



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:**

John Yonan-MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair, Gia Biagi-representing CDOT, Holly Bieneman-representing IDOT, Michael Connelly-representing the CTA, Dan Cronin-representing DuPage County, Lynette Ciavarella-representing Metra, Scott Hennings-representing McHenry County, Nick Palmer-representing Will County, Rocky Donahue-representing Pace, Jill Leary-representing the RTA, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Shane Schneider-representing Lake County, Rocco Zuchero-representing Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (via tele-conference), and non-voting member Arlene Kocher-representing FHWA

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jesse Elam, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Tina Fassett-Smith, Teri Dixon, Russell Pietrowiak, and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Garland Armstrong-Access Living, Neil Adams, Brenda Alicia, John Baczek, and Brian Carlson-IDOT, Emily Daucher-McHenry County Council, Jackie Forbes-Kane/Kendall Council, Kendra Johnson-NWMC, Mike Klemens, and Joe Surdam-Lake County Council, Daniel Knickelbein-DMMC, JonPaul Kohler-FHWA, Anna Kutryn and Issam Rayyan-IDOT, Matt Pasquini-NWMC, Kelsey Passi-Southwest Conference, David Seglin-CDOT, Edith Makra and Cheryl Scott-MMC, and Todd Wyatt-City of Chicago

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair, John Yonan called the meeting to order at approximately 9:32 a.m., and asked members (and the audience) to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the MPO Policy Committee meeting of January 11, 2020, as presented made by Mayor Jeffery Schielke, was seconded by Gia Biagi, and with all in favor carried.

4.0 Agency Reports

- 4.1 Executive Director Erin Aleman's report included: an introduction of the FY 2021, draft budget and work plan—that aligns with our existing work to advance transportation, climate, and regional economy-- and thanked the staff for preparing the document sooner than usual to meet IDOT guidelines; an update on the local dues program that is now at about 83% collected; an update on the Surface Transportation Program (STP). Some years back the FHWA cited a finding that the region was distributing its funds based solely on population. CMAP staff, with the Councils of Mayors and the City of Chicago developed a new funding formula that will take effect in October that takes into account state of repair versus just populations. About 3 years of programming has been spent in just over 2 years, and funds will be allocated as they become available for the June letting. Following this meeting, CMAP will meet with the Councils of Mayors, and the County Councils to discuss CMAP's active management of the program. Recent regional outreach has included meetings with the County Chairs, and will be followed with meetings with the CoG directors. A recent Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) meeting afforded an opportunity to meet with House and Senate staff to discuss policies for the next federal transportation bill and a visit to the Port of Long Beach and tour of its fully autonomous infrastructure complete with clean emissions technology to load and unload ocean freight liners. Finally, Aleman announced that she a talk scheduled for March 16 at the City Club would be postponed.
- 4.2 For the CMAP Board, Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that the CMAP Board had met in February and approved CMAP's 2020 Federal Agenda and Reauthorization Principles, discussed the Moving Forward Framework released by the House Dems, and staff gave a State Legislative Update. Having just met the day before, staff presented CMAP's draft FY 2021 Budget and Workplan, the semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment, and IDOT presented on two projects—amending the ON TO 2050 plan—that would be considered for approval in June by both the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee. Staff delivered a brief state legislative update as well.
- 4.3 Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had met on January 28, that staff had given an update on the status of the FFY 2020 Surface Transportation Program (STP), and that not all projects targeted in the March letting could be included in the fiscally constrained TIP at this time. CMAP staff have continued to work with the Councils and IDOT to identify available STP funds prior to the June letting to allow some projects to be let for construction at that time. An update was also given on the STP Project Selection Committee activities and approved the UWP project application for the Councils' planning liaison program. Staff presented recent data collection and research to prioritize highway-rail grade crossings in the region, provided a state legislative update, and briefed the mayors on the Local Technical Assistance program which will be discussed later in this meeting.

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

Transportation analyst Russell Pietrowiak presented the Semi-Annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 20-03, explained why the analysis is necessary, the projects in the regional air quality analysis that were either new or saw changes, and were subject to a 30 day public comment period, during which time CMAP did not receive any comments. The analysis demonstrated that the Semi-Annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendments were found to conform to the motor vehicle emissions budget for our region.

A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke to approve the ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment as presented and recommended by staff was seconded by Mike Connelly. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 FFY 2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Allocations

Annually the MPO is asked to approve the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Splits, CMAP Principal Teri Dixon reported, between northwestern Indiana and Illinois, and southeastern Wisconsin and Illinois and the service board allocation. A memo describing the splits and allocation was included MPO packet. The RTA will approve the funding splits at their April Board meeting. Staff is requesting MPO Policy Committee concurrence and approval, upon approval of the RTA Board of the splits and allocations.

