



COUNCIL OF MAYORS

MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

9:30 AM

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1.0 Call To Order

Representing agencies present:

Central Council of Mayors: President Alice Gallagher, Western Springs

Kane Council of Mayors: Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

Kane Council of Mayors: President John Skillman, Carpentersville

Lake Council of Mayors: President Glenn Ryback, Wadsworth

North Central Council of Mayors: President Jeffrey Sherwin, Northlake

Northwest Council of Mayors: President Karen Darch, Barrington

Northwest Council of Mayors: President Thomas Hayes, Arlington Heights

South Council of Mayors: President Michael Einhorn, Crete

South Council of Mayors: President Bob Kolosh, Thorton

Southwest Council of Mayors: President Mary Werner, Worth

Southwest Council of Mayors: President Dave Brady, Bedford Park

Staff present: Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Kama Dobbs, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Ginsberg, Linda Mastandrea, Alexis McAdams, Lily Neppl, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Yousef Salama, Elizabeth Scott, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

Others present: Leonard Cannata, Eric Czarnota, Jon Paul Diipla, John Donovan, Kendra Johnson, Michael Klemens, Heidi Lichtenberger, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Troy Simpson, Vicky Smith, Jazmin Vega, Audrey Wennink

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.01 Approval of Minutes - January 25, 2022

[22-190](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Minutes from January 25, 2022](#)

A motion was made by President Werner, seconded by President Gallagher, that the minutes from January 25, 2022 be approved. The motion passed.

3.0 New Business

3.01 CMAP Update

[22-191](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP leadership will provide an update on agency activities.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman provided an update on recent actions taken by CMAP. Ms. Aleman informed the committee that CMAP's staff is working from the office 50 percent of the time and invited committee members to come tour the office.

Ms. Aleman then reviewed progress on CMAP's legislative agenda. During their recent session, the General Assembly passed a bill requiring CMAP to work with the RTA to create a transit funding report outlining potential changes to the transit recovery ratio, sales tax, fare structure, governance policies, and other topics crucial to the long-term viability of the region's transit system. The General Assembly also temporarily paused inflation-adjustments to the state's motor fuel tax and passed a bill exempting local governments from GATA requirements for capital funds coming from IDOT. Finally, the General Assembly gave IDOT, the Tollway, and counties the ability to use design-build delivery methods for construction projects under \$400 million and allow for one-phase contracts for projects under \$12 million.

Next, Ms. Aleman gave an update on recent developments relevant to CMAP's work on fares, fines and fees. The state's earned income tax credit was recently increased from 18 percent to 20 percent and expanded to include eligible taxpayers between 18-25 and over 65, which was a recommendation of CMAP's Fares, Fines, and Fees report. The local government distributive fund was also increased from 6.06 percent to 6.16 percent.

Finally, Ms. Aleman explained that CMAP is building a team to help local governments develop ADA transition plans. This will be a ten-year program that will begin with outreach to local governments to gain a better understanding of how to best support ADA transition work.

President Einhorn asked if CMAP supported the increase in local government distributive fund. Ms. Aleman and Deputy Executive Director Laura Wilkison said they would get back with an answer. There were no other questions.

3.02 STP Project Selection Committee Update

[22-206](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on activities of the STP Project Selection Committee and present the FFY 2023 - 2027 Programming Marks for STP-Local and STP-Shared Funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [FFY2023-27 STP Marks 03212022](#)

CMAP analyst Kama Dobbs provided an update on recent work by the STP Project Selection Committee. The committee last met on February 10. At that meeting, the committee discussed eligible project types for the STP Shared Fund and conducted a reviewed of scoring criteria for additional discussion in coming months. The committee's April meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be June 23 and an additional meeting will be scheduled in July or August.

Ms. Dobbs also reported that through March, roughly \$8.5 million has been obligated for STP Shared Fund projects and over \$37 million has been obligated for STP Local projects. This is just under 20 percent of the total funding available to the region during federal fiscal year 2022.

Finally, Ms. Dobbs highlighted the Programing Marks Memo included in the agenda packet. The marks show increased funding resulting from IJA.

President Sherwin asked for more details about how CMAP is thinking about railyards in relation to STP eligibility. Ms. Dobbs explained that there has been talk about commuter railyard expansions for several years. Staff is researching how to evaluate the need and improvement from these types of projects, as well as eligibility and feasibility. The committee will continue to discuss the topic at the June meeting.

3.03 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

[22-207](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: IDOT Local Roads 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 reported that between March and September, Local Roads is targeting approximately 75 projects. The bureau is working with the planning liaisons to advance these projects. There have been no major staffing changes or other issues in recent months. There were no questions. Chair Schielke thanked IDOT for their work and acknowledged that the department has been working cooperatively and productively with the councils and local governments.

3.04 ON TO 2050 Plan Update

[22-193](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP is currently developing the federally required update to ON TO 2050 due in October 2022. Staff will present an overview of plan progress, with a focus on the schedule in future months and Regionally Significant Projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP Deputy Executive Director Yousef Salama provided an overview of the ongoing update of ON TO 2050. The plan update is intended to reaffirm ON TO 2050's vision, update and project future trends, review progress implementing the plan, and reassess the region's transportation needs. Mr. Salama reviewed the timeline for the plan update, described the various aspects of the update process, and provided a detailed explanation of the financial plan and regionally significant project (RSP) selection process. The financial plan details anticipated costs and resources related to the region's transportation system and establishes priorities for funding the transportation system. Under the proposed financial plan, the majority of available funds will go to system maintenance and operations. The plan update will use the same RSP evaluation and selection process as ON TO 2050. In total 74 projects were submitted for consideration and 13 constrained projects were selected.

Chair Schielke informed committee members that CMAP staff is available to attend meetings to discuss the plan update, and other projects, and thanked CMAP its outreach and communication efforts. President Sherwin thanked Mr. Salama for highlighting the size and scale of the region's transportation system and emphasized that it is a lot to maintain. Mr. Salama thanked the local government staff who handle all the procurement work that makes the maintenance possible. Finally, Ms. Aleman emphasized that while CMAP is updating the plan, the agency is not fully rethinking the recommendations of ON TO 2050. That will come during the development of a 2060 plan in the coming years.

3.05 Local Government Network Update

[22-194](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: CMAP staff will provide an update on recent Local Government Network initiatives.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

CMAP Associate Planner Lily Brack introduced herself as the new project manager of the Local Government Network (LGN) and provided an update on recent LGN activities. The network completed its 11th initiative

during the last quarter, which include an update of contact information for all municipalities, as well as an internal effort to identify new opportunities for the network to provide value. There were no questions.

4.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

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 public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

There were no public comments.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2022.

7.0 Adjournment