



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

April 16, 2021
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Members Present: Chris Snyder, Chair – DuPage County, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Vice Chair – RTA, Chuck Abraham – IDOT OIPI, Darwin Burkhart – IEPA, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Michael Connelly – CTA, Jon Paul Diipla – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Tony Greep – FTA, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Aimee Lee – Tollway, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Heidi Persaud – CNT, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joseph Schofer – Academic and Research, David Seglin – CDOT, Audrey Wennink – MPC

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Sarah Buchhorn, Alison Case, Anthony Cefali, Stephen Di Benedetto, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Avery Goods, Victoria Jacobsen, Leroy Kos, Elliot Lewis, Tim McMahan, Jason Navota, Lily Neppel, Annie Parker, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Ryan Thompto, Mary Weber, Simone Weil, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Elaine Bottomley, Mitch Bright, Emily Daucher, Michael Fricano, Aaron Gatdula, Tyler Grau, Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Kara Komp, Daniel Maziarz, Shari Pappas, Kelsey Passi, Matt Pasquini, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Adam Rolstad, Zenaid Santos, Jeffery Schielke, Kristian Skogsbakken, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Snyder. Ms. Bayley took a roll call of committee members present on the live stream.

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 January 8, 2021, 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. There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 26 meeting was made by Mayor Rockingham and seconded by Mr. Rickert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

4.0 Committee Reports

Ms. Aleman provided an update on CMAP Board activities. The Board met yesterday and discussion focused primarily on legislative activities at both the federal and state level. Ms. Aleman provided an overview of federal funds in Transit Operating Assistance and the through the American Rescue Plan. Staff will continue to monitor progress and provide updates. Staff has also been engaging with delegations regarding the Transportation Reauthorization Principals, Community Projects and Member Designated Projects as well as providing information on the Transportation Improvement Program to both district and DC staff. Finally, Ms. Aleman mentioned that a final Fares, Fine and Fees report was released and distributed last week.

Mr. Snyder inquired the timeline for obligating funds for Member Designated Projects. Ms. Aleman stated that these are near-term projects and funds must be obligated within the three-to-four-year time frame of the TIP.

5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Pietrowiak presented on the 56 TIP changes contained in formal TIP amendment 21-04 and the 172 TIP changes contained in administrative amendments 21-04.1 and 21-04.2. The formal amendments resulted in an increase of \$764 million in total project cost for all prior, current and future years. The administrative amendments added \$1.29 billion to the TIP. The net change for total cost in the TIP from all amendments resulted in \$2.055 billion being added to the TIP in prior, current and future years. Mr. Pietrowiak added that cost changes comprised most of the formal changes while most of the administrative amendments were the result of project phases being converted to or from Advanced Construction. The amendments along with the memo were posted on April 9th for committee and public review.

Staff requested approval of formal TIP Amendment 21-04. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Seglin and second by Mr. Connelly. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

5.2 Semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that the meeting materials include the ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment 21-06. The CMAP region is a non-attainment area for Ozone, thus is required to demonstrate that projects in the TIP conform to the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budget (MVEB) for the area through a regional emissions

analysis of transportation projects in the TIP. Specifically, projects in the TIP subject to air quality analysis requirements demonstrate, when modeled, that the region does not exceed the MVEB. Mr. Pietrowiak added that the memo and list of projects that are new or had changes are being released today for a 30-day public comment period. At the next transportation committee meeting staff will seek approval of this memo.

5.3 Self-Certification

Ms. Dixon stated that every four years the state and MPO are required to certify that the planning process is being implemented in accordance with applicable federal requirements. A brief overview of what requirements and the federal Acts that must be followed in the planning process were shared with the committee.

A motion to recommend approval of the self-certification to the MPO Policy Committee was made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mayor Rockingham. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried.

6.0 Community Data Snapshot

Ms. Goods provided updates on the Community Data Snapshots, a series of county, municipal, and Chicago Community Area data profiles. These snapshots summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, retail sales, property values, and land use. Transportation related data comes from the American Community Survey (five-year estimates), CMAP products and the Longitudinal-Employer Household Dynamics Program. Ms. Goods provided an example of the snapshots, noting that the raw data is also available for public download. Potential process and content improvements were then shared and feedback requested from the Committee.

