



## COUNCIL OF MAYORS

### AGENDA

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

9:30 AM

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#### 1.0 Call To Order

#### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

##### 2.01 Minutes from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee, April 18, 2023

[23-350](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Approval of minutes from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting on April 18, 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**Attachments:** [Council of Mayors minutes 2023.04.18](#)

#### 3.0 Updates

##### 3.01 CMAP update

[23-355](#)

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

##### 3.02 Transportation safety

[23-320](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide a brief update on the agency's ongoing transportation safety work.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

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- 3.03 STP Project Selection Committee** [23-321](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on activities of the STP Project Selection Committee.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 3.04 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads** [23-319](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: IDOT Local Road Staff will provide an update.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 3.05 ADA planning** [23-339](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide a brief update on the agency's ADA planning efforts.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 3.06 Local Government Network** [23-318](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on recent and upcoming Local Government Network initiatives.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 3.07 Legislative Affairs** [23-317](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on recent legislation affecting the agency and its work.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 4.0 Information Items**
- 4.01 Recommended CMAQ, CRP, TAP-L and STP Shared Fund Programs** [23-346](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: On July 13, 2023, the Project Selection Committees for STP and CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L will be meeting to discuss the staff recommended programs for the FFY 2024-2028 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction (CRP), locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) and STP Shared Fund regional transportation funding programs. It is anticipated that the Project Selection Committees will release program recommendations for a Public Comment Period from July 13 to August 11, 2023.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information  
**Attachments:** [CoMEC\(memo\) Staff Rec FFY24-28](#)
- 4.02 Regional Climate Action Planning** [23-344](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on new work kicking off in response to the USEPA's climate pollution reduction grant program.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 4.03 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)** [23-322](#)  
PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will provide an update on recent work related to the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART).  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 5.0 Other Business**

**6.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the public. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion.

**7.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023.

**8.0 Adjournment**

**COUNCIL OF MAYORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

9:30 AM

**1.0 Call To Order**

Representing agencies present:

**Central Council of Mayors:** President Jim Discipio, La Grange Park

**DuPage Council of Mayors:** President Len Austin, Clarendon Hills

**Kane Council of Mayors:** Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Batavia

**Kane Council of Mayors:** President John Skillman, Carpentersville

**Lake Council of Mayors:** Mayor Leon Rockingham, North Chicago

**Lake Council of Mayors:** President Glenn Ryback, Wadsworth

**North Central Council of Mayors:** 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:** President Karen Darch, Barrington

**Northwest Council of Mayors:** President Thomas Hayes, Arlington Heights

**Southwest Council of Mayors:** President Dave Brady, Bedford Park

**Southwest Council of Mayors:** President Mary Werner, Worth

**Will Council of Mayors:** Mayor Terry Kernc, Diamond

**Will Council of Mayors:** President Keith Ogle, Frankfort

**Staff present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Bill Barnes, Victoria Barrett, Lily Brack, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Phoebe Downey, Doug Ferguson, Timothy O'Leary, Jared Patton, Russell Pietrowiak, Elizabeth Scott, Sarah Stolpe, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

**Others present:** Zac Adelman, Zachary Braun, Lenny Cannata, Anthony Cefali, Charles Riddle, Mimi Cowan, Eric Czarnota, Rory Davis, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Scott Hennings, Mark Janssen, Kendra Johnson, Peter Kersten, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Jada Porter, Leslie Rauer, Milo Shapey, Joe Surdam, Kyle Whitehead

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

[23-207](#)

**Attachments:** [Council of Mayors EC Draft Minutes 2023.01.17](#)

*A motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting was made by President Lungmus and seconded by President Hayes. The motion was approved.*

### **3.0 Updates**

#### **3.1 Executive Director's report**

[22-438](#)

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman began her update by recognizing the passing of Western Springs mayor and Council of Mayors Executive Committee member Alice Gallagher.

Ms. Aleman then provided a brief overview of the agency's recent public opinion survey and ongoing State of the Region meetings, which are taking place throughout the region. At these meetings, CMAP shares the results of the opinion survey, discusses the Annual Report, and congratulates recipients of Regional Excellence Awards. Council of Mayors Executive Committee member Mayor Van Dusen is one of this year's award recipients.

Ms. Aleman then highlighted several key topics being discussed at today's meeting, including the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) and CMAP's legislative work.

There were no questions.

