



COUNCIL OF MAYORS

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call To Order

Representing agencies present:

Northwest Council of Mayors: President Karen Darch, Barrington

South Council of Mayors: President Michael Einhorn, Crete

Central Council of Mayors: President Alice Gallagher, Western Springs

North Shore Council of Mayors: President Greg Lungmus, Northfield

Kane Council of Mayors: Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

Kane Council of Mayors: President John Skillman, Carpentersville

Southwest Council of Mayors: President Mary Werner, Worth

Staff present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Victoria Barrett, Michael Brown, Anthony Cefali, David Clark, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Feruson, Jen Maddux, Alexis McAdams, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahon, Jason Navota, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Yousef Salama, Jacob Seid, Simone Weil

Others present: Lenny Cannata, Jon Paul Diipla, Kristi DeLaurentiis, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Maggie Jarr, Michael Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Leslie Phemister, Kendra Johnson, Chad Riddle, Troy Simpson, John Skillman, Mayor Katrina Thompson, Jazmin Vega, Blanca Vela-Schneider

2.0 Approval of Minutes

The agenda item was approved.

2.01 Minutes from October 19, 2021

[22-045](#)

Minutes from October 19, 2021

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Minutes from October 19, 2021](#)

A motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2021 was made by President Einhorn and seconded by President Darch. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

3.0 New Business

3.01 CMAP Update

[22-046](#)

CMAP Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP leadership will provide an update on recent actions taken by the agency.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP executive director Erin Aleman provided an update on recent actions taken by the agency. Ms. Aleman explained that CMAP has transitioned to using the Legistar system for managing materials related to committees and boards, including the Council of Mayors. Ms. Aleman also provided an update on dues collection and work by the legislative affairs team to track and review state and federal bills. Ms. Aleman then announced that Gordon Smith will be moving on from CMAP's legislative affairs team at the end of the month. Next month, Ms. Aleman will be traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with northeastern Illinois' legislative delegation and attend the NARC conference, which will include an emphasis on the implications of IIJA for MPOs.

CMAP recently selected the next project group for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program. CMAP received 70 applications and selected 21.

Finally, Ms. Aleman discussed the agency's ongoing budget development process. The new budget seeks to align the CMAP's work with IIJA to ensure the region is well positioned to take advantage of newly available funds. These preparations include expanding the agency's capacity for topic areas such as ADA transition planning, traffic safety, resilience planning, electric vehicle planning, and others.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.02 STP Project Selection Committee Update

[22-047](#)

STP Project Selection Committee Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on activities of the STP Project Selection Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP analyst Kama Dobbs provided an update on recent work by the STP Project Selection Committee. The committee last met on October 28, and approved three projects to use CRRSA A funding. Ms. Dobbs also provided an overview of Shared Fund methodology update topics that will be discussed further in the coming months.

Ms. Dobbs also reported that through December, approximately \$8.5 had been obligated for STP Shared Fund projects and approximately \$15.2 million had been obligated for STP Local projects.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.03 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

[22-048](#)

IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: IDOT Local Road Staff will provide an update.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Chad Riddle from IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads provided a brief update on the bureau's recent work. Mr. Riddle explained that lettings slowed down at the end of the 2021, but have begun to pick up recently, and the trend is likely to continue in the coming months.

President Einhorn asked if recent lettings had been over or under their estimated budgets. Mr. Riddle explained that recent lettings had been in line with initial estimates, and many projects are receiving multiple bids.

Chair Scheilke then emphasized the importance of CMAP's good relationship with IDOT as more infrastructure funding becomes available.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.04 Safety Action Agenda Update

[22-049](#)

Safety Action Agenda Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on recent work of the Safety Resource Group, including in-progress policy papers on speed management and bicycle and pedestrian safety, local technical assistance on safety, and the upcoming regional speed data project.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP planner Victoria Barrett provided an update on CMAP's Safety Action Agenda, which seeks to develop a comprehensive approach to improving traffic safety in the region. Ms. Barrett explained that traffic fatalities have increased significantly in recent years, and without significant action, the trend is likely to continue. To address this issue, CMAP has assembled a resource group to discuss challenges and opportunities related to traffic safety. The agency has also begun four local technical assistance projects focused on safety, received grant funding to purchase speed data to improve future research, and partnered with the Roadway Safety Foundation FHWA to produce pedestrian safety videos.

