



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force  
DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

**Members Present:** Maggie Czerwinski, John Donovan, Carlos Feliciano, Jessica Hyink, Sidney Kenyon, Aaron Maertins, Jason Meter, Jessica Ortega, Ryan Peterson, Lee Ann Prather, Keith Privett, Tom Rickert, Karen Shinnars, Pamela Sielski, Troy Simpson, Kevin Staniel

**Staff Present:** Victoria Barrett, Alison Case, Caitlin Goodspeed, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Tom Murtha, Jared Patton, Katie Piotrowska

**Others Present:** Caitlin Bettisworth, Emily Daucher, Peter Dirks, Jeremy Glover, Tim Gustafson, Benet Haller, Daniel Maziarz, Cody McChane, Laura McFadden, Martin Mueller, Steven Pautsch, Hannah Perl, Ruth Rosas

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Rickert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2021**

Motioned by Lee Ann Prather, seconded by Keith Privett, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented, with no comments.

**3.0 Agenda Changes & Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

**4.0 CMAP Board meeting updates**

Caitlin Goodspeed shared updates from CMAP Executive Director, Erin Aleman with the group. CMAP is interested in gauging members' interest in and availability to attend in-person meetings the fall. CMAP staff will send out a survey prior to the September.

**5.0 CMAP Safety Action Agenda**

Victoria Barrett provided an update on CMAP's Safety Action Agenda, which is focused on long-term safety initiatives for the region, and the work that the resource group has done since the last meeting in April. The group is currently focused on speed management, and they are in the

process of writing a strategy paper on the topic. Mr. Privett recommended that the resource group listen to community groups to understand where neighborhoods have issues with speed management and to try new solutions. Mr. Simpson emphasized the danger of mid-block crossings, especially on state routes. Mr. Peterson recommended testing speed management strategies in school zones and then pushing them outward and making them more commonplace if they work.

## **6.0 Cook County Bicycle Plan**

Benet Haller shared the new Cook County Bicycle Plan with the group. The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has launched its first-ever bike plan to refine County priorities for bicycle infrastructure. The plan has three main goals: 1) expand the existing low stress network and make it more accessible for all (no one should be more than 1.5 miles from the low stress network); 2) ensure equitable investments, and 3) support everyday cycling. The engagement website for the project is currently active. Mr. Haller noted that they are hoping to engage with populations that typically don't participate in the bicycle planning process. A final draft of the plan will be presented in March 2022.

## **7.0 CMAP Prairie Path Plan**

Tony Manno and Katie Piotrowska shared the work they did with the Prairie Trail and Taft Corridor plan. The plan focuses on economic development, transportation improvements, placemaking, and development opportunities along the corridor. Ms. Piotrowska reviewed key recommendations, informed by virtual community outreach efforts, which include adding more street trees in the corridor, improving the pedestrian experience, connecting the villages via bike, and using the Prairie Path to attract visitors to the Taft Avenue Corridor. The next step is visioning with the community, which will occur over the summer. Finally, Mr. Manno requested the Task Force members share their ideas for engaging the community in the planning process.

## **8.0 Project Updates**

Jessica Ortega shared that the DuPage County Forest Preserve will be updating three master plans for Blackwell, Green Valley, and Waterfall Glen preserves. Maggie Czerwinski let the group know that bill HB 270 passed in the state house and senate. This bill will mandate the state to cover the cost for walking and biking on state roads. Ms. Czerwinski also shared that bike week is at the end of June, and there will be a rally at the Thompson Center and a series of virtual events. She also shared that "Bike the Drive" will take place on September 5. Mr. Rickert thanked the Task Force members for their work to improve Complete Streets policies and funding.

## **9.0 Other Business**

Carlos Feliciano announced that IDOT has been discussing on-road bicycle facilities maintenance cost policy and what it might look like in the future. He noted that the logistics are complicated. Mr. Rickert emphasized that maintenance has always been an issue, but the region has come a long way in the last 30 years. He noted that there are safety concerns when bicycle and pedestrian

facilities are not maintained. Ms. Czerwinski agreed and proposed doing a brainstorm focused on maintenance operations.

**10.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments or questions.

**11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

**12.0 Adjournment**

On a motion made by Sidney Kenyon, and seconded by Lee Ann Prather, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force Members:**

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| _____ Ed Barsotti       | _____ David Longo     | _____ Lee Ann Prather |
| _____ Maggie Czerwinski | _____ Aaron Maertins  | _____ Keith Privett   |
| _____ John Donovan      | _____ Allan Mellis    | _____ Tom Rickert*    |
| _____ Carlos Feliciano  | _____ Jason Meter     | _____ Karen Shinnors  |
| _____ Jessica Hyink     | _____ Randy Neufeld   | _____ Pamela Sielski  |
| _____ Sidney Kenyon     | _____ Jessica Ortega+ | _____ Troy Simpson    |
| _____ Patrick Knapp     | _____ Ryan Peterson   | _____ Kevin Staniel   |

\*Chair

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