#### **3.2 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads update**

[23-164](#)

Chad Riddle of the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads provided a brief update on the Bureau's recent and upcoming work. Lettings have been consistent during the first quarter of the year. In total, 31 projects worth more than \$90 million were let. The April letting will consist of 16 projects worth \$40 million. June and August are expected to see a similar number of projects. Mr. Riddle then explained that ITEP awards were recently released.

Mayor Rockingham asked if inflation was affecting the letting process. Mr. Riddle said that most projects were coming in within the permitted range of engineer estimates.

#### **3.3 Transportation safety update**

[23-172](#)

CMAP Senior Planner Victoria Barrett began her update by providing an overview of CMAP's Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR), which encompasses all of CMAP's transportation safety work. Ms. Barrett then announced that CMAP has received a \$4.87 million planning grant to create a regional safety plan that will include county-level safety action plans. This will be a two-year project and will include some work by an external consulting team. CMAP has released an RFP (#281) for the contract and applications are due by May 5.

There were no questions.

### **3.4 Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) update**

[23-205](#)

CMAP Senior Director and Policy Advisor Laura Wilkison provided the committee with an update on the agency's partnership with RTA to create the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART). The plan will consist of three main sections: The system we want, How to implement it, and How to pay for it. Ms. Wilkison provided an overview of the topics that will be addressed in each section and explained how they will be put into action.

Mayor Rockingham emphasized that funding and ridership recovery are critical for the system's future, and that the system needs to be useful and accessible. There were no other questions or comments.

### **3.5 Local Government Network update**

[23-166](#)

CMAP Planner Lily Brack provided an update on the Local Government Network. The Network recently completed its 17th initiative, which highlighted municipal-level greenhouse gas emissions summaries and invited partners to attend a CMAP Talks webinar discussing climate action planning. The initiative also shared resources related to the Call for Projects.

The Network is currently conducting the 18th initiative, which is an effort to get better land use and zoning data for the region.

Next quarter, the Network will connect new mayors and presidents with their CMAP liaisons to ensure continued communication and resource sharing.

There were no questions.

### 3.6 Legislative Update

[22-406](#)

CMAP Senior Director and Policy Advisor Laura Wilkison gave the committee an update on the agency's recent legislative affairs work. CMAP's primary focus for this session of the General Assembly is securing funding to support implementation of the Regional Planning Act, which would allow CMAP to better fulfill its non-transportation requirements. A bill has been introduced to secure the funding with the intent of incorporate it into the FY24 budget. CMAP has created a fact sheet outlining why this funding is needed.

Mayor Van Dusen asked for the bill numbers. They are SB 1429 in the Senate and HB 4027 in the House.

Ms. Wilkison then provided a brief overview of the agency's federal work. CMAP is continuing to distribute its IJA priority booklet and is developing a process for updating and maintaining the project list.

There were no additional questions.

### 4.0

**Information items**

#### 4.1 FFY 2024 - 2028 STP Programming Marks

[23-162](#)

**Attachments:** [FFY 2024-28 STP Marks Memo 03062023](#)

CMAP Senior Analyst Russell Pietrowiak provided an overview of the STP programming marks memo. Mr. Pietrowiak explained that one-time funding increases included in the FFY 22 federal budget resulted in a higher level of STP funding for the state and region than had been previously anticipated. CMAP does not anticipate these onetime increases continuing in future years. Additionally, some funding streams that were part of the STP funding calculations are not anticipated to be part of future calculations. To account for this, CMAP decided to grow future STP programming marks in a conservative fashion using FFY 23 programming mark as a base instead of the artificially high FFY24 number provided to CMAP by IDOT and to grow the STP programming amount using the same percentage increases shown in the BIL/IJA, in future years.

There were no questions. Mayor Rockingham expressed his support for this approach.

#### **4.2 STP Project Selection Committee update and call for projects summary** [23-206](#)

CMAP Senior Analyst Kama Dobbs provided an update on the recent work of the STP Project Selection Committee. The committee has met twice since the last meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

At the January meeting, the committee approved revisions to the region's Active Program Management (APM) polices. Specifically, the committee added clarifying definitions for several terms, moved MPO Policy Committee project approvals from October to June, and ended the practice of removing projects from the program due to missed deadlines, in favor of reducing programming marks and providing greater flexibility to individual councils to determine when projects should continue.

At the April meeting, the committee received reports on the status of Shared Fund projects, a review of the regional accounting for the shared fund and local programs, and a summary of the applications received during the recently closed call for projects.

Ms. Dobb then provided an overview of CMAP's recent combined CMAQ, Carbon Reduction, STP Shared Fund and TAP-Local call for projects. The agency received 129 unique applications for all project types and is in the process of completing evaluations. Draft scores will be available in late May or early June and the staff recommended program will be presented to the project selection committees and released for public comment in early July.

