



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

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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**Members Present:** Richard Reinbold–Chair (CMAP Board), Matthew Brolley (CMAP Board), Diane Williams (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:** Amy McEwan, Anthony Cefali, Gordon Smith, Jason Navota, Kathleen Lane, Laura Wilkison, Michael Brown, Stephanie Levine, Teri Dixon, Tim McMahon, Victoria Jacobsen, Angela Manning-Hardimon

**Others Present:** Jackie Forbes (Kane County DOT), Leslie Phemister (Active Transportation Alliance), Mike Klemens (Lake County Council of Mayors), Noah Jones (Kane County), Tom Kelso (IDOT), Troy Simpson (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors)

**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 – November 18, 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**4.0 FY 2022 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Admin, Angela Manning- Hardimon, provided an overview of the proposed FY 2022 Unified Work Program budget. This year the UWP budget was developed on an accelerated schedule, so that a final UWP Program can be provided to IDOT by April 1, 2021. Due to the accelerated UWP schedule, the

pandemic's impact on local budgets, and the request to spend funds more efficiently and move away from a 5-year agreement, the UWP Committee voted to pause the Competitive program and only conduct a Core program this year. Ms. Manning- Hardimon explained that the Competitive program will be evaluated over the remainder of the current fiscal year to develop a program that incorporates stronger performance measures and more efficient expenditures of resources. On January 13, 2021, the UWP Committee approved funding levels for the core proposals.

CMAP sought approval of the FY2022 Unified Work Program from the Coordinating Committee before the recommendation is taken to the CMAP Board at their March meeting. A motion to approve the FY2022 Unified Work Program by the Coordinating Committee was made by Sean Wiedel and seconded by Chris Snyder. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **5.0 Mobility Recovery**

Deputy Executive Director of Plan Implementation and Legislative Affairs, Laura Wilkison, presented an overview of the agency's upcoming Mobility Recovery Work. A team of consultants, made up of AECOM, TranSmart/EJM and the Center for Neighborhood Technology, has been selected to help CMAP understand the impacts of the COVID crisis on our mobility systems. The team will also develop an actionable plan to keep the region on track to meet the goals of ON TO 2050. The work will look to mitigate a likely rebound in congestion, sustain the transit system beyond the recovery phase, and increase the overall resilience of the region's multimodal transportation system.

Following the presentation the committee discussed mobility concerns in their organizations and communities. Diane Williams stated that the increase in logistics and distribution centers, and its impact on future truck traffic congestion is a concern for the South suburbs. Diane Williams also stated that the Fare Transit South Cook pilot program could have a positive impact on making transit a more attractive transportation option for commuters. Frank Beal asked when results of the Mobility Recovery work are expected, to which Laura Wilkison responded that it will be a dynamic process that will identify trends on an ongoing basis. In the near term the work will focus on policy and financial sustainability. The contract for this work is in effect through October 2022, because pieces of the work will be incorporated into the ON TO 2050 plan update. Sean Wiedel asked how mobility recovery relates to the topic of transportation safety. Laura Wilkison responded that there are connections between the two topics, and CMAP will examine them comprehensively. For example, by looking at how to increase mobility and reduce fatalities. Chair Richard Reinbold asked if the term mobility also includes bicycle and pedestrian mobility, to which Laura Wilkison responded that specific tasks of the mobility recovery work focus on pedestrian and bicycle mobility, which has increased as a result of the pandemic. Chris Snyder asked how CMAP's mobility recovery work compares with efforts taken on by the service boards. Laura Wilkison responded that CMAP is working very closely with the RTA, and is trying to seamlessly link up CMAP's work with RTA's initiatives.

## **6.0 Safety Planning and Capacity Building Assistance**

CMAP staff provided an overview of CMAP's and RTA's joint Call for Planning Assistance. This year's call focuses on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and aims to build municipal capacity by providing technical assistance to high and very high need communities. Staff provided an overview of the technical assistance offerings, which include local safety planning and three new programs launched under the Embedded Staff Planner (ESP) Program. The call closed last week, and staff stated that CMAP and RTA received a good response from high and very high need communities. Staff also summarized recent activities of the ESP supported by the MacArthur Foundation. These activities include prioritizing and advancing recommendations of approved CMAP plans, building municipal capacity in grant readiness, and helping a consortium of communities address public space innovations.

Following the presentation Chair Richard Reinbold requested that CMAP staff create a list of the types of assistance being offered through the ESP, along with the appropriate contact people. Chris Snyder stated that Counties can be an important partner to low capacity communities. Chair Richard Reinbold also discussed the importance of embedded planners as a resource for capacity constrained communities and ways to get the information about CMAP assistance out to communities.

## **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. There were no questions from Committee members.

## **8.0 Other Business**

Chris Snyder asked if the Mobility Recovery presentation could be shared with the Committee members, and Diane Williams asked that the Safety Planning and Capacity Building Assistance presentation be shared with Committee members. CMAP staff will share the presentations with the Committee.

## **9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

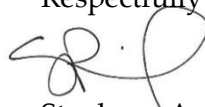
## **10.0 Next Meeting**

The Coordinating Committee will meet next on April 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

At 9:00 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephane A. Phifer, Deputy Executive  
Director of Planning