



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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MPO Policy Committee

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

**MPO Policy
Committee Members
Present:**

Acting Secretary Omer Osman-MPO Policy Committee Chair, Frank Beal-representing the CMAP Board, Gia Biagi-representing CDOT, Matt Brolley-representing the CMAP Board, Michael Connelly-representing the CTA, Dan Cronin-representing DuPage County, Jim Derwinski-representing Metra, Scott Hennings-representing McHenry County, Nick Palmer-representing Will County, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA and a non-voting member of the CMAP Board, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Shane Schneider-representing Lake County, and John Yonan-representing Cook County, Rocco Zucchero-representing Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and non-voting members Arlene Kocher-representing FHWA, and Tony Greep-representing the FTA.

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jesse Elam, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Teri Dixon, Jeff Schnobrich, Anthony Cefali, Aseal Tineh, and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Garland Armstrong-Access Living, Holly Bieneman-IDOT, Len Cannata-WCMC, Lynette Ciavarella-Metra, Emily Daucher-McHenry County Council, John Donovan-FHWA, Jessica Hector-Hsu-RTA, Kendra Johnson and Matthew Pasquini-NWMC, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, and Joe Surdain-Lake County Council, Sis Killen-Cook County, Daniel Knickelbein-DMMC, JonPaul Kohler-FHWA, Aimee Lee-Tollway, Beth McCluskey-AECOM, and Kevin O'Malley and David Seglin-CDOT.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

MPO Policy Committee Chair, Acting Secretary Osman called the meeting to order at approximately 9:34 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes. Chairman Osman recognized and welcomed Gia Biagi, Commissioner-Chicago Department of Transportation as a new member to the MPO.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board of October 10, 2019, as presented made by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, was seconded by Frank Beal, and with all in favor carried.

4.0 Agency Reports

- 4.1 Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on the following: the 2019/2020 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) call for projects that closed in October saw 82 applications from 71 applicants; local dues--that allow CMAP to meet its statutory obligations and provide funding for regionally significant issues that aren't related to transportation, i.e. water, etc.--are due at month's end; in the coming months, Aleman and staff will be meeting with the Counties and CoGs; Aleman also gave a recap on her testimony at a joint subcommittee hearing of the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, and announced that U.S. DOT had published a Request for Information to guide development of the National Freight Strategic Plan with comments due by February 10, 2020.
- 4.2 Leanne Redden reported on the following from the CMAP Board. In November, a comprehensive climate resilience presentation introducing a flood susceptibility tool was given. The meeting the previous day covered the following: the auditors presented the FY 2019 audit (with an unmodified--highest level--opinion); an update on the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP); MAP-21 and the FAST Act highway safety targets; an ON TO 2050 implementation related to traded industry clusters was presented; staff also presented CMAP's draft 2020 Federal Agenda and Reauthorization Principles and approved its 2020 State Agenda, Legislative Framework and Principles for Illinois Transportation Funding.
- 4.3 Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had met in late October and considered the following: an STP Project Selection Committee update; FFY 2021-2025 STP-Local programming marks; CMAP's Embedded Staff Planner (ESP) program update; an update on a pilot municipal pavement project; and its 2020 meeting schedule. The Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 28, 2020.

5.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon reported that federal funding of approximately \$18.8 million, with matching funds of approximately \$4.7 million is anticipated for the UWP Program in FY 2021, an increase of just about 3% (\$813,804) over FY 2020. Hardimon reviewed the schedule for the approval of the program beginning with the call for projects on January 2, 2020, presentation and ranking of the proposals, adoption of the program by the UWP Committee, and review by the Transportation Committee, CMAP's Coordinating Committee, a draft of the UWP to IDOT, concluding with the presentation and approval of the program by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee in June.

6.0 Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the CMAP Transportation Committee

The memorandum of understanding between the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee states that the Policy Committee will appoint the chair and vice-chair of the Transportation Committee. Staff recommends the appointment of Chris Snyder (DuPage

County) who previously served as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee to Chair and Jessica Hector-Hsu (Regional Transportation Authority) as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee in 2020. A motion by County Board Chair Dan Cronin was seconded by John Yonan approving the staff recommendation of the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of CMAP's Transportation Committee. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

CMAP principal Teri Dixon presented TIP Amendment 20-01.03 for MPO Policy Committee approval, reporting that because of internal IDOT deadlines and the CMAP Transportation Committee meeting schedule, the amendment 20-01.3 is being presented directly to the MPO for approval. Details of the amendment were included in the memo included in the MPO materials. A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, seconded by Leanne Redden to approve the amendment as presented, and with all in favor carried.

8.0 Federal Performance Target Development

Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programming Jesse Elam gave background on the setting of transportation performance measures—congestion, state of good repair on the transit system, pavement and bridge condition and highway safety are a few--targets for their performance, timelines for updates, and requested approval of the staff recommendation on highway safety targets for calendar year 2020. The targets mirror those of the State of Illinois which are well aligned with the city of Chicago's goals under the vision zero program and actually represent a pretty aggressive vision of safety improvement. Elam also reported that another set of safety targets for transit are expected from US DOT that may have CMAP hosting a meeting with the transit service boards to regionalize the performance measures.

A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, was seconded by Mike Connelly to approve the traffic safety performance measures as outlined and recommended by staff. All in favor the motion carried.

9.0 State Legislative Update, 2020 Draft State Agenda, Legislative Framework, and Principles for Illinois Transportation Funding

Government Affairs Senior Anthony Cefali presented drafts of the 2020 Legislative Agenda for the 101st Illinois General Assembly, the ON TO 2050 Legislative Framework, and the Principles for Illinois Transportation Funding for board approval. Cefali reported minimal changes in the Legislative Framework document, covered a few key points from the Agenda, and described the principles essential to any transportation revenue proposal.

10.0 2020 Federal Agenda and Reauthorization Principles

Senior Policy Analyst Jeff Schnobrich gave an update on two federal policies: the federal rescission that was to go into effect in September was repealed, and Congress passed a full year appropriations bill in December.

11.0 Innovation Roundtable

11.1 CMAP staff Aseal Tineh gave a presentation on Assessing Equity of Transportation Fines, Fares, and Fees and described the collaborative project that had considered

state and regional policies to reduce the disproportionate impacts of existing and proposed transportation revenue sources on lower income residents.

11.2 Jennifer (Sis) Killen, Cook County Transportation gave an update on a possible pilot program – coordinated by Cook County and the Transit Agencies – to adjust fares and potentially improve service on the Metra Electric line.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the MPO Policy Committee.

13.0 Next Meeting

The MPO is scheduled to meet next in March.

14.0 Public Comment

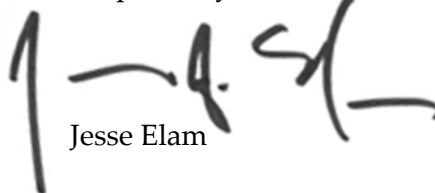
Garland Armstrong-Access Living, brought up the need for attention to the disabled community, especially the visually impaired and hard of hearing, related to Pace transfers to Metra.

Tom Kotarac, Vice President of Transportation and Infrastructure-Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago addressed the MPO Policy Committee regarding support of the Metra Electric pilot program.

15.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:12 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, seconded by County Board Chair Dan Cronin, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Elam', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Jesse Elam

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 12, 2020