There were no questions.

#### **4.3 RTA Strategic Plan: Transit is the Answer** [23-165](#)

RTA Principal Planner Peter Kersten provided an overview of the Authority's recently adopted comprehensive plan, Transit is the Answer. Mr. Kersten summarized key elements of the plan and outlined how it will be advanced during the coming years. Mr. Kersten specifically highlighted the challenge posed by the upcoming fiscal cliff and the importance of overcoming the crisis while maintaining high quality service. To accomplish this, the RTA has created an Agenda for Advocacy and Action, which focusses on long- and short-term approaches for securing the future of transit, including sustainable funding, coalition building, and improving the transit system, among others. Finally, Mr. Kersten explained how the RTA will track progress towards plan implementation.

#### **4.4 Air Quality (Ozone) Work and Research by the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO).** [23-203](#)

Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO) Executive Director Zac Adelman provided an overview of LADCO's role in the Great Lakes region and detailed some of the air quality challenges facing northeastern Illinois.

Mr. Adelman began his presentation by explaining the history of LADCO, which was created in 1989 to serve as a forum for regional coordination around air pollution issues. LADCO has three primary functions: facilitating coordination, modeling air pollution, and providing training.

Mr. Adelman then gave a detailed overview of air pollution in the region. Ground level ozone is currently the region's greatest air quality challenge, though localized hotspots for other pollutants do exist. Mr. Adelman also explained that the region may be reclassified as non-attaining for particulate matter pollution (PM 2.5) in the coming years. Mr. Adelman concluded his presentation by



highlighting past successes in air quality improvements and previewing some of the ways pollution can be improved moving forward.

There were no questions. Mayor Rockingham emphasized that this work is important for the region's future.

#### **5.0 Other Business**

Mayor Rockingham encouraged committee members traveling to Springfield for lobby day to remember regional issues when meeting with legislators, and specifically highlighted CMAP's funding request and transportation safety work as important topics to discuss.

#### **6.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **7.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in-person at CMAP's office on July 18, 2023.

#### **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Council of Mayors Executive Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** July 11, 2023

**Subject:** Staff Recommended FFY 2024 - 2028 CMAQ, Carbon Reduction, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund Programs for Public Comment

**Purpose:** On July 13, 2023, the Project Selection Committees for STP and CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L will be meeting to discuss the staff recommended programs for the FFY 2024-2028 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction (CRP), locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) and STP Shared Fund regional transportation funding programs. It is anticipated that the Project Selection Committees will release program recommendations for a Public Comment Period from July 13 to August 11, 2023.

**Action Requested:** Information

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A joint call for projects was issued in January 2023 for the FFY 2024 – 2028 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, FFY 2024 - 2028 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). A total of 129 applications were received across all four funding programs. Staff evaluated the applications according to the methodologies approved by the respective project selection committees (PSCs) contained in the application booklets published with the [call for projects](#) to determine eligibility for funding and final scores. Staff then developed recommended programs of projects to be funded with each fund source. These programs will be reviewed by the PSCs on July 13, 2023 and released for public comment through August 11, 2023.

This memo contains an overview of the staff recommended programs to be considered by the PSCs and links to detailed documentation for the committee's information. Committee members are encouraged to discuss the proposed programs with their councils and interested constituents and submit comments to staff. Following the public comment period, the PSCs will consider comments and any recommended changes to the programs and are scheduled to consider final approval on August 31, 2023. Following PSC approvals, staff will prepare TIP amendments reflecting the approved programs for consideration by the Transportation Committee on September 22, 2023 for a recommendation that the CMAP Board and MPO

Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments containing the approved programs at their joint meeting on October 11, 2023.

Combined Transportation Investments

Within the three funding programs, over \$593 million is recommended to fund more than 65 bicycle and pedestrian, bridge, emissions reduction, highway, and transit projects throughout northeastern Illinois:

<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Proposed Projects</b>	<b>Proposed Funding</b>
Access to Transit	6	\$2,563,641
Bicycle Facilities	19	\$98,537,664
Bike/Ped Barrier Elimination	1	\$2,033,824
Bridge Repair/Rehab	1	\$20,000,000
Direct Emissions Reduction	3	\$238,347,815
Intersection Improvement	1	\$9,568,320
Other	2	\$4,626,164
Rail-Highway Grade Separation	3	\$16,465,715
Road Expansion	5	\$20,290,111
Road Reconstruction	6	\$38,540,624
Safety	3	\$2,769,911
Signal Interconnect	12	\$4,645,312
Transit Facility Improvement	4	\$135,137,334
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$593,526,435</b>

These recommended projects are from a variety of project sponsors:

<b>Sponsor Group</b>	<b>Proposed Projects</b>	<b>Proposed Funding</b>
Chicago	4	\$97,300,000
Counties	10	\$48,310,300
IDOT	12	\$7,410,164
Mayors/Other Local	36	\$90,940,822
Transit Service Boards	4	\$349,565,149
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$593,526,435</b>

The recommended programs include nearly \$335 million for 17 projects located in the region’s highest need (Cohort 4) communities.

