



## Human and Community Development Committee

### Draft Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

#### Via GoToMeeting:

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#### Members Present:

Alicia Bunton (Illinois Institute of Technology), Fluturi Demirovski (Regional Transportation Authority), Laurie Dittman (Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, City of Chicago), Jackie Forbes (Kane County Division of Transportation), Joan Fox (DuPage County), Kendra Freeman (Metropolitan Planning Council), Melody Geraci (Active Transportation Alliance), Jacky Grimshaw (Center for Neighborhood Technology), Greg Polman (Chicago Lighthouse), Olatunji Oboi Reed (Equiticity), Enrique Salgado, Jr. (WellCare Health Plans, Inc. / Harmony), Cheryl Russell on behalf of Rosalie Shemmer (School of the Art Institute of Chicago), Darnell Shields (Austin Coming Together), Janna Simon (Illinois Public Health Institute), Dominic Tocci (Cook County Bureau of Economic Development)

#### CMAP Staff Present:

Timi Koyejo, Enrique Castillo, Jane Grover, Michelle Agunloye, Austen Edwards, Brian Daly, Briana Gipson, Cindy Cambray, Courtney Barnes, Elizabeth Scott, Erin Aleman, Jenna Gonzales, Kathleen Lane, Laura Schneider, Laura Wilkison, Lindsay Hollander, Quinn Kasal, Simone Weil, Stephanie Levine, Teri Dixon, Todd Schmidt, Victoria Jacobsen

#### Others Present:

Garland Armstrong, Kioko Dawson, Leslie Edstrom

#### 1.0 Call to Order

CMAP's Timi Koyejo announced that as committee chair Sheri Cohen was unavailable for this meeting, Olatunji Oboi Reed would preside. Reed called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A recording of the meeting will be made available online.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes or announcements were made.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes—[August 4, 2020](#)**

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting was made by Jackie Forbes, seconded by Fluturi Demirovski. All committee members present voted in the affirmative.

### **4.0 Selected Committee Member Updates**

Enrique Salgado, Jr. from WellCare Health Plans, Inc. / Harmony, which is now part of Centene, discussed ongoing plans and partnerships underway to address health disparities across the country. Resources were diverted into a COVID-19 relief fund to address COVID-related needs, both health and social determinant of health (SDOH) related. Other partnerships address food instability and individuals experiencing homelessness, both on a local and national level.

Kendra Freeman from the Metropolitan Planning Council spoke of their program focused on building back stronger and addressing equity gaps. In response to challenges with community engagement, they have turned to an engagement roundtable to connect with groups in the hopes that it becomes a new community of practice for the stakeholders involved. Freeman also mentioned the public engagement plan for the City of Chicago's upcoming comprehensive plan and the City's new equitable transit-oriented development (eTOD) plan just released.

### **5.0 CMAP Update on Equity in Transportation Fines, Fares, and Fees project**

CMAP has assessed the equity impacts of existing and proposed transportation revenue sources. The project's goal is to develop state and regional policies that reduce any disproportionate impacts of transportation fines, fares, and fees on low-income residents while continuing to meet transportation revenue goals.

CMAP's Lindsay Hollander provided an update on the project and outlined upcoming activities. CMAP has convened a group of partners to offer expertise in reviewing fines, fees, fares of transportation systems in the region. The scope primarily included reviewing existing revenue streams and new ones, such as more tolling. The scope did not include equity in enforcement, transportation safety, or physical ability.

Some of the challenges in advancing equity identified included tradeoffs with other transportation goals, implementation costs, statutory restrictions, and informational costs. The group has focused on determining to what degree are residents with lower incomes are burdened by fees, fines, and fares. Two key findings included:

- Lower-income households take 20 percent more transit trips than higher-income households, but when work trips are excluded, they take twice as many.
- Lower-income households pay a substantially higher share of their income towards traffic violations.

The subsequent discussion emphasized the need to incorporate people with disabilities and that the fee programs should incentivize non-driving modes to mitigate climate impacts. Staff also noted that CMAP is working with the state, appropriations change quite often, and that there are student and veteran discount programs for transit fares.

