



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 4.0

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MPO Policy Committee

Minutes

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**MPO Policy
Committee Members
Present:**

IDOT Secretary Omer Osman-Chair, José Alvarez-representing Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Frank Beal-representing the CMAP Board, Gia Biagi-representing CDOT, Matthew Brolley-representing the CMAP Board, Michael Connelly-representing the CTA, Dan Cronin-representing DuPage County, Jim Derwinski-representing Metra, Scott Hennings-representing McHenry County, Rocky Donahue-representing Pace, Nick Palmer-representing Will County, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Shane Schneider-representing Lake County, John Yonan-representing Cook County, and non-voting members Arlene Kocher-representing FHWA and Erik Varela-representing Class 1 Railroads

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jesse Elam, Kathy Lane, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Tina Fassett-Smith, Anthony Cefali, Craig Heither, Lindsay Hollander, Russell Pietrowiak, Jeff Schnobrich, and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Neil Adams and Holly Bieneman-IDOT, Elaine Bottomley-WCGL, Lenny Cannata-WCMC, Lynette Ciavarella-Metra, Emily Daucher-McHenry County Council, Jackie Forbes-Kane/Kendall Council, Michael Fricano-WCMC, Tony Greep-FTA, Jessica Hector-Hsu-RTA, Kendra Johnson-NWMC, Mike Klemens, and Joe Surdam-Lake County Council, Scott Koeppe-Kendall County, Daniel Knickelbein-DMMC, JonPaul Kohler-FHWA, Matt Pasquini-NWMC, Kelsey Passi-Southwest Conference, Leslie Phemister-SSMMA, David Seglin-CDOT, Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Todd Wyatt-City of Chicago, and Rocco Zucchero-Illinois Tollway

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

MPO Policy Committee Chair, Secretary Omer Osman, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m., and asked members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes. Chairman Secretary Osman asked to take a moment to recognize County Executive Larry Walsh for his service to this committee, to the people of Will County, the region, and the state of Illinois, and offered condolences to his family and those who worked with him—he will be missed.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the MPO Policy Committee meeting of March 12, 2020, as presented made by Leanne Redden, was seconded by John Yonan, and with all in favor carried.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Executive Director Erin Aleman’s report included: FY 2021 Unified Work Program that will be considered later in the meeting for approval; key takeaways and trends from the recent Local Government Network survey; an overview of the regional workforce information (why we are considered one region); and, an update on the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program.

4.2 On behalf of the CMAP Board, Leanne Redden gave an update from the April 8, May 13, and June 10 meetings of the Board—many matters considered and approved by the Board [yesterday] are also before the MPO Policy Committee today for approval.

4.3 Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had met via GoTo Meeting on April 14, with an update on STP funding availability through the end of the fiscal year, the projects scheduled for IDOT’s June letting, and staff’s recommended process for prioritizing remaining federal fiscal year projects should additional funding become available.

5.0 Nominating Committee for the Office of Vice Chair

Under his authority as Chairman, Secretary Osman named Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez representing highway administration, Council of Mayors Chairman Mayor Jeff Schielke representing municipal governments, PACE Chairman Rick Kwasneski representing transit agencies, Kendall County Chairman Scott Gryder representing counties, and CMAP Board Member Frank Beal representing the regional planning agency to serve as a nominating committee to meet and make recommendation for the Office of Vice Chair.

6.0 FY 2021 Unified Work Program

Having been approved by the UWP Committee, the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) had been considered by both CMAP’s Coordinating and Transportation committees, who recommended approval by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee. Executive Director Erin Aleman gave an overview of the program.

A motion by Gia Biagi to approve the FY 2021 UWP as presented, was seconded by Mayor Jeffrey Schielke, and with all in favor, carried.

7.0 Semi-Annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Subject to a 30-day public comment period from April 10, to May 11, 2020, the semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment, considered by

CMAP's Transportation Committee who recommended approval, was presented for MPO Policy Committee approval.

A motion by Dan Cronin to approve the analysis and amendment as had been presented, was seconded by Leanne Redden and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 FFY 2020 CARES Act Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Allocations

The CARES Act provided additional federal funding for transit systems. An overview of the FFY 2020 federal allocation to the Service Boards and the subarea allocations to northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin were outlined in the memo included in the MPO Policy Committee material. The MPO Policy Committee is asked to approve these allocations.

A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by John Yonan to approve the FFY 2020 CARES Act Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Allocations as were presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 ON TO 2050 Plan Amendments

Staff presented an overview of the amendment process and details of these projects in March and is now recommending amending the ON TO 2050 plan to include (a) Improvements to I-55 at Airport-Lockport Road and Illinois 126; (b) Improvements to I-55 from I-80 to US 52 and US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road; and, (c) ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 20-03.1.

A motion by Mayor Jeffrey Schielke to approve the Plan Amendment (Improvements to I-55 at Airport-Lockport Road and Illinois 126), as presented, was seconded by Nick Palmer, and with all in favor, carried.

A motion by Mayor Jeffrey Schielke to approve the Plan Amendment (Improvements to I-55 from I-80 to US 52 and US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road), as presented, was seconded by John Yonan, and with all in favor, carried.

Finally, a motion by Leanne Redden to approve the ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment, that includes the projects identified in Agenda Item Nos. 9.1 and 9.2, was seconded by Gia Biagi, and with all in favor, carried.

10.0 COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts

Executive Director Erin Aleman introduced Craig Heither and Lindsay Hollander to present analyses that had been conducted by CMAP on both travel impacts and revenue impacts from COVID.

Following the presentations, staff requested feedback from the MPO Policy Committee, the following questions were posed: what is your greatest concern from the community/agency perspective? Is there information/data you wish you had or need to make decisions in the current situation? Are there issues that need leadership or that you see as

missed opportunities for regional leaders to come together on? If CMAP could provide leadership during this situation what areas would you like to see us lead?

A discussion by members followed.

11.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Anthony Cefali gave the state legislative update that consisted of: highlights from the FY 21 budget and budget implementation bill that Governor Pritzker had signed into law the day before; other bills passed by the Illinois General Assembly of interest to CMAP and its partners; veto session scheduling; and outreach activities by CMAP's government affairs staff.

12.0 Federal Update

CMAP staff Jeff Schnobrich gave the federal update that included notable developments in transportation policy that included: the COVID response legislation (the CARES Act) from late March; the HEROS Act by the House; and, the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act that was released last week and how it aligns with CMAP's reauthorization principles.

13.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the MPO Policy Committee.

14.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong-Access Living, addressed the MPO Policy Committee regarding the need for a good comprehensive policy plan to communicate with those from all walks of life including those that may be disconnected or out of touch, given all the unrest in our communities.

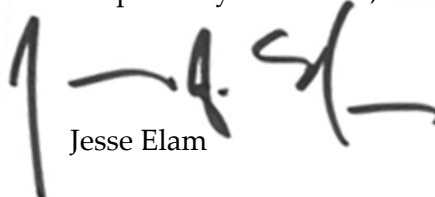
15.0 Next Meeting

The MPO is scheduled to meet next on October 14, 2020, in a joint meeting with the CMAP Board.

16.0 Adjournment

At approximately 10:54 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Gia Biagi, seconded by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Elam

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 14, 2020