### FFY 2024 – 2028 CMAQ/CRP/TAP-L Program

Ninety-one (91) unique applications ([CMAQ/CRP](#) and [TAP-L](#)) were submitted for funding consideration under the CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L programs.

CMAQ/CRP applications were evaluated for their air quality benefits, transportation impact, and equity to develop a [staff recommended program](#) that includes \$399.5 million for 30 projects, of which two (2) are bicycle facilities, sixteen (16) are highway projects, and twelve (12) are transit projects. The transit projects account for 92% of the programmed funds (\$375M). Two (2) of the transit projects will be funded at 100% using Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) and four (4) projects will be funded at 100% using Transportation Development Credits -Highways (TDCHs), including one (1) project that received funding for phase 1 engineering only.

TAP-L applications were evaluated for their ability to help complete the Regional Greenways & Trails Plan as well as encourage non-motorized transportation and equity.

The [staff recommended program](#) includes \$93.7 million for 17 bicycle facility projects that will further completion of the Regional Greenways & Trails Plan. Five (5) of the projects will be funded at 100% using Transportation Development Credits - Highways (TDCHs), including three (3) projects that received funding for phase 1 engineering only.

### FFY 2024 – 2028 STP Shared Fund Programs

Staff reviewed 60 [applications](#) for compliance with the program's eligibility rules and determined that eleven (11) ineligible projects would be eliminated from further consideration. Because shared fund applicants have the option of requesting consideration in more than one of nine (9) project type categories, staff conducted 80 evaluations of the 49 eligible projects, to determine the highest score for each project in the categories it was eligible for. During this step of the evaluation process, seven (7) projects were eliminated from consideration because they did not meet the minimum need threshold(s) in the category or categories that they requested consideration under. Details of the evaluation process are described in a [memo](#) to the STP PSC.

In addition to the ten (10) projects currently programmed in FFYs 2024 – 2026, the recommended [Active Program](#) includes \$20.2 million for cost increases for two (2) existing projects in FFY 2024, \$14.9 million for nine (9) new projects in FFYs 2025 and 2026, and \$65 million for eight (8) new projects in FFYs 2027 and 2028. \$40 million is recommended for two (2) projects located within the City of Chicago, \$33.6 million for nine (9) projects within suburban Cook County, and \$26.5 million for eight (8) within the collar counties. Over \$20 million is proposed for six (6) projects in communities with the highest need (Cohort 4), including \$1.7 million in Transportation Development Credits and \$4.8 million for phase 1 engineering only. One-third of the projects recommended (7 of 19) are within municipalities with populations of less than 25,000. The facilities selected serve over 19.7 million jobs and households combined. More than one-third of the projects improve facilities where more than 10% of the users are minorities below the poverty line. All recommended projects include complete streets elements or are within jurisdictions with complete streets policies. Of the projects evaluated for resilience, three (3) of seventeen (17) have policies in place, and thirteen (13) included resilience elements in the project scope. Eight (8) of the sixteen (16) projects

evaluated for freight impacts are within jurisdictions with freight supportive policies and procedures and six (6) projects are located on a regional freight network.

All eligible projects that applied for the STP Shared Fund that were not recommended for full funding through the Shared Fund, CMAQ, CRP, TAP-L or other programs (such as ITEP and RAISE) are recommended by staff for inclusion in the staff recommended [Contingency Program](#), where they may be considered for funding that becomes available through September 30, 2025 according to the region's [Active Program Management](#) policies. More detailed listings of final project scores and recommended funding can be found on the call for projects [web page](#) in both PDF and Excel format.

#### Next Steps

Following the public comment period (July 13 through August 11, 2023), staff will present a summary of comments and any recommended changes to the programs to the respective PSCs on August 31, 2023. Upon approval of final programs by those committees, TIP amendments will be prepared for consideration by the Transportation Committee on September 22, 2023 for a recommendation that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approve the TIP amendments containing the approved programs at their joint meeting on October 11, 2023.