger served as representative to Kendall Co; Kevin Carrier (Chair) served as representative to Lake County; Scott Hennings served as representative to McHenry Co; Lynnette Ciavarella served as representative to Metra; Audrey Wennink served as representative to MPC; Tom Vander Woude served as representative to NIRPC; Eric Llewellyn served as representative to Pace; Chris Hiebert served as representative for SEWRPC; Karyn Robles served as representative to Tollway; Todd Schmidt served as representative to FHWA; Christina Kupkowski served as representative to Will Co; Kyle Whitehead served as representative to RTA.

**Staff Present:** Jesse Altman, Alex Bahls, Lindsay Bayley, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, John Carpenter, Dustin Calliari, Karly Cazzato, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Alex Ensign, Doug Ferguson, Parry Frank, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Kasia Hart, Noah Harris, Evan Hay, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Leroy Kos, Natalie Kuriata, Amy McEwan, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Nikolas Merten, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Shupe-Diggs, Sarah Stolpe, Ryan Thompto, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison

**Others Present:** Mike Klemens, Eric Czarnota, Leslie Rauer, Henry Girard, Michael Fricano, Tony Greep, Brittany Matyas, Heather Mullins, Jill Ziegler, Kurt Nika, Matt Pasquini, Matt Novander, David Tomzik, Suban Aden, Megan Swanson, Joe Surdam, Daniel Thomas, David Powe, Sarik Goyal, David Kralik, Michael Vanderhoof, Daniel Maziarz, John Donovan, Sonali Tandon, Michael Podgers, Doug Sullivan, Melinda Metzger, Robert Kastigar, John Yonan, Daniel Knickelbein

## 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

### 2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

[23-409](#)

There were no amendments to the July 28, 2023 Transportation Committee meeting minutes.

*The agenda item was presented.*

### 2.02 CMAP Updates

[23-410](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis and Programming, provided the following updates on FHWA/WTS and staffing.

CMAP hosted FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhat, IDOT Secretary Osman, former U.S. DOT Secretary Ray LaHood and other agency partners for a freight and passenger rail roundtable the week of September 18, 2023. CMAP had the opportunity to showcase key projects including the CREATE Program and the Chicago Hub Improvement Program. Both projects provide extensive benefits that advance mobility, efficiency, and safety across our region. After the meeting Executive Director Aleman moderated a fireside chat with Administrator Bhat at the WTS Central Region Conference. They discussed how IJA funding can advance equity, improve resilience to climate change, and promote economic mobility.

John Donovan has accepted a position to serve as IDOT's Chief Operating Officer. Todd Schmidt will represent FHWA until the position is filled. Karyn Robles will be the new Chief of Planning for the Tollway. Jack Cruickshank will serve on the Transportation Committee as the IL EPA representative.

*CMAP updates were provided.*

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes

### 3.01 Minutes from July 28, 2023

[23-405](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(DraftMinutes\)07-28-23](#)

*A motion was made by IDOT - OP&P Representative Brandon Geber, seconded by Cook Co Representative Tara Orbon, that the July 28, 2023 committee meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM 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

[23-408](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 23-11 was published to the eTIP web site on September 15, 2023 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 23-11 and administrative amendments 23-11.1 and 23-11.2 is included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval of TIP Amendment 23-11.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend23-11](#)  
[Formal TIP Amendment 23-11](#)  
[Administrative TIP Amendment 23-11.1](#)  
[Administrative TIP Amendment 23-11.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak Senior Analyst, presented on TIP Amendment 23-11, which was published to the eTIP web site on September 15, 2023 for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 23-11 and administrative amendments 23-11.1 and 23-11.2 is included in the meeting materials. Staff requested the approval of TIP Amendment 23-11.

*A motion was made by CTA Representative Michael Connelly, seconded by Metra Representative Lynnette Ciavarella, that TIP amendment 23-11 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

##### 4.02 FFY 2024 - 2028 STP-SF, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L Programs

[23-403](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The proposed FFY 2024-2028 STP-Shared Fund (STP-SF), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) regional transportation funding programs were recommended for approval by the respective Project Selection Committees and have been incorporated into TIP amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2 and 24-01.3 for Transportation Committee consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)FFY24-28 STP-SF CMAQ CRP TAP-L Programs 9-22-2023](#)  
[FFY24-28 CMAQ/CRP Program](#)  
[FFY24-28 STP-SF Program](#)  
[FFY24-28 TAP-L Program](#)  
[CMAQ/CRP TIP Amendment 24-01.1](#)  
[STP-SF TIP Amendment 24-01.2](#)  
[TAP-L TIP Amendment 24-01.3](#)

Kama Dobbs, Senior Analyst, presented on the proposed FFY 2024-2028 STP-Shared Fund (STP-SF), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) regional transportation funding programs that were recommended for approval by the respective Project Selection Committees and have been incorporated into TIP amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2 and 24-01.3 for Transportation Committee consideration.

Senior Analyst Dobbs also noted that these programs include a total of 68 projects that were selected from the 129 applications received in response to the joint call for projects issued in January.

Draft programs were available for public comment July 13 through August 11, and discussed at this committee and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee during the comment period. One public comment was received in support of the CMAQ and CRP programs. No changes were made to the draft programs.

