



STP PROJECT SELECTION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Thursday, May 14, 2026

9:30 AM

Cook County Conference Room
433 West Van Buren Street, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607

1.0 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dobbs at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Grant Davis, Jeffery Schielke, Kama Dobbs and Mark Kuchler

Absent: Anne Zhang and Leon Rockingham

Non-Voting: Jon Paul Diipla, Tara Orbon, Chad Riddle and RTA Representative

Absent (NV): Mark Kane

Mark Pitstick served as the RTA representative.

Staff Present: Victoria Barrett, Marielle Brown, Phoebe Downey, Alyson Dressman, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Jon Haadsma, Hayden Horton, Aimee Lee, Martin Menninger, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, George Rivera, Charlie Rotering, and Sarah Stolpe

Others Present: Eric Czarnota, Rithvika Dara, Dawn Dina, Dan Forbush, Gretchen Klock, David Kovarik, Brian Larson, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Leslie Rauer, Tom Rickert, Chris Schmidt, Todd Schmidt, Joe Surdam

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Draft meeting minutes from March 26, 2026

[26-122](#)

Attachments: [March 26 STP PSC Draft Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Jeffrey Schielke, seconded by Mark Kuchler, to approve the minutes from March 26, 2026, as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4.0 Active Program Management Reports

4.01 Shared Fund Status Updates

[26-123](#)

Attachments: [STP-SF Active Program May2026](#)
[STP-SF Contingency Program May2026](#)

CMAF staff Jon Haadsma provided highlights of the attached status reports.

4.02 Regional Accounting Update [26-124](#)

CMAF staff Jon Haadsma provided a summary of the STP obligations from both the Shared Fund and local programs, highlighting progress on regional obligations and the use of redistribution.

5.0 FFY 2028-2032 STP-SF Program Development**5.01 Resilience planning factor** [26-132](#)

Attachments: [STP PSC Resilience Memo 5-14-26](#)

CMAF Staff Kate Evasic presented recommendations for changes to the resilience planning factor in the STP-SF project selection methodology to align scoring criterion with the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan.

Grant Davis expressed concerns that the proposed changes would favor rural projects in scoring. Tara Orbon agreed that the proposed changes may make urban projects less competitive.

CMAF Staff Evasic stated that the "Need" scoring factor included in the proposed changes may mitigate these concerns. Evasic will return to a future meeting with more specific recommendations and examples.

5.02 Safety - Corridor & Small Area Safety Improvements [26-131](#)

Attachments: [STPPSC MethodologyMemo Safety 05-14-26](#)

CMAF Staff Alyson Dressman presented recommended changes to the STP-SF evaluation methodology to incorporate the completed county safety action plans and better align with the Safe Systems Approach.

Mark Pitstick stated that the proposed changes were reasonable and more proactive.

Tara Orbon asked if existing safety elements would be incorporated into project scoring. Dressman clarified that the proposed scoring is based on added safety elements.

6.0 Other Business

Chair Dobbs announced the retirement of RTA Representative Mark Pitstick.

7.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2026.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. was made by Jeffery Schielke and seconded by Mark Kuchler. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes prepared by Hayden Horton.