



COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, March 26, 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

Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Representing agencies present:

North Central Council of Mayors (Online): President Jeffrey Sherwin, Northlake

North Shore Council of Mayors: Mayor George Van Dusen, Skokie

North Shore Council of Mayors: President Greg Lungmus, Northfield

Northwest Council of Mayors: Thomas Hayes, Arlington Heights

Southwest Council of Mayors: President Dave Brady, Bedford Park

South Council of Mayors: President Mary Werner

South Council of Mayors: Mayor Ronald J. Gardiner

DuPage Council of Mayors: Gary Grasso, Burr Ridge

Kane Council of Mayors: Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

Lake Council of Mayors: Mayor Leon Rockingham, North Chicago

Staff Present: Victoria Barrett, Lily Brack, John Carpenter, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Doug Ferguson, Ryan Gougis, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Noah Harris, Kasia Hart, Evan Hay, Jaemi Jackson, Aimee Lee, Jared Patton, Russell Pietrowski, Stephane Phifer, Sarah Stolpe, Jennie Vana, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Drew Duffin, Neil James, Brian Larson, Eric Czarnota, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Leslie Rauer, Charles Riddle, George Kendathil

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes from November 7, 2023

[24-031](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT CoM Minutes 11.7.23](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Grasso, seconded by President Hayes to approve the November 7, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion passed.

3.0 CMAP Announcements

3.1 CMAP Update

[24-023](#)

Aimee Lee, Deputy of Transportation, Research, Analysis, and Programming, discussed updates including a highlight of the 2024 Technical Call for Projects and the May 5, 2024 deadline for the IEPA's EV Charging program application. She also announced that registration for the spring ADA trainings is open and will be held April 15-16 as well as May 1-2.

The CMAP update was provided.

4.0 New Business

4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads

[24-024](#)

IDOT representative Chad Riddle provided an update to the committee starting with a reminder about the importance of submittal schedules for the efficiency of timing and funding for projects. He also mentioned that IDOT training will resume with registration expected to begin mid-April.

The IDOT Bureau of Local Roads update was discussed.

4.2 STP Projection Selection Committee

[24-026](#)

Kama Dobbs, Senior Analyst, provided the committee with a STP Projection Selection Committee update. She noted that the committee met last in November 2023 and is scheduled to meet next on April 11, 2024 where the criteria for spring and summer project selection will be addressed. She also reminded everyone that there is a balance of \$182 million of unobligated STP funds in the region this FFY. She encouraged the committee to contact their planning liaison to discuss reprogramming to take advantage of the redistribution balance.

The STP Projection Selection Committee update was discussed.

4.3 STAR: Transportation Safety Program Update

[24-029](#)

Victoria Barrett, Senior Planner, provided the council with an update on the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR): Transportation Safety Program and began by announcing that the Regional Safety Action Planning effort is underway. She reminded the committee that CMAP received \$5 million from the federal government through the Safe Streets For All Planning Grant and that those funds are currently being put into action in six county-level safety plans aimed at addressing priority safety issues. She also mentioned that there will be a large scale engagement effort with events, surveys and newsletters and encouraged those interested to keep an eye out for opportunities to participate.

The STAR: Transportation Safety Program update was discussed.

4.4 Legislative Update

[24-096](#)

Attachments: [RPA Appropriations Memo](#)
[OMA Legislative Activity Memo](#)

Laura Wilkison, Senior Director and Policy Advisor, provided the committee with a legislative update on efforts to secure a state appropriation to support CMAP's unfunded obligations set forth in the Regional Planning Act (70 ILCS 1707). She also provided an update on the Illinois Municipal League's legislative efforts to modify Open Meetings Act requirements CMAP's efforts to explore additional flexibility in physical quorum requirements provided that would mirror certain other public body requirements.

The legislative update was presented.

4.5 Local Government Network Update

[24-123](#)

Lily Brack, Planner, provided an update on the Local Government Network. She mentioned that there were 122 applications submitted for the most recent call for projects and 60% of the applicants had learned about the opportunity through the LGN.

The Local Government Network update was provided.

4.6 Regional Planning Approach Update

[24-122](#)

Attachments: [Regional Planning Approach Update Memo](#)

Austen Edwards, Senior Analyst, provided the committee with an update including background on the benefits of a new approach to fulfilling CMAP's federal and state metropolitan planning responsibilities. He presented on how staff studied peer regions and their approaches to comprehensive planning and the next steps for the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan, a macro level plan to meet federal requirements.

The Regional Planning Approach update was discussed.

5.0 Other Business

6.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Schielke at 10:46 am.

Minutes prepared by Evan Hay