



CMAP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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 Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

Noting a physical quorum of the Board, Chair Bennett reported a request was received from Paul Hoefert to attend the meeting virtually in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. A vote is needed to approve his virtual attendance.

A motion was made by Member Carolyn Schofield, seconded by Member Jada Curry, to allow remote participation by Paul Hoefert. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz and Carolyn Schofield

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Not Present: Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak and Matthew Walsh

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

Chair Bennett remarked that Member Paul Hoefert is present and able to participate in today's meeting.

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Nora Beck, Michal Brown, John Carpenter, Patrick Day, Jane Grover, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Natalie Kuriata, Aimee Lee, Tony Manno, Stephane Phifer, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, Claire Williams

Others present: **Garland Armstrong**, Greg Bedalov, Shae Burnham, Chris Chadez, David Clay, Eric Czarnota, Drew Duffin, Colin Fleming, Jackie Forbes, Neil James, Kendra Johnson, George Kandathil, Mike Klemens, Gretchen Klock, Brian Larsen, Jill Leary, Heidi Lichtenberg, Brittany Matyas, Beth McClusky, John Naughton-Valdes, Nicole Nutter, Kevin O'Malley, Matt Pasquini, Lidia Pileky, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Steve Schilke, Kyle Schultz, Joe Surdam, Vicky Smith, Justine Sydello, Sonali Tandon, Daniel Thomas, Rocco Zuccherro

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

Chair Bennett welcomed new Board Members Jada Curry representing Cook County and Joanna Ruiz representing the City of Chicago.

2.01 Executive director's report

[24-352](#)

Attachments: [Executive director report](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, welcomed new Members Jada Curry and Joanna Ruiz to the CMAP Board.

Recent staff engagements included a panel discussion on the Community Alliance for Regional Equity (CARE) program at the US Department of Transportation's workshop on public engagement, a meeting with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado to participate in the Clean Energy to Communities Summit, and meeting with FHWA staff to talk about safety and understand how metropolitan planning organizations can integrate a safe system approach into their core planning functions and work.

(Member Matt Walsh arrived at 9:42 a.m.)

Executive Director Aleman reported the household travel survey, also known as My Daily Travel, will begin in the fall. The survey helps CMAP understand how local roads, highways, public transit, bike lands, and sidewalks are being used and how travel can be improved. It was noted the survey is by invitation only.

Executive Director Aleman provided updates to the Safe Travel for All program, community data snapshots, and the biennial municipal survey.

(Members Nina Idemudia and John Roberson arrived at 9:47 a.m.)

Executive Director Aleman remarked on the state's Senate Transportation Committee hearings and two grant workshops hosted by the federal delegation. She reported on a handbook that was created as a resource for Board and MPO members, the upcoming joint Board and MPO Policy Committee on Wednesday, October 9, the hiring of Claire Williams as Deputy Executive Director of People and Operations, and the promotion of Laura Wilkison to Deputy Executive Director of Strategic Advancement.

The executive director's report was received and filed.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01)**3.0 Approval of Minutes****Approval of the Group Vote**

A motion was made by Board Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Board Member Paul Hoefert, to approve agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 under the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

3.01 Minutes from June 12, 2024 [24-351](#)

Attachments: [06.12.24 Minutes - Draft](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

4.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

4.01 Intergovernmental agreement for Cook County Assessor Data - Tax Year 2023 [24-350](#)

Attachments: [Memo - CCAO justification](#)
[Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County](#)
[Resolution with Cook County Assessors Office for GIS data](#)
[Exhibit A - Statement of Purpose](#)

Agenda items 3.01 and 4.01 were approved under the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

5.0 Items for Approval

5.01 Nomination of CMAP Officers [24-353](#)

Attachments: [Memo - nomination of officers](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, reported that she met with Board members Matt Walsh representing Cook County, Nancy Rotering representing the collar counties, and Frank Beal representing the City of Chicago, to discuss the nomination of CMAP Officers for the Board and members of the Executive Committee. The group recommended to maintain the existing slate of officers as follows:

- Chair Gerald Bennett, Mayor - Suburban Cook County
- Vice Chair Carolyn Schofield - Collar Counties
- Vice Chair Anne Sheahan - City of Chicago
- Member At-Large Richard Reinbold, President - Suburban Cook County
- Member At-Large John Roberson - City of Chicago
- Member At-Large John Noak, Mayor - Collar Counties

A motion was made by Member Paul Hoefert, seconded by Member Nancy Rotering, to approve the nomination of CMAP Officers as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

Absent (NV): Kouros Mohammadian and Leanne Redden

5.02 Authorization to enter into a contract with CDM Smith as a result of RFP 306 for a Corridor Development Office for the I-290 Blue Line Corridor Program for a term up to 36 months, with two, one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 [24-333](#)

Attachments: [Memo - RFP 306 justification](#)
[Attachment 1 Evaluation Criteria - RFP 306](#)
[Attachment 2 Evaluation Ranking- RFP 306](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, and Aimee Lee, Research, Analysis, and Programming Deputy, provided a presentation of the I-290 Blue Line Corridor Program. The CTA Forest Park Blue Line is operating at a 70 percent slow zone order and stations on that branch are inaccessible to customers with disabilities. The I-290 corridor is one of the most congested expressways in the country, is unsafe to travel, and needs modernization due to aging pavement and bridges. There is a lack of access to pedestrian and bicycle amenities.

