



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 11, 2020

Via GoToMeeting

**Members Present:** Chris Snyder, Chair – DuPage County, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Vice Chair – RTA, Chuck Abraham – IDOT OIPI, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Lynnette Ciavarella – Metra, Michael Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Tony Greep – FTA, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Chris Heibert – SEWPRC, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Heidi Persaud – CNT, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joseph Schofer – Academic and Research, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Audrey Wennink – MPC, Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Aaron Brown, Sarah Buchhorn, Anthony Cefali, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Craig Heither, Lindsay Hollander, Jaemi Jackson, Victoria Jacobsen, Leroy Kos, Kathleen Lane, Stephanie Levine, Elliot Lewis, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Greta Ritzenthaler, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Mary Weber, Simone Weil, Laura Wilkison

**Others Present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Ama Baljinnnyam, Elaine Bottomley, Mitch Bright, Leonard Cannata, Dustin Clark, Emily Daucher, Eva De Laurentiis, Jon Paul Diipla, Renaldo Dixon, Michael Fitzsimons, Michael Fricano, Henry Guerriero, Aladdin Husain, Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, David Kralik, Melissa Meyer, Tara O'Malley, Matthew Pasquini, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Adam Rolstad, Shane Schneider, Troy Simpson, Kristian Skogsbakken, Peter Skosey, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Holly Waters, Sean Wiedel

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Snyder. Ms. Bayley took a roll call of committee members on the call.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chairman Snyder reminded members and other attendees of best practices for participating in a virtual format. He stated that as permitted in the Governor's Disaster Declaration from November 13, 2020, the determination has been made that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent for this committee. To ensure as transparent and open a meeting as possible, staff posted the meeting materials one week in advance, will provide a recording of this meeting linked on the CMAP website, and will take all votes by roll call.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2020**

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 18 meeting was made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mayor Rockingham. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

## **4.0 Committee Reports**

The Coordinating Committee met last month and received an update on the Embedded Staff Planner Program, which is in its third and final year. Additionally, CMAP staff presented on best practices in regard to improving local development incentive programs.

## **5.0 End of FFY 2020**

### **5.1 Tip Adoption 21-00**

Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the new TIP program, 21-00. The adoption of the program changed the active TIP years to FFY 2021-2025. Additionally, at their joint meeting in November, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved inclusion of the local STP projects in the 21-00 TIP.

### **5.2 TIP Amendments and Modifications**

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that, as detailed in the memo, staff is seeking approval of TIP Amendment 21-01. Additionally, he provided information on Administrative TIP Amendment 21-01.1. The amendments, along with the memo was posted on December 4 for Committee and public review. A motion to approve TIP Amendment 21-01 was made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Ms. Orbon. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

### **5.3 Semi-Annual ON TO 2050 / TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**

Mr. Pietrowiak provided a summary of the ON TO 2050/TIP conformity analysis and TIP Amendment 21-02. The memo provided in the meeting packet as well as the list of projects were subject to 30-day public comment period, during which no comments were received. At this time, staff is seeking approval of recommending the semi-annual TIP conformity analysis and TIP Amendment 21-02 to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Hector-Hsu seconded by Ms. Forbes. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

## **6.0 2021 Regional Highway Safety Targets**

Mr. Schmidt presented on the 2021 Highway Safety Performance Targets. These are required by the Transportation Performance Management process as detailed in the FAST Act. As an MPO, CMAP must annually set and track safety targets, which are integrated into projects in the TIP, Long-Range Plan and other planning activities. CMAP may choose to adopt IDOT's safety targets or set their own. Mr. Schmidt shared that in the latest results, which are from FHWA's 2018 assessment, IDOT failed to meet its targets or do better than the baseline. As a result, IDOT will be required to use all of their Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) funds on safety projects as well as produce a HSIP Development Plan. Due to these results, IDOT has set aggressive safety targets for 2021. Staff is recommending that CMAP adopt IDOT's 2021 statewide safety targets.

