



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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**Members Present:** Richard Reinbold–Chair (CMAP Board), Sheri Cohen (Human and Community Development), Jason Keller (Economic Development), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources), Christopher Snyder (Transportation), Frank Beal (CMAP Board), Nancy Firfer (Housing and Land Use) Stephane Phifer (Staff Liaison), Katie Piotrowska (Assistant Staff Liaison)

**Staff Present:** Anthony Cefali, Alison Case, Elizabeth Scott, Erin Aleman, Gordon Smith, Jason Navota, Kathleen Lane, Laura Wilkison, Ryan Thompto, Simone Weil, Stephanie Levine, Teri Dixon, Tim McMahon, Tony Manno

**Others Present:** Jackie Forbes (Kane County DOT), Leslie Phemister (Active Transportation Alliance), Mike Klemens (Lake County Council of Mayors), Troy Simpson (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors), Joe Surdam (Lake County Division of Transportation), Elaine Bottomley (Will County Governmental League), Diane Gormely-Barnes (HNTB), Daniel Maziarz

**1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Richard Reinbold.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. Stephane Phifer gave an overview of meeting procedures.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes was entertained by Frank Beal and seconded by Sean Wiedel. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**4.0 CMAP Board Meeting Updates**

CMAP's Executive Director, Erin Aleman, discussed the Agency's approach to equity in external project engagement, internal diversity and inclusion initiatives, and continued efforts to provide technical assistance to low-capacity communities.

## **5.0 Berkley Prairie Path and Taft Ave Corridor Plan (2020.803)**

CMAP's Senior Planner, Tony Manno, and Associate Planner, Katie Piotrowska, presented an overview of the Prairie Path and Taft Avenue Corridor Plan, and highlighted the planning process to date. This LTA project is a joint effort with the Villages of Berkeley and Hillside, and the Berkeley Park District, and focuses on increasing pedestrian and bicycle traffic along the path, attracting businesses to the area, and enhancing parks and open space for residents and path users. The project team presented an overview of the study area's existing conditions, and detailed some of the engagement efforts to date. Following the presentation, the committee and staff discussed what efforts have been taken to bring in the views of underrepresented groups, what steps can be taken towards funding proposed improvements, and general implementation once the plan is completed.

## **6.0 Equitable Engagement Program (2021.056)**

CMAP's Principle Policy Analyst, Elizabeth Scott, and Senior Policy Analyst, Ryan Thompto, provided an overview of the Equitable Engagement Program, including its goals and upcoming activities. The goal of the project is to improve CMAP's ability to identify, recruit, and sustain engagement from a greater number of non-profit and grassroots partners that are representative of the region's diversity, and meaningfully engage with people who have historically not been at our decision-making tables. At their March meeting, the CMAP Board approved a consultant contract for the Equitable Engagement Program. Following the presentation, staff and committee members discussed potential partners for this work, as well as future capacity building and educational activities that could be beneficial to regional partners.

## **7.0 Committee Updates and Discussion**

A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had been distributed via email. Committee members discussed recent activities in their working committees, including discussions about the region's housing needs and equity.

## **8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

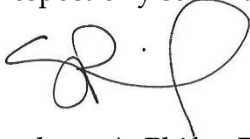
## **10.0 Next Meeting**

The Coordinating Committee will meet next on June 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

## 11.0 Adjournment

At 9:00 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Phifer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephane A. Phifer, Deputy Executive  
Director of Planning

*Approved as presented, by roll call vote,  
June 9th, 2021*