



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chair, Rocco Zuccherro, Chair – Illinois Tollway, Chris Snyder, Vice-Chair – DuPage County, Darwin Burkhart – Illinois EPA (via phone), Brian Carlson – IDOT D1, Kevin Carrier- Lake County, Mike Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Tony Greep – FTA, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Chris Hiebert – SEWRPC, Elizabeth Irvin – CNT, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Jessica Ortega – Bike/Ped Task Force, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, P.S. Sriraj – Academic and Research, Audrey Wennink – MPC

**Staff Present:** Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Sarah Buchhorn, Anthony Cefali, David Clark, Aidan Dixon, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Brittaney Harkness, Craig Heither, Lindsay Hollander, Leroy Kos, Kathy Lane, Stephanie Levine, Jen Maddux, Patty Mangano, Tony Manno, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Russell Pietrowiak, Greta Ritzenthaler, Jeff Schnobrich, Liz Schuh, Tung Truong, Simone Weil

**Others Present:** Noel Basquin, Elaine Bottomley, Baird Bream, Jack Cruikshank, Karen Darch, Emily Daucher, Tatiana Jane, Randall Jessen, Kendra Johnson, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Wayne Miczek, Lorri Newson, Kelsey Passi, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Shane Schneider, Troy Simpson, Scott Threewitt, Brian Umbrecht

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Zuccherro.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2019 meeting, amended to change the text of the last sentence of item 6.0, made by Ms. Orbon, and seconded by Mr. Rickert, carried.

#### **4.0 Committee Reports**

Mr. Navota provided a report about the September 11, 2019 Coordinating Committee meetings. A written summary of recent CMAP committee activities was included in the meeting materials.

#### **5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

##### **5.1 Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 19-08 was published to the eTIP website on September 13, 2019 for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments 19-08.1 and 19-08.2 were posted for information. A memo summarizing the formal TIP amendment 19-08 and administrative amendments 19-08.1 and 19.08.2 was included in the packet. A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 19-08, made by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Mr. Seglin carried.

##### **5.2 Semi-Annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**

Mr. Kos reported that the ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment was subject to a 30-day public comment period from August 2 – September 2, 2019. A motion to approve the semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity analysis and TIP amendment 19-09 made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Ms. Snorden, carried.

#### **6.0 FFY 2020 – 2024 STP-Shared Fund, FFY 2020 – 2024 CMAQ, and FFY 2020 – 2022 TAP-Local Program Development**

##### **6.1 FFY 2020-2024 STP-Shared Fund Program**

Ms. Dobbs summarized the program development process and the recommended program of projects.

Mr. Seglin acknowledged the work put into this program by CMAP staff, the Council of Mayors, the STP Project Selection Committee, and all agencies involved. Mr. Seglin stated that a lot of hard work also lays ahead. Mr. Seglin stated that the City of Chicago saw issues with the recommended program and the process used to develop it. He stated that since this was the first round of the program, there were bound to be issues needing to be addressed and the City looks forward to continuing cooperative work with the Council of Mayors, CMAP and the other agencies to evaluate the process and make improvements where needed. Finally, Mr. Seglin stated that the process, while flawed, was negotiated in good faith by all parties in order to achieve a fair and equitable program.

Ms. Dobbs stated that CMAP staff and the STP Project Selection Committee are committed to evaluating the entire program development process, and a schedule for addressing each component prior to the next call has already been laid out.

Mr. Rickert stated that the first round of this program development process indeed took a lot of work, and he thanked CMAP staff and the STP Project Selection Committee. Mr. Rickert stated that the concept of partial funding is an important aspect to consider in evaluating the program development process. Finally, Mr. Rickert proposed that the bonus points allocation component should also be evaluated.

A motion to recommend approval of the proposed program and TIP amendment 20-21.1 to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Mr. Kralik, carried.

#### 6.2 FFY 2020-2024 CMAQ and FFY 2020-2022 TAP-L Programs

Mr. Ferguson summarized the program development process and the recommended program of projects.

A motion to recommend approval of the proposed programs and TIP amendments 20-21.2, and 20-21.3 to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mr. Rickert, carried.

### 7.0 RTA 5310 Program

Ms. Newson provided an overview of the RTA's Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and People with Disabilities – program. RTA released a call for projects in March with applications due in May. RTA staff, in conjunction with a project selection team composed of staff from IDOT, CMAP, and RTA reviewed and ranked the project applications. As a result of the review, eleven projects were recommended from funding. The total program budget is \$16,518,695, including \$9,111,584 federal funding and \$7,407,111 in local matching funds. The program was approved at the August RTA Board meeting after the close of the public comment period.

Mr. Seglin asked if there is a required local match for the program. Ms. Newson responded that there is a required local match, typically 20% but sometimes 50%, depending on services. Ms. Newson confirmed that the grantees cover costs upfront and are then reimbursed the federal share.

