



TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Friday, March 1, 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 Kevin Carrier called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and reminded the audience 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, 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, Academic Research Representative 2, and Bike/Ped TF Representative

Non-Voting: FHWA Representative

Absent (NV): FTA Representative

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; Leon Rockingham served as representative to CoM; Jennifer Henry served as representative to CTA; John Loper served as representative to DuPage Co; Steve Schilke served as representative to IDOT D1; Chuck Abraham served as representative to IDOT OIPI; Megan Swanson 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; Drew Duffin served as representative to McHenry County; 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; Ryan Hoel served as representative for SEWRPC; Henry Guerriero 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: Laurant Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Bill Barnes, Nora Beck, John Carpenter, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austin Edwards, Ryan Ehlke, Alex Ensign, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Ryan Gougis, Jonathan Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Evan Hay, Craig Heither, Jaemi Jackson, Leroy Kos, Tony Manno, Martin Menninger, Matt Marth, Jason Navota, Richard Norwood, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Julie Reschke, Elizabeth Scott, Clarke Shupe-Diggs, Mike Sobczak, Ryan Thompto, Leo Torres, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison, You Zhou

Others Present: Dan Thomas, Mike Klemens, Chad Riddle, Dawn Dona, George Kandathil, Zubair Haider, Brian Larson, Joe Gallo, Dean Mantjes, Jill Ziegler, Julie Rushki, Leslie Rower, Mellissa Meyer, Daniel M., Heather Zuber, Neil James, PS Sriraj, Peter Kersten, Scott Hennings, Travis Farmer, Jennifer Hyman, Hugo Coronado, Jaque Henderson, Anthony, Tina Smith, Marie Glynn, Katie Herdus, Heather Mullins, Matt Pasquini, Joe Surdam, Garland Armstrong, Michael Vanderhoof, David Kralick, Jeffrey Yoshihara

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Kevin Carrier noted that Bob Dean is stepping down as CNT Representative. He thanked him for his service on the Transportation Committee.

Cook Co. Representative Tara Orbon shared that the call for projects deadline for Invest In Cook is March 22, 2024.

RTA Representative Kyle Whitehead announced the community planning call for projects is now open.

IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank noted that the IEPA will have electrical vehicle funding available to municipalities with a scoring preference for park and ride.

2.01 Requests for Agenda Changes

[24-078](#)

There were no requests for agenda changes.

2.02 CMAP Updates

[24-079](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis, and Programming, discussed updates including the upcoming Household Travel Survey as well as future discussion topics and initiatives including safety, climate, ADA accessibility and the next Regional Transportation Plan.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes from December 15, 2023

[24-080](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [DRAFT TC Minutes 12-15-23](#)

A motion was made by Council of Mayors Representative Leon Rockingham, seconded by CDOT Representative Jeff Sriver, that the December 15, 2023 committee meeting minutes 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, 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, Academic Research Representative 2, and Bike/Ped TF Representative

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Absent (NV): FTA Representative

4.0 Items for Approval

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

[24-082](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: TIP Amendment 24-05 was published to the eTIP web site on February 23, 2024

for committee review and public comment. A memo summarizing formal TIP amendment 24-05 and administrative amendments 24-05.1 and 24-05.2 is included in the meeting materials. Staff requests approval of TIP Amendment 24-05.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [TC\(Memo\)TIP Amend24-05](#)
[Formal TIP Amendment 24-05](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 24-05.1](#)
[Administrative TIP Amendment 24-05.2](#)

Russell Pietrowiak, Senior Analyst, presented a request for the approval of TIP Amendment 24-05. A total of 65 amendments were submitted as formal TIP amendments totaling \$454.9 million. The administrative amendments included 212 projects and added a total of \$109.4 million to the TIP.

A motion was made by Cook Co. Representative Tara Orbon, seconded by DuPage Co. Representative John Loper, that the FFY 2023-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications. 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, 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

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4.02 Proposed FY 2025 Unified Work Program (UWP)

[24-050](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff requests committee consideration and a recommendation of approval to the MPO Policy Committee for the Proposed FY 2025 Unified Work Program (UWP).

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Proposed FY2025 Unified Work Program](#)
[TC\(Memo\) Proposed FY 2025 UWP](#)

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis, and Programming, reviewed and requested approval of the Proposed FY 2025 Unified Work Program (UWP). The proposed UWP program contains two main components: the core program and the competitive program. Seven agencies, including CMAP, submitted for core funding and four submitted for the competitive program. There were no public comments received.

A motion was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by IDOT - OIPI Representative Chuck Abraham, to approve the proposed FY 2025 Unified Work Program. Motion carried with 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, 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

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5.0 Information Items

5.01 Regional Climate Action Plan

[24-086](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus have kicked off regional climate action planning work in response to and with funding support from the USEPA Climate Pollution Reduction grant program. The work is also supported by a grant from the Department of Energy Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) program, and includes a partnership with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Respiratory Health Association, and ComEd. Staff will discuss components of the climate action planning process and surrounding context, including establishing a greenhouse gas performance measure.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Attachments: [TC - CAP memo 2024-3-1](#)

Nora Beck, Principal Policy Analyst Planning in Regional Policy and Implementation, presented on the Regional Climate Action Plan. Her presentation included a review of new performance measuring requirements as well as the target setting process. She engaged with committee members regarding clarifications on the data and applicable time frames.

She highlighted the US EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program objectives, provided a brief update on the CPRG program, Chicago MSA Priority Action plan and CPRG implementation. She also discussed the development of a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), GHG inventory and emissions by sector and the Clean Energy to Communities initiative through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

5.02 Regional planning approach update

[24-084](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Background on the structure and benefits of a new approach to fulfilling CMAP's federal and state metropolitan planning responsibilities, including the successor to ON TO 2050 and the 2026 long-range transportation plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Ryan Thompto and Elizabeth Scott, Regional Policy and Implementation Principals, provided an overview on the benefits of a new approach to fulfilling CMAP's federal and state metropolitan planning responsibilities in regards to the regional and long-range transportation plan. They engaged with the committee's questions and comments noting feedback.

5.03 The 11th Edition of the MUTCD

[24-085](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Dean Mentjes of the FHWA's Office of Operations will present an overview of the comment process and updated guidance included in the latest edition of the MUTCD, which was released in December of 2023. The presentation will include highlights of incorporated changes that are intended to improve safety for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Dean Mentjes of the FHWA's Office of Operations presented an update on the MUTCD that was released in December, 2023.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

Kama Dobbs, Senior Analyst, read aloud a public comment in the Zoom chat from Jeffery Yoshihara about urban highway considerations in the discussion around interstates and reducing VMT.

Garland Armstrong reminded the committee about a need for an ADA accessible public transit fire safety plan.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2024

9.0 Adjournment

Chair Kevin Carrier called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by IEPA Representative Jack Cruikshank, seconded by Kane Co Representative Jackie Forbes to adjourn the meeting. 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, 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

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Minutes prepared by Evan Hay