A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by Jill Leary to approve the FFY 2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Allocations as were presented and contingent on approval by the RTA Board. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program FY 2021 Program of Projects

CMAP Senior Planner Tony Manno presented the recommended FY 2021 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, gave a reporting of the history of the decade-old program, gave details of this year's call for projects conducted jointly with the RTA, the corresponding review and evaluation of the proposals and introduced the publication showcasing the twenty-eight projects that were selected as the FY 2021 Program of Projects. Manno also highlighted a number of innovative projects that were included in this year's program.

8.0 Draft FY 2021 CMAP Budget and Workplan

Chief of Staff Amy McEwan presented CMAP's Draft FY 2021 Budget and Workplan. McEwan explained the budget and workplan is coming before the board 2 months earlier, and thanked all the staff that had made that happen. Following yesterday's UWP committee meeting and their approval of the FY 2021 funding, CMAP will confer with IDOT, and the budget will be brought back for approval in June. All the work comes from the ON TO 2050 plan or is part of our core responsibilities as the MPO. McEwan reviewed FY 2020 highlights (the fiscal year ends June 30)—new executive director, core values development, strategic visioning workshops, and agency recognition for ON TO 2050 and 2 of our local plans—and presented a few highlights from the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Also highlighted were the various program areas: transportation, civic coordination and engagement, research and innovation, and policy development,

followed by FY 2021 highlights that are directly aligned with ON TO 2050 in the priority areas of: transportation, regional economic competitiveness, and climate resilience.

9.0 ON TO 2050 Plan Amendments

Deputy Executive Director for Programming Jesse Elam reporting on the two ON TO 2050 Plan Amendments, explained the process for amending the ON TO 2050 Plan, defined the threshold for identifying a regionally significant project, introduced the plan sponsor (IDOT) to outline the benefits of the projects, explained next steps that would include a staff analysis, a public comment period and based upon the analysis and public comment, staff would make a recommendation on the amendment request that would be considered by the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board at the June meetings.

IDOT District 1 engineer, Steve Schilke, presented the two plan amendments—(1) improvements to I-55 at Airport-Lockport Road and IL 126 that involves reconstructing and reconfiguring the interchange at IL 126, constructing a new interchange at Airport-Lockport Road, and making ancillary improvements, and (2) improvements to I-55 from I-80 to UD 52 and US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road involves expanding an interchange at IL 59 and adding lanes to I-55 along with adding lanes and making ancillary improvements to US 52—covering project history, the improvements, the project costs, and the project benefits.

10.0 State Legislative Update

Director of Governmental Affairs, Gordon Smith delivered a very brief State Legislative Update: the Governor gave his budget address (\$42 billion spending plan) that includes funding from IDOT for regional planning that we have historically received; a bill in the House would advance the Governor’s spending initiatives; staff continues its review and analysis of bills through an implementing ON TO 2050 lens.

11.0 Federal Update

Deputy Executive Director Laura Wilkison gave a federal update that included the following. FAST Act, due to expire September 30, is not likely to be reauthorized this year. The policy component for the new bill will involve four committees. EPW passed their version. It will need to be debated in Finance because of three different funding actions, and still would be considered by Senate Banking and Housing. The House Democrats released their own framework which includes significant funding increases for transit, increased regional decision-making and commitment to addressing climate change. There also some draft bills that would address grade crossing safety and freight rail being discussed. It will be important to have one voice for the region on reauthorization so we are convening a working group to address and we should see joint principles in April. We are also restarting congressional district directors briefings starting this spring.

12.0 Innovation Roundtable

Regional Climate Action Planning: The Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus (MMC), with assistance from CMAP is developing a regional climate action plan compliant with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM). MMC and CMAP staff gave an overview of the project, including preliminary findings and potential next steps.

13.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the MPO Policy Committee.

14.0 Next Meeting

The MPO is scheduled to meet next in June.

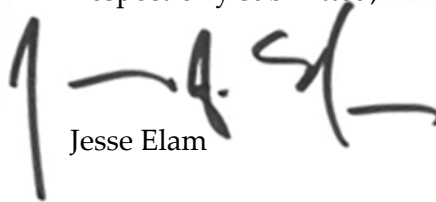
15.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong-Access Living, addressed the MPO Policy Committee regarding a Jefferson Park crosswalk (at the Blue Line and Milwaukee Avenue) that has no flashing signals, and the O'Hare Kiss-n-Park related to Pace and Metra transfer.

16.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:10 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,

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Jesse Elam

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 11, 2020