The ON TO 2050 Plan, CMAP's long-range plan, identified the I-290 Eisenhower reconstruction, managed lanes, and CTA Forest Park Blue Line reconstruction as constrained regionally significant projects (RSP). The I-290 Blue Line Corridor project has gained consensus as the highest priority for the region given the many benefits available to improve mobility, accessibility and quality of life for motorists, transit riders, residents and corridor communities.

A brief video was provided on the existing conditions of the corridor and the opportunity to improve the corridor.

(Dr. Kouros Mohammadian arrived at 10:00 a.m.)

Deputy Lee provided a history of the project that brought consensus from IDOT, CTA, and CMAP to advance a unified corridor vision. The I-290 Blue Line Corridor Development Office project provides a way for the agencies to work together in a holistic way to improve this thoroughfare. The project will help inform, support, and prioritize collective decision-making.

Four proposals were received, and staff recommends that this contract be awarded to CDM Smith. Discussion ensued regarding CTA's financial ability to participate in this project.

A motion was made by Member Gary Grasso, seconded by Member Richard Reinbold, to enter into a contract with CDM Smith for a corridor development office for the I290 Blue Line Corridor Program for a term up to 36 months with two, one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

6.0 Executive Session

The request to go into Executive Session was withdrawn.

6.01 Executive session to review closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)

[24-356](#)

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

6.02 Action on the recommendation by counsel and staff regarding closed session minutes and the destruction of closed session recordings older than 18 months [24-357](#)

A motion was made by Member John Noak, seconded by Member Gary Grasso, to authorize the destruction of the June 9, 2021 closed session recording and the release of the May 14, 2014, June 14, 2014, September 10, 2014, November 12, 2014, January 14, 2015, March 11, 2015, May 13, 2015, November 18, 2020, and June 9, 2021 closed session minutes. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz, Carolyn Schofield and Matthew Walsh

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

7.0 Information Items

7.01 Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership update [24-362](#)

Attachments: [Memo - GCEP update](#)

Tony Manno, Principal Planner, reported that one of the principles of the ON TO 2050 Plan is that the regional economy will grow if we create opportunity for all. Staff created a framework to guide its regional economy work over the next five years that includes expanding site and corridor planning technical assistance, continuing to work on industry clusters, and fostering regional collaboration. CMAP has been working with the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership (GCEP) on a long-term economic strategy for the region.

Greg Bedalov, the president and CEO of Choose DuPage and chair of the GCEP, and Kyle Schultz and Chris Chaidez, World Business Chicago, provided a presentation of GCEP's efforts during the last two years and a look ahead of the work to come.

During the last 18 months, GCEP has hosted 35 international businesses throughout Chicagoland through the SelectChi 2024. GCEP was recognized for 11 consecutive years of top metro area in the United States according to Site Selection Magazine. A progress snapshot showed that there were 85 invites shared with GCEP partners, 150 research requests for information completed by the Research Center, 11 completed regional innovation and venture events, 57 regional project leads shared with GCEP partners, and 102 known Pro-Chicagoland regional decisions.

Discussion ensued regarding utilizing universities to retain upcoming talent, how GCEP integrates transportation with land use, the need to coordinate with local planners on housing in addition to land use, working with residents to ensure that proposed developments are wanted and getting underserved residents the capital they need to grow or create their local business.

(Member Walsh left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.)

An update on the Greater Chicagoland Economic Partnership was presented.

7.02 Presentation of CMAP Board by-laws update pursuant to changes passed in Public Act 103-0986 [24-365](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Updated CMAP Board by-laws](#)
[Public Act 103-0986](#)
[Updated CMAP Board by-laws](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, presented modifications to the CMAP Board's by-laws. These modifications update language to reflect legislative amendments to the Regional Planning Act that take effect on January 1, 2025. Staff will seek formal consideration of the amendments at the Board's November 13, 2024 Board meeting.

Updates to the CMAP Board by-laws were discussed.

7.03 State legislative update

[24-361](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Legislative Update](#)

John Carpenter, Intergovernmental Affairs Director, reported on Public Act 103-0986 that goes into effect on January 1, 2025. The act amends the voting requirement for operational items to a simple majority. During the summer, staff has been meeting with legislators across the region to discuss topics including transportation, climate, water, and housing. Staff has been monitoring Senate hearings on Transportation.

A legislative update was presented.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Board.

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, former Illinois resident, expressed concern regarding the pending closure of the Chicago Greyhound Bus station. He requested agencies do more to support intercity travel to ensure residents with low-income have access to bus service travel.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee and is scheduled for October 9, 2024. The meeting will be held in the Marquee Room on the 2nd floor of the Old Post Office.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Nancy Rotering, seconded by Member Anne Sheahan, to adjourn the meeting of the Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Gerald Bennett, Frank Beal, Matthew Brolley, Jada Curry, Gary Grasso, Nina Idemudia, Paul Hoefert, John Noak, Richard Reinbold, John Roberson, Nancy Rotering, Anne Sheahan, Joanna Ruiz and Carolyn Schofield

Non-Voting: Kouros Mohammadian

Not Present: Matthew Walsh

Absent (NV): Leanne Redden

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Blanca Vela-Schneider