## 6.0 Local Safety Plan LTA Project Update

CMAP staff Victoria Jacobsen presented on the creation of a traffic safety resource group to address growing concerns about traffic safety in our region and lack of progress towards our safety targets. The traffic safety work will also include near-term projects in local communities. Staff will ask the Committee to discuss the program's potential work and partners involved in the safety resource group.

CMAP is subject to federally mandated safety targets. Traffic fatalities are on the rise, and new dimensions of safety, including an equity lens, are taking a growing role in active transportation. The plan is to develop a traffic safety resource group, harnessing data, and best practices. This group would provide resources for local government, including data analysis tools, policy guidance to effect long term change, context-sensitive design solutions, and engineering approaches for human dimensions.

The group prompted a question, "how will the group handle traffic enforcement, and how would the resources from it be divided?" The group is still learning more about automated enforcement modes and the pros and cons of them. One member's recommendation was to exclude enforcement as a component of safety due to the inequity of police traffic stops. Related feedback advised not assuming that automated enforcement is automatically fair and strongly recommended a racialized analysis. There is no enforcement of safety measures, but seconds that safety engineering would be a more effective and equitable approach. Another recommendation was to review a brief on self-enforcing streets in New York City, which enumerates strategies to address racism in traffic enforcement. The idea of using data that articulates how traffic safety is being impacted by gun violence and law enforcement's response to violence generally was raised.

## 7.0 Chicago Citywide Engagement Plan, Project Update

"We Will Chicago" is a new three-year, citywide planning initiative for the City of Chicago. CMAP will assist the Department of Planning and Development in developing the strategy and approach for the plan's civic and public engagement elements. In addition, CMAP will be advising the City on performance measurement and interagency coordination. CMAP's Brian Daly provided an overview of the planning process.

CMAP staff, Brian Daly, led the presentation by maintaining that the focus on connecting the citywide engagement plan to existing neighborhood plans remains very important. Following a brief history of Chicago's comprehensive plans, he went through the many stakeholders involved in the project.

These include; CMAP, MPC, ULI, DCASE, Edelman, RATIO, AREA, MUSE, GINKGO, CNT, and Bloomberg.

CMAP's role in the project is to coordinate agencies, public engagement, civic engagement, and performance evaluation. Public engagement could include workshops and focus groups, online engagement, artist-led activities, bang the table pages, or referendums.

## 8.0 Agency Announcements

There were no agency announcements.

## 9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

## 10.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong announced that he is moving to Iowa next month. He wanted to thank CMAP for their work and reiterate the importance of accommodating people with disabilities in planning to committee members.

## 11.0 Next Meeting

The Committee is scheduled to meet next on **Tuesday, December 8, 2020** from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## 12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acting chair Olatunji Oboi Reed at 11:50 a.m.

### **Human and Community Development Committee Members:**

- \_\_\_ Sheri Cohen (Chair), Chicago Department of Public Health
- \_\_\_ Alicia Bunton, Illinois Institute of Technology
- \_\_\_ Fluturi Demirovski, Regional Transportation Authority
- \_\_\_ Laurie Dittman, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, City of Chicago
- \_\_\_ Jackie Forbes, Kane County Division of Transportation
- \_\_\_ Joan Fox, DuPage County
- \_\_\_ Kendra Freeman, Metropolitan Planning Council
- \_\_\_ Melody Geraci, Active Transportation Alliance
- \_\_\_ Jacky Grimshaw, Center for Neighborhood Technology
- \_\_\_ Hanna Kite, Cook County Department of Public Health
- \_\_\_ Tiffany McDowell, Chicagoland Equity Network
- \_\_\_ Greg Polman, Chicago Lighthouse
- \_\_\_ Olatunji Oboi Reed, Equiticity
- \_\_\_ Enrique Salgado, Jr., WellCare Health Plans, Inc. / Harmony
- \_\_\_ Raj Shah, Rush Medical Center / Center for Community Health Equity
- \_\_\_ Rosalie Shemmer, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- \_\_\_ Darnell Shields, Austin Coming Together
- \_\_\_ Janna Simon, Illinois Public Health Institute
- \_\_\_ Dominic Tocci, Cook County Bureau of Economic Development
- \_\_\_ William Towns, Benefit Chicago