Mr. Seglin suggested it's time to rethink how the region is approaching addressing safety. He inquired about CMAP's Safety Resource Group and why it has taken so long to form the committee. Ms. Aleman stated that a full-time staff member has been hired to focus on transportation safety. At the next TC meeting, the Safety Resource Group will provide an update. Mr. Snyder also shared that DuPage was one of four counties in the state identified to develop a Local Roads Safety Plan. Their work may be complimentary to the Safety Resource Group's work.

Ms. Wennink expressed her concern regarding IDOT's safety target evaluation. She suggested there be a process to look at the relationship between projects in the TIP and safety progress. Mr. Schmidt responded that staff is currently working to evaluate projects where the sponsor indicated it would have a safety impact. Mr. Seglin inquired whether the safety improvements seen over the last 20 years are due to policy and engineering improvements or to improvements in car safety features. Ms. Aleman suggested that solutions may need to address both technology and social problems.

Mr. Zucchero stated there has been an increase in fatalities as a result of not wearing seatbelts. Additionally, the IDOT Tollway police has partnered with the Sit Tight Stay Safe program, which educates high school students on what to do if their vehicles breaks down. The Tollway is also working to grow awareness about their roadside assistance program.

A motion to approve the highway targets was made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Ms. Carrier. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

## **7.0 RTA Regional Transit Program**

Ms. O'Malley provided an update on RTA's proposed 2021-2025 Regional Capital Program. The RTA and Service Boards worked collaboratively to set funding amounts. The estimates are similar to previous year's, with a modest 1.5% growth. As in prior years, all program projects align with RTA's goals and objectives, as outlined in Invest in Transit. Ms. O'Malley then reviewed the proposed funding and allocation breakdowns by state, federal, RTA and local fund sources. The total proposed program budget is \$6.35 billion. Ms. O'Malley showed an analysis of the proposed budget by priority projects, core requirements and strategic goals. She also mentioned that RTA has proposed that future

regional FTA Formula and State MFT (or PayGo) capital funds beginning in 2025 are to be distributed to the Service Boards on a performance-based initiative. Finally, she highlighted that 38% of assets will exceed their useful life by 2035. Therefore, available and diverse funding is necessary. Public comment on RTA's budget will close on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Snyder clarified that Motor Fuel Taxes are PayGo's funding source. He inquired how RTA incorporated COVID-19 into PayGo's 2021-20215 budget. Ms. O'Malley stated that estimates have remained unchanged through 2024 but may be revisited as COVID-19 recovery and strategy continues.

#### **8.0 Metra Capital Program**

Mr. Clark reviewed the guiding principles around which Metra's budget is constructed. He discussed their five-year program, which will finance more the 110 projects, as well as the program's funding sources and asset categories. Mr. Clark then highlighted that funding for new railcars remains a major investment. He showed a condition rating chart that indicates 43% of Metra's 855 railcars are in marginal or poor condition. He also mentioned that Metra has contracted a Project Management Oversight team, which will allow them to hire expertise on an as-needed basis. Finally, Mr. Clark provided a high-level overview of capital projects programmed in 2021.

Ms. Wennink inquired whether Metra has a contingency plan to reallocate capital funds to fill the \$70 million hole in their operating budget. Ms. Ciavarella stated that no, at this point Metra is not looking to use capital dollars to fill the gap on the operating side. There is a plan for plugging the gap for now, and they are hopeful that additional funds will be coming to the region. Chairman Snyder inquired about Positive Train Control. Ms. Ciavarella replied that it has been implemented. Mr. Zuchero asked if Metra is seeing lower costs on capital investments due to competition. Ms. Ciavarella said she would check.

#### **9.0 CTA Capital Program**

Mr. Fitzsimons presented CTA's Capital Program. CTA has a \$3.4 billion five-year capital budget for 2021-2025, which will be used to rehabilitate and build new rail stations, modernize rail and bus fleets, remove rail slow zones and invest in new technology. Mr. Fitzsimons reviewed CTA's funding sources and uses, while highlighting key projects that the funds will finance.

Ms. Wennink inquired about the \$420 million hole in CTA's operating budget and whether CTA has a contingency plan to reallocate capital funds. Mr. Fitzsimons responded that CTA has CARES funding, which will carry them through first quarter of 2021. CTA Executives would need to make any further decisions.