Chairman Snyder inquired whether information is available at the community level, which would help identify proximity and availability of transportation options. Ms. Goods replied that no, staff currently does not have data that granular, however they will look into additional data sources to provide a finer level of detail. Mr. Schofer suggested that CMAP's sidewalk data be included as well as carrier data for both standard and ADA transit. Mr. Carrier suggested that mode choice also be incorporated. Mr. Wennink noted that replica data may be helpful in identifying mode choice for all trips, not just work trips. Ms. Hector-Hsu agree on the importance of including mode share data. Additionally, transit ridership data can be found in the RTAMS portal that RTA hosts. Ms. Hector-Hsu also suggested the inclusion of jurisdictional information. Ms. Kupkowski stated that for communities that cross county borders, it would be helpful to show the data split by county. Additionally, some areas are unincorporated but maintain a community-like structure. She suggested staff discuss how these areas can be best captured in the snapshots.

7.0 2021 Call for Planning Assistance

Ms. Neppel provided an overview of the 2021 Call for Planning Assistance offerings. As a result of COVID-19, many local governments are dealing with strained municipal capacity and declining revenues, making it challenging to plan for 2021 and beyond. In collaboration with the Regional Transportation Authority, CMAP hosted a Call in January

for communities to apply for technical assistance services that take these conditions into consideration. The focus of the 2021 Call was to support municipalities of high and very high need (CMAP Community Cohorts 3 and 4).

This call, CMAP offered six types of technical assistance, primarily focused on local government capacity building and implementation of previously completed plans. Additionally, the RTA offered three types of technical assistance and jointly CMAP and RTA offered developer discussion panels. Ms. Nepl emphasized that staff utilized the Local Government Network (LGN) to performed extensive outreach both before and during the application period. She then summarized the process for application evaluation and award selection. Of the 41 applications, 16 that applied for CMAP programs were high need or very high need communities. Overall, of the 25 projects awarded assistance, 20 are in cohort 3 and 4 communities.

Chairman Snyder inquired whether 3rd parties are being utilized to assist with project implementation. Ms. Nepl stated that both staff and outside consultants are leading projects. Chairman Snyder also suggested that staff reach out to counties to engage them in future assistance. Ms. Hector-Hsu included that the RTA board approved RTA's six projects yesterday.

8.0 Garfield Green Line South LTA Project

Ms. Bayley gave an update on the Garfield Green Line South Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project. CMAP is working with Elevated Chicago, community groups, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to update the Community Work Plan with the specific goal of continuing the progress of turning the station into a community asset. The project seeks to understand the impact that decades of disinvestment have had and work to change the narrative around a community with strong, positive amenities.

Chairman Snyder inquired if the city has been involved in the project as they own many of the vacant parcels of land in the neighborhood. Ms. Bayley stated that staff is collaborating with the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to align efforts. Mr. Seglin asked whether staff is working with CDOT, as much of the community feedback includes projects that may involve CDOT. Ms. Bayley responded that currently there is no primary CDOT contact and that would be good to establish. Finally, Mr. Connelly stated that restoring and updating the Garfield station was a large investment and he was glad to see further efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.

9.0 Legislative Update

Mr. McMahan provided a federal update. Currently, staff is tracking the surface transportation reauthorization process. This week, two of the main authorization committees held hearings. At this time, there is still no clear indication on how the revenue portions of the bill will be paid. Additionally, Mr. McMahan stated that staff is in regular contact with congressional delegation staff regarding Member Designated Projects. Community Projects Funding through the House Appropriations Committee are also being tracked. Finally, he noted that earlier this week the USDOT released a notice of funding for RAISE grants, which is the newest iteration of BUILD grants. Chairman

Snyder requested that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the RAISE grants be shared with the committee.

Mr. Cefali provided a state update. Recently, staff brought bills to the CMAP Board for their approval and support. He briefly discussed these bills, which are HB860, HB1953, SB117, HB270 and SB1766. Mr. Seglin inquired if staff reviewed HB253. Mr. Cefali responded that yes, an analysis was conducted and staff is currently reviewing the recent amendment to HB253. Chairman Snyder commended the role counties played in modifying the definition of a highway in state MFT statutes and county option MFTs to get broader flexibility for the use of those funds sources, particularly for bike trails and sidewalks.

10.0 Other Business

Mr. Carlson informed the committee that IDOT has implemented a new policy that allows for the use of TDC funds to assist Cohort 4 communities with local, IDOT-led projects. Ms. Aleman thanked IDOT for their leadership. Ms. Hector-Hsu noted that RTA released the results of a survey, which focused on riders and lapse riders of the transit network and their post-COVID transportation plans. At this time, RTA is moving towards Step 3 of their recovery plan.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled on June 4, 