

COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**MEETING MINUTES - FINAL**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

9:30 AM

**Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607****1.0 Call To Order**

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting was held with information items only. The meeting could not be called to order without a physical quorum of voting members.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Schielke announced that Gia Biagi was appointed as the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, succeeding Secretary Osman. Chairman Schielke also noted that the UWP workplan was approved by the MPO Policy Committee.

2.0 Approval of Minutes**2.01 Minutes from September 24, 2024**[24-448](#)

Attachments: [Council of Mayors Minutes from 09-24-24](#)

This item was deferred to the March meeting agenda.

3.0 CMAP Announcements

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman addressed the committee with updates from CMAP's recent work, highlighting a recent trip to Berlin with legislators to coordinate on transit systems. Aleman also noted that CMAP is monitoring New York's congestion mitigation plan and future applications to the northeastern Illinois region. The Safe Travel for All initiative was highlighted as an opportunity for public input from committee member's communities. Aleman reminded members that letters have gone out for local dues. Finally, Aleman announced that the 2024 Annual Report is now available for committee review.

3.01 2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule[24-453](#)

Attachments: [CoM EC Proposed 2025 Schedule](#)

This item was deferred to the March meeting agenda.

4.0 IDOT Report**4.01 IDOT Local Roads Update**[24-454](#)

IDOT staff Chad Riddle summarized the work conducted in 2024 and highlighted that over \$460 million was put to state lettings. Over 100 projects are anticipated to go to letting in early 2025. He concluded that the district received 105 applications for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) with plans to share awards in April.

Mayor Hayes requested increased presence of IDOT staff at Council of Government meetings moving forward. Mayor Darch thanked IDOT staff for work on Route 14. There were no other questions or comments from the committee.

5.0 Updates

5.01 National Weather Service Collaboration

[24-449](#)

National Weather Service (NWS) staff Eric Lenning and Mike Bardou presented on the role of the NWS in the region, evolving climate trends, and potential impacts. The NWS offers a Storm Ready program to assist local communities in preparing for extreme weather events. Resiliency continues to be focus of the work at the NWS and plans to assist communities in preparing for threats.

Mayor Hayes asked about the interface between NWS and local officials and staff, Mike added that NWS uses a platform called “NWS Chat” to provide continuous updates to partners. Chairman Schielke expressed gratitude for this information and suggested continued work with the NWS. There were no other questions or comments from the committee.

5.02 CMAP Regional Transportation Resilience Planning

[24-447](#)

Attachments: [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan Memo](#)

CMAP staff Kate Evasic highlighted ongoing efforts and milestones in developing the Transportation Resilience Improvement Program (TRIP). This process includes analyses of climate change impacts and extreme weather patterns in the context of the region’s transportation network. This plan will be informed by a vulnerability assessment and guide policy and investments to create an inclusive, equitable, and resilient system. The final plan is estimated for December of 2025.

5.03 CMAP's Role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization

[25-015](#)

CMAP staff Kama Dobbs presented the committee with an overview of the metropolitan planning process. Dobbs highlighted the history of Title 23, the MPO’s enabling legislation, and subsequent funding flows to support the agency. CMAP, the MPO, upholds continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning in both the long and short term.

5.04 2025-2026 Federal and State Advocacy Agenda

[25-018](#)

Attachments: [Attachment 1 CMAP Advocacy Agenda 2025](#)
[Attachment 2 9-13-24 CMAP LSLR](#)

CMAP staff John Carpenter announced that the 2025-2026 federal and state advocacy agenda was approved by the CMAP Board. The agenda will be presented at subregional Council of Mayors meetings over the next year. Regional partners will be included in ongoing conversations in pursuing agenda items.

5.05 Committee Bylaws

[24-463](#)

Attachments: [Bylaws, 1-14-25 Committee meeting](#)

This item was deferred to the March meeting agenda.

6.0 Committee Member Reports

This item was deferred to the March meeting agenda.

7.0 Public Comment

Due to a lack of quorum, public comment was not required.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m.