### 8.0 Lake County Division of Transportation (DOT) Budget and Capital Program/Long Range Plan

Mr. Carrier provided an overview of the Lake County transportation network, and the Division of Transportation's (DOT) budget and five year capital program development process. Mr. Carrier emphasized that the DOT's number one priority is preservation, followed by modernization and expansion. He stated that congestion is the number one transportation problem in Lake County, noting that the county's capacity improvement projects have not kept up with the development and increase in traffic over the years, and the average commute is 15 miles for Lake County residents, double that of the region. Mr. Carrier also overviewed the project priority scoring matrix, a data driven process to select projects based on the DOT's Strategic Plan.

Mr. Zucchero complimented Lake County for its innovation in project delivery, helping other agencies to think differently. Mr. Zucchero asked about the county's single occupancy vehicle (SOV) reduction study. Mr. Carrier stated that the project has just begun and will look into ways to get people out of SOVs.

Mr. Rickert asked for the data source on the average commute time. Mr. Heither responded that the CMAP estimates came from the Census Transportation Planning Package (CTTP).

## **9.0 RTA Budget and Capital Program**

Ms. Jane provided an overview of the agency's budget and five year capital program development process, in which all projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the agency's strategic plan. Ms. Jane highlighted the cooperation among the region's transit service boards – CTA, Metra and Pace – and the use of each agency's transit asset management plan to set the funding amounts. Ms. Jane stated that while the assumptions used to create the budget were similar to prior years, the biggest change this year was the infusion of state funding from the capital bill, along with additional bonding authority. Finally, Ms. Jane reported that the RTA and the service boards are committed to an increasingly collaborative and transparent process for programming the annual state capital funding, guided by the principles of the RTA's Invest in Transit plan. The agencies will also define the details of the fund allocation process and report on projects quarterly.

Ms. Wennink asked about the RTA's plan for a transparent and data-driven process and how it may differ from prior years. Ms. Jane responded that all information is provided on the RTA and service board websites and each agency conducts public hearings. Ms. Jane stated that the RTA will work more closely with the service boards in an effort to promote inclusivity in project selection.

## **10.0 Activity Based Model Demonstration**

Mr. Heither provided an overview of CMAP's activity based travel model, highlighting the differences from and usefulness in conjunction with the standard trip based model. He noted that the focus of the activity based model is on individual travel choices based on individual values of time. The activity based model, therefore, contains more detail about every aspect of travel than the trip based model. Mr. Heither stated that the activity based model must present reasonable results and reflect reality based on observed data. Mr. Heither demonstrated interactive reports that show how well the model is reflecting observed data. The interactive report is on the CMAP website, and Mr. Heither encouraged the committee members to explore.

Ms. Orbon stated that the amount of data in the model is impressive and asked for an example of the data processing power. Mr. Heither described the complexities of the forecast for a full day of travel in 2050, both by roadway segment and systemwide.

Ms. Irvin asked about the travel survey data used to calibrate the model, and Mr. Heither confirmed that it uses the 2008 CMAP Household Travel Survey and the model will be

recalibrated based on new travel survey data not yet available. Ms. Irvin asked if the “taxi” mode would be used as a proxy for transportation network companies (TNCs) and whether the activity based model can be used to look at pricing strategies for TNCs. Mr. Heither said that CMAP’s goals is to include TNCs as a separate modal option.

Mr. Zucchero asked how current the Tollway data is and how often it is updated. Mr. Heither stated that the demonstration used a scenario from 2015.

### **11.0 Preliminary Meeting Dates for 2020**

Ms. Dixon presented the preliminary meeting dates for 2020 and asked committee members to alert CMAP staff of any conflicts by November 1, 2019. She noted changes in the TIP change deadlines and conformity analysis approval dates.

### **12.0 Spring Legislative Recap and Capital Bill Analysis**

Ms. Hollander provided an overview of CMAP staff analysis of the transportation revenues and appropriated projects in the Rebuild Illinois capital program.

### **13.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program**

#### **13.1 FFY 2020-2024 STP-Shared Fund Program 2019 LTA and Community Planning Call for Projects**

Mr. Manno reported that the 2019 LTA and Community Planning Call for Projects will be open from September 17 – October 17, 2019. CMAP and RTA encourage applicants to envision planning projects that align with recommendations outlined in ON TO 2050 and the RTA’s Invest in Transit strategic plan. Staff welcomes project ideas and evaluation criteria suggestions from the Committee members. Mr. Manno asked the committee to promote the call for projects and CMAP’s Small Plans, Big Ideas fall forum series within their networks.

#### **13.2 Status of the LTA Program**

Mr. Seglin requested that a column be added to the project report indicating the project applicant.

### **14.0 Other Business**

Mr. Kelso announced that IDOT’s Fall Planning Conference will be held October 2-4 at the Hilton Orrington in Evanston and encouraged the committee members to attend.

### **15.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

### **16.0 Next meeting**

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2019.

## **17.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Carrier, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Maddux