*A motion was made by DuPage Co Representative Chris Snyder, seconded by RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead, that amendments 24-01.1, 24-01.2 and 24-01.3 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

#### 4.03 Review draft of CMAP's Public Participation Plan

[23-416](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP's draft Public Participation Plan guides the agency's public engagement in region. The draft version will be discussed which is currently out for public review.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [TC\(Memo\)DraftPublicParticipationPlan 9-22-2023](#)  
[Draft Public Participation Plan](#)

Jane Grover, Principal in Communications and Engagement, addressed the draft Public Participation Plan guidelines for the agency's public engagement in region. The draft version was discussed. Final draft to be completed later this year and presented to the MPO at it's January 2024. Public comment on the draft ends on October 6, 2023.

*A motion was made by IDOT OP&P representative Brandon Geber, seconded by RTA representative Kyle Whitehead, to approve the CMAP Public Participation Plan. Motion carried by the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

## 5.0 Information Items

### 5.01 RTA FY 2022-FY2023 Section 5310 Program of Projects

[23-414](#)

**PURPOSE & ACTION:** RTA staff will present the FY 22 - FY23 program of projects funded with FTA Section 5310 funds. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible projects are "nontraditional" projects such as capital and operating expenses for new public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors such as travel training, way-finding technology, mobility management, etc.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

**Attachments:** [5310PoP Transportation Committee](#)

Heather Mullins of the RTA, presented on RTA's FY 2022 - FY 2023 program of projects funded with FTA Section 5310 funds. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Eligible projects are "nontraditional" projects such as capital and operating expenses for new public transportation services and alternatives beyond those required by the ADA, designed to assist individuals with disabilities and seniors such as travel training, way-finding technology, mobility management, etc.

*An update was provided to the Committee.*

### 5.02 Roadway Safety Targets Preview

[23-415](#)

**PURPOSE & ACTION:** Staff will provide a short update on the process for setting annual safety targets, which are part of the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Performance Management Program. Staff will also present some recommendations for target setting methods going forward, to align upcoming agency work with goals related to traffic safety. Staff will present the 2024 Safety Targets to this Committee in December.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion

Victoria Barrett, Senior Planner, provided an update on the process for setting annual safety targets, which are part of the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Performance Management Program. Recommendations for target setting methods going forward were presented with goals related to traffic safety. Staff will present the 2024 Safety Targets to this Committee in December.

*An update on annual safety targets were presented.*

### 5.03 Regionally Significant Project (RSP) Policy and Process Updates

[23-417](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Inform the Transportation Committee of upcoming work to update policies and processes relating to regionally significant projects for the next long-range plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

**Attachments:** [TC\(memo\)RSP Policy Process09-22-23](#)

Ryan Thompto, Principal of Regional Policy and Implementation, informed the Transportation Committee of upcoming work to update policies and processes relating to regionally significant projects for the next long-range plan.

*Updates on Regionally Significant Projects was presented.*

### 5.04 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

[23-418](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will review final recommendations and discuss next steps.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor of Legislative Affairs, reviewed final recommendations and discussed next steps.

The PART draft was released for review by the Board and MPO in September. It is currently in the stage of receiving any additional comments or edits from the Board and MPO members. It was requested they be provided by end of day September 22, 2023. Edits or adjustments will be made before it is resubmitted to the Board and MPO on October 4, 2023 for a week of deliberation reading before the October 11, 2023 meeting.

It was noted that a full approval of everything in the report was not being requested, but rather, seeking authorization to submit this draft to the Governor and General Assembly in accordance with the act in order for further discussion and deliberation to happen at the General Assembly.

*Updates on the Plan of Action for Regional Transit were presented.*

### 6.0 Legislative Updates

There were no legislative updates for this meeting.

*The agenda item was discussed.*

### 7.0 Other Business

IEPA representative, Jack Cruikshank, discussed the rebate program for electric school busses.

McHenry County representative, Scott Hennings, discussed the approval of a local MFT increase in McHenry County.

### 8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong of Des Moines Iowa congratulated Chris Snyder on his retirement. He voiced his concerns about electric bus manufacturers filing for bankruptcy before fulfilling their contracts, as is

the case in Des Moines. He asked if CTA/PACE have a back up plan in the event of that happening.

PACE representative, Erik Llewellyn, responded by saying that they are following the meetings and will wait and see. CTA representative, Michael Connelly, said that CTA will do the same. There are currently 22 electric busses on order and they have hired an attorney to defend CTA interests in bankruptcy court.

Doug Ferguson of CMAP read aloud a public comment email from John Paul Jones of Grow Greater Englewood. He expressed appreciation for CMAP's support of the Englewood Nature Trail and also shared the local excitement around the progress of the Historic Green Line Racine Station.

## 9.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held November 17, 2023.

## 10.0 Adjournment

*A motion to adjourn was made by DuPage County Representative Chris Snyder, seconded by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank. A motion carried with the following vote:*

**Aye:** Academic Research Representative 2, CDOT Representative, CMAP Representative, CNT 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, NIRPC Representative, Pace Representative, SEWRPC Representative, Tollway Representative, Will Co Representative, and RTA Representative

**Absent:** Academic Research Representative 1, Bike/Ped TF Representative, and CoM Representative

**Non-Voting:** FHWA Representative

**Absent (NV):** FTA Representative

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Evan Hay