

**BYLAWS OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY
COMMITTEE**

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The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee is an entity whose principal interests and activities concern themselves with transportation planning in the seven northeastern counties of Illinois, namely, Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties; Aux Sable township in Grundy County; and Sandwich and Somonauk townships in DeKalb County. The MPO Policy Committee aspires to achieve consensus on regional transportation planning decisions and commits to an open, transparent process in conducting its work. The following are its bylaws:

Organization and Membership

The MPO Policy Committee shall be made up of one member each from the following named agencies, or groups, except for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) which shall have two members, plus such other parties as the MPO Policy Committee may from time to time elect to membership under the provisions of these bylaws.

Voting Members

Council of Mayors	Will County
Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	Kane County
Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)	Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Commuter Rail Division of the NITARTA (Metra)	Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Cook County
DuPage County	Lake County
Suburban Bus Division of the NITARTA (Pace)	McHenry County
Kendall County	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

The Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Railroad Companies (Class I) participate as members in an advisory and non-voting capacity.

New members may be admitted to membership upon written application to the Chairman of the MPO Policy Committee, and the affirmative vote of 11 members thereof taken at a regular meeting of the MPO Policy Committee.

Function of the MPO Policy Committee

The MPO Policy Committee shall appoint such standing or special committees as it may, from time to time, deem necessary or expedient.

The MPO Policy Committee shall consider and act upon transportation matters presented by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, any agency of the State of Illinois, the federal government, any county, the Council of Mayors, any unit of local government, any planning agency, the NITARTA or any operator, public or private.

Bylaws

The MPO Policy Committee shall function under and pursuant to these bylaws.

These bylaws may be amended, by an affirmative vote of 11 members of the MPO Policy Committee, after 30 days written notice thereof to the MPO Policy Committee membership.

The written notice of any such amendments shall incorporate an exact statement of changes proposed in existing bylaws, and shall specifically identify the bylaw to be amended.

These bylaws must be reviewed after each decennial U.S. Census, but the MPO Policy Committee may also choose to review these bylaws more frequently.

Officers

The MPO Policy Committee shall have three officers - a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

The Illinois Secretary of Transportation shall be permanent Chairman of the MPO Policy Committee.

The MPO Policy Committee shall designate a member of the CMAP staff as Secretary of the MPO Policy Committee.

The Vice-Chairman shall be elected ~~annually~~ biennially in October of each year by those members, or alternates, of the MPO Policy Committee in attendance at any meeting that month whose call and agenda shall have given notice to the full membership that an election of officers would be held at that time and place. The term of the Vice-Chairman shall commence on January 1 of the year following that election, and shall terminate on ~~the following~~ December 31 of the second year thereafter. The Vice-Chairman shall hold office until a successor is elected.

If the office of the Vice-Chairman shall become vacant during the year, a special election shall be held to fill any vacancy at the next meeting of the MPO Policy Committee. The call and agenda of any meeting which shall include a special election shall give due notice to all the membership that a special

election would be held at that time and place. The election shall be by those members, or alternates, in attendance at that meeting.

Each second year during June, after notice to the membership in the call and agenda of a particular meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a subcommittee of five members of the MPO Policy Committee to nominate at a meeting in October of that year, the name or names of candidates for election to the office of Vice- Chairman of the MPO Policy Committee for the upcoming two year term following year.

The members of the Nominating Committee, so appointed, shall be as follows:

- (1) One member representing a municipal government or municipal corporation;
- (2) One member representing a highway or roads administration;
- (3) One member representing a public transportation agency or other transportation provider;
- (4) One member representing the regional planning agency.
- (5) One member representing county government

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall have and exercise all powers customary to those offices. The Vice-Chairman shall chair meetings of the MPO Policy Committee in the absence of the Chairman, and shall exercise the powers of the Chairman during any times that the office of Secretary of Transportation is temporarily vacant.

By whatever means are convenient, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall regularly consult with each other prior to any meetings of the MPO Policy Committee. Acting through CMAP staff, they shall jointly be responsible for the preparation and distribution of meeting notices and agendas.

In any case where the Chairman is called upon to sign documents in both his official capacity as Secretary of Transportation, and as Chairman of the MPO Policy Committee, the Vice-Chairman shall sign on behalf of the MPO Policy Committee.

Meetings

The MPO Policy Committee shall meet four times a year on the second Thursday of January, March, June and October.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, or by three members of the MPO Policy Committee, upon written notice in either case to all members of the MPO Policy Committee.

