

**CMAQ, CRP & TAP-L PROJECT SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Thursday, March 26, 2026

11:00 AM

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

1.0 Call To Order

Chair Doug Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Present: Douglas Ferguson, Grant Davis, Gabe Desmond, Mark Pitstick, Tom Rickert and Chris Schmidt

Absent: Dave Brady

Non-Voting: Jon Paul Diipla

Absent (NV): Mark Kane

Staff present: Victoria Barrett, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Alyson Dressman, Jon Haadsma, Hayden Horton, Aimee Lee, Jen Miller, Richard Norwood, George Rivera, Sarah Stolpe

Others present: David Kovarik, Megan Swanson, Michael Weiser

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Ferguson welcomed Gabe Desmond as the new Illinois EPA representative on the committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

3.01 Draft Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2026

[26-074](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Draft MeetingMinutes 02052026](#)

A motion was made by Chris Schmidt, seconded by Tom Rickert, that the draft minutes from the February 5, 2026 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.01 Project Programming Status Sheets

[26-075](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [CMAQ Programming Sheet 031926](#)
[CMAQ Deferred Programming Sheet 031926](#)
[TAP-L Programming Sheet 031926](#)
[CRP Programming Sheet 031926](#)

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming status sheets.

4.02 CMAQ Programming Summary and Obligation Goal [26-076](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Attachments: [FFY26 ob goal table 20260326](#)

Chair Ferguson provided a summary of the programming summary and obligations.

5.0 Project Changes

5.01 Project Change Request Memo [26-077](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [Project Change Memo Formal Requests 03262026](#)

Jonathan Haadsma provided an overview of the requested changes.

Approval of the Group Vote

A motion was made by Tom Rickert, seconded by Grant Davis, that the project change requests in items 5.01.1 through 5.01.7 be approved as requested. Following discussion of the individual requests, the motion carried by voice vote.

5.01.1 CDOT - Arterial VMS Traveler Information System (01-12-0002) [26-078](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a reinstatement of \$1,313,000 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2027.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [01-12-0002 Schedule-Change-Request](#)
[01-12-0002 Scope-Change-Request](#)
[Detection&PCMS Combined Budget](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.2 CDOT - Arterial Detection System Improvements (01-12-0005) [26-079](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a reinstatement of \$975,200 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2027.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [01-12-0005 CMAQ-Schedule-Change-Request](#)
[01-12-0005 Scope-Change-Request](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.3 CDOT - Chicago Streets for Cycling (01-94-0092) [26-080](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a reinstatement of \$3,296,000 CMAQ in FFY 2026 from construction and a transfer of \$2,400,000 CMAQ from construction to preliminary engineering in FFY 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [01-94-0092 CMAQ-Cost-Change-Request Chicago Streets for Cycling Location List](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.4 Mount Prospect - Algonquin Road Bike Path (03-21-0007)

[26-081](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a transfer of \$53,843 CMAQ from engineering 2 to right-of-way, a schedule change to move construction from FFY 2026 to FFY 2027, and a cost increase of \$1,668,022 CMAQ for construction and construction engineering.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [03-21-0007 Mount Prospect Change Request](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.5 Alsip Park District - Cal-Sag Multi-Use Greenway (06-06-0061)

[26-082](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a cost increase of \$547,000 CMAQ for engineering 2 in FFY 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [06-06-0061 CMAQ Cost-Change-Request](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.6 Lake Co DOT - Deerfield Road from Milwaukee Ave to Saunders Road (10-03-0005)

[26-083](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a cost increase of \$591,661 TAP-L for construction in FFY 2026 and \$4,263,486 CMAQ for construction in FFY 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [10-03-0005 Cost-Change-Request Signal Interconnect + Intersection](#)
[10-03-0005 CMAQ-Cost-Change-Request Bike Path](#)
[Deerfield Road Funding-Breakdown 2026-03-09](#)

The agenda item was approved.

5.01.7 Harvard - Access to Transit (11-25-0021)

[26-090](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: The sponsor requests a schedule advancement of engineering 2 from FFY 2029 to FFY 2028.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachments: [11-25-0021 Schedule Change Request](#)

The agenda item was approved.

6.0 FFY 2028-2032 CMAQ and TAP-L Program Development

6.01 Highway Transportation Improvement Criteria - Safety

[26-088](#)

PURPOSE & ACTION: Staff will update the committee on the work of the county safety action plans in advance of making recommendations for changes to the safety evaluation and scoring of highway applications.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Attachments: [PSC\(MemoSafety\)03-26-26](#)

CMAQ staff Vickie Barrett shared updates and findings from CMAP's Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program. Barrett noted that county safety action plans have been adopted and the next step is to use the plans to inform other work that CMAP is doing, including the work of the project selection committee. Discussion of the plans and opportunities for applying the findings to the project selection methodology occurred. Discussion of staff recommendations for modifying scoring criteria is anticipated at the committee's next meeting.

7.0 Other Business

Mark Pistick provided an update on CMAQ funded Regional Transit Signal Priority Integration Plan (TIP 13-12-0002) and Improvements to Priority Interagency Transit Transfer Locations-Signage Program (TIP 13-12-0005). Working with the FTA, RTA has closed out the grants for those projects and individual grants with the unexpended funds will be created with the appropriate service boards to complete the projects.

8.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience.

Michael Weiser with the Commuter Cars Corporation, provided a comment on ultra-compact electric vehicles and ask for committee consideration of vehicle width and spatial efficiency in future CMAQ criteria and to explore thin-mobility deployment pilot programs.

Jeannette Huber with the Alsip Park District thanked the Committee for all its work and its support of the Cal-Sag Trail.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Grant Davis, seconded by Gabe Desmond, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Douglas Ferguson