Ms. Barrett then provided a detailed overview of recent traffic safety projects undertaken by CMAP and led a discussion of best practices in traffic safety planning. Finally, Ms. Barrett explained the next steps for this work, including future resource group meetings, policy reports, and technical assistance projects.

President Einhorn asked if expressway shootings were included in crash data. Ms. Barrett explained that incidents involving a criminal report were not considered traffic safety incidents.

President Gallagher asked if there are privacy concerns related to the speed data CMAP will be acquiring. Ms. Barrett explained that these companies aggregate and anonymize all data prior to release, so CMAP has no access to personal information.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.05 Zoning for Housing Choice and Equity

[22-050](#)

Zoning for Housing Choice and Equity

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an overview of how municipalities can revitalize their zoning

ordinances to provide greater housing choice and more equitable outcomes. Staff will provide examples from CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program, as well as best practices from around the country, for how local leaders can make strategic updates to their ordinances to make them easier to use for residents, staff, and local developers.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

CMAP planner Jacob Seid gave a presentation on equity concerns related to zoning and highlighted CMAP's work in the area. Mr. Seid began by providing an overview of CMAP's zoning work, and then provided a summary of what zoning is and how the practice developed over time. Next, Mr. Seid explained how zoning can lead to equity challenges by reducing housing options and encouraging economic and racial segregation. Finally, Mr. Seid presented several small changes that communities can make to their ordinances to make zoning more equitable, and provided examples of the types of development these changes can lead to.

President Darch added that it is important to provide housing choice at the regional level, but there are places in the region where environmental constraints and other limitations restrict densities. Zoning policies need to reflect these local conditions.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.06 Socioeconomic Forecast

[22-051](#)

Socioeconomic Forecast

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will present results of the updated regional socioeconomic forecast and provide an overview of the process and assumptions behind the upcoming local forecast that will accompany the ON TO 2050 Update.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP analysts David Clark and Alexis McAdams presented draft regional population and employment projections and outlined next steps in the regional socioeconomic forecast project.

First, Ms. McAdams reviewed the development process for the demographic forecast, described the draft results, and explained how they differ from the forecast used in ON TO 2050. The new forecast estimates 10 million residents in the region by 2050, instead of the 10.8 million in the initial ON TO 2050 forecast. Ms. McAdams then highlighted several demographic trends that are contributing to this change.

Mr. Clark then provided an overview of the new employment forecast. Similar to the demographic forecast, the employment forecast revises the initial ON TO 2050 forecast downward from 5.45 million jobs to 4.81 millions jobs. Mr. Clark then explained what trends are causing this change, and provided more detailed information about how various sectors of the economy are likely to change in 2050.

Next, Mr. Clark explained the process through which the regional forecast is being allocated to local communities using the UrbanSim land use model and other datasets.

Finally, Mr. Clark shared the overall project timeline and next steps. The regional forecast results will be finalized in late January, draft county forecasts will be available in late February, and full results will be available with the draft plan update in October.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.07 Local Government Network Update

[22-052](#)

Local Government Network Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will update the committee on recent Local Government Network initiatives.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAF planner Patrick Day provided a brief update on the recent work of the Local Government Network. In December, the network completed its 10th initiative, which encouraged communities to apply to CMAF's Local Technical Assistance program. In the current quarter, the network will be reaching out to communities to update contact information, and will be working to identify future initiatives for the coming year, which will focus on connecting communities to newly available state and federal funding.

The agenda item was read into the record.

3.08 Legislative Discussion/Update

[22-053](#)

Legislative Discussion/Update

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on relevant legislative activities.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

There was no formal update, though legislative affairs staff were available to answer questions. There were no questions.

Chair Scheilke thanked Gordon Smith for all of his work over the years.

The agenda item was read into the record.

4.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

The agenda item was read into the record.

5.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

There was no public comment.

The agenda item was read into the record.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 19, 2022.

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7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

The agenda item was adjourned.

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ACTION REQUESTED: Information

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