Written notices of regular and special meetings must specify the time, date and place of any such meetings, and must be delivered to the voting membership of the MPO Policy Committee at least seven days before any meeting. Copies of agendas for any meeting, together with supporting papers, must be delivered to voting members at least three working days before any meeting.

Bonafide emergency meetings may be required. They shall be convened at the call of the Chairman. Public notice of such meetings shall be given as soon as practicable, but in any event, prior to the meeting.

The Chairman, in consultation with the Vice-Chairman, may postpone a regularly scheduled meeting of the MPO Policy Committee for up to 30 days.

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings of the MPO Policy Committee.

Consent Agenda

- A. At any meeting, the MPO Policy Committee may, by unanimous consent, take a single vote on the several questions of the passage of any two or more of the designated ordinances, orders, resolutions, or motions placed together for voting purposes in a single group (the "Consent Agenda"). The Chairman may, but is not required to, submit a Consent Agenda to be considered by the MPO Policy Committee at each MPO Policy Committee meeting. The Consent Agenda may contain (1) all matters deemed by the Chairman to be of a noncontroversial nature and (2) all matters on which the MPO Policy Committee has previously issued a preliminary favorable vote or recommendation.
- B. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the MPO Policy Committee meeting by the request of any one member. Upon removal, the item will be considered and voted upon separately.
- C. A single vote on the Consent Agenda shall be deemed in compliance with all requirements of law for all intents and purposes as if the vote in each case had been taken separately for each individual item on the Consent Agenda. Members voting on the Consent Agenda may state those specific items for which they vote nay, or abstain.

Quorum

A quorum of the MPO Policy Committee shall be 10 persons.

Voting Membership

Each agency or group having MPO Policy Committee membership shall have one vote, except for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which shall have two votes. The interests of each agency, or group, shall be voted by the person(s), or alternate(s), designated to vote the interests of that agency or group. The Chairman, or ~~his~~their alternate, shall vote the interest of Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Prior to January 1 of each year, all agencies or groups having MPO Policy Committee membership shall designate, in writing, the name of the member, and alternates, who shall be empowered to cast its vote at MPO Policy Committee during the ensuing calendar year. Only those persons so designated, or such persons who may be appointed to fill membership or alternate positions made vacant during the year, may cast a vote on behalf of their respective agency or group. When necessary an MPO Policy Committee member agency may designate, for a specific meeting a representative upon written authorization of the member.

Committees

Committees, subcommittees, task forces, or other advisory bodies of the MPO Policy Committee shall be formed, and their membership established, by a simple majority vote of the MPO Policy Committee.

At the time any such body is established, the MPO Policy Committee shall establish the number of members thereof and the lengths of their terms, and shall define their duties and responsibilities in writing.

The Transportation Committee is established as a standing committee of the MPO Policy Committee. It shall review recommendations and policy decisions intended for MPO Policy Committee review, approval, or other action. In reviewing all such matters, the Transportation Committee shall act with reasonable dispatch, and shall, in each case, report to the MPO Policy Committee whatever actions, if any, it has taken in respect to such matters, and report any recommendations for approval. The MPO Policy Committee shall jointly determine the structure and member organizations of the Transportation Committee with the CMAP Board. The Transportation Committee shall fulfill duties outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CMAP and the MPO Policy Committee.

Unless otherwise directed by the MPO Policy Committee, all recommendations and policy decisions of any committee, subcommittee, task forces, or other advisory body intended for MPO Policy Committee review, approval, or other action shall be referred to the Transportation Committee for consideration and such other action as the Transportation Committee may determine. In reviewing all such matters, the Transportation Committee shall act with reasonable dispatch, and shall, in each case, report to

the MPO Policy Committee whatever actions, if any, it has taken in respect to such matters, and report any recommendations for approval. None of the provisions in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict the ability of the MPO Policy Committee to approve, disapprove, or take any other action independent of prior consideration by the Transportation Committee or any other committee, subcommittee, task force, or other advisory body.

Membership on Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning Board

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO Policy Committee and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), re-affirmed on October 9, 2024, the MPO Policy Committee hereby appoints the Executive Director of the NITA, or their designee, as the MPO Policy Committee's non-voting representative to the CMAP Board.

As revised by the MPO Policy Committee
~~October-January 11~~, ~~2017~~, ~~2027~~6

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