#### **10.0 PACE Operating Budget**

Mr. Skogsbakken presented PACE's 2021 Capital Program. Due to Rebuild Illinois Capital Funding, their budget is larger relative to typical years. He discussed the fund sources as allocated to PACE's five major project categories. In 2021, 77% of funds are for Rolling

Stock, which includes the Wheeling Garage project that will fuel busses exclusively with CNG. Mr. Skogsbakken then stepped through some other notable projects and their funding sources. Finally, he discussed the 2021-2024 budget for both Suburban and Regional ADA Paratransit services.

Ms. Wennink stated that the CARES Act will cover PACE's budget deficit in 2021 but not in 2022. She inquired if PACE plans to spend Capital Funds on operations if necessary. Mr. Skogsbakken stated that all options are on the table. Ms. Hector-Hsu included that she hopes committee members now have a better understanding of the Service Boards' Capital Programs and their shared goals. The RTA is currently in step one of a three-step recovery process. At the next Transportation Committee meeting, Ms. Hector-Hsu hopes to provide more of an update.

#### **11.0 GHG Mobile Source Emissions**

Mr. Pietrowiak introduced the topic, stating that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is part of the climate mitigation strategies contained in ON TO 2050. In order to perform this analysis effectively, a starting point to measure on-road emissions must be established.

Ms. Buchhorn stated that on-road emissions make up nearly one-quarter of all emissions. She discussed the various data sources and inputs required for the analysis. These include the Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) and CMAP's Travel Demand model, which also require additional inputs. Ms. Buchhorn then discussed conformity run results from both GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050 as well as how different sources and facilities contribute to total emissions. Moving forward, CMAP will refine the target and work on modeling mitigation strategies.

Chairman Snyder asked if there was a correlation between VOC and GHG. Mr. Ferguson stated that yes, these are correlated.

#### **12.0 2021 Transportation Committee Meetings**

A motion to approve the 2021 Transportation Committee meeting dates was made by Mayor Rockingham and seconded by Mr. Connelly. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

#### **13.0 Legislative Update**

Ms. Wilkison stated that staff will be taking the State agenda to the CMAP board in January. They are also monitoring the CARES Act, which has been extended to December 18<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, staff is looking at reauthorization of the FAST Act, which has been extended for another year. Finally, Ms. Wilkison stated that staff is following the Census results, which have direct and indirect impacts on the region's funding.

Chairman Snyder clarified that the potential \$45 billion for transportation under the second part of the CARES Act is for revenue replacement. Ms. Wilkison said yes, to her understanding it is similar to the first CARES ACT.

#### **14.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**15.0 Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment.

**16.0 Next Meeting**

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be February 26, 2021 at 9:30am.

**17.0 Adjournment**

With no other business before the committee, Chairmen Snyder adjourned the meeting at 11:45am

**Roll Call Votes**

		Meeting Minutes 9.18.2020		TIP Approval 5.2		TIP Amendment 5.3		HWY Safety Targets		2021 Meeting Dates	
		Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
<b>Member</b>	<b>Agency</b>										
Chris Snyder	DuPage Co	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Jessica Hector-Hsu	RTA	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Chuck Abraham	IDOT DIPI	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Brian Carlson	IDOT District 1	Y				Y		Y		-	
Kevin Carrier	Lake Co	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Lynnette Ciavarella	Metra	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Michael Connelly	CTA	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Doug Ferguson	CMAP	Y		Y		Y		-		Y	
Jackie Forbes	Kendall Co	Y		-		Y		Y		-	
Chris Heibert	SEWRPC	Y		-		-		-		-	
Scott Hennings	McHenry	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Tom Kelso	IDOT OP&P	-		-		-		-		Y	
Christina Kupkowski	Will Co	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Erik Llewellyn	Pace	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Tara Orbon	Cook Co	Y		-		Y		Y		Y	
Heidy Persaud	CNT	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Tom Rickert	Kane Co	Y		Y		Y		Y		-	
Leon Rockingham	Council of Mayors	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Joe Schofer	Academic	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
David Seglin	CDOT	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Audrey Wennink	MPC	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	
Rocco Zucchero	Tollway	Y		Y		Y		Y		Y	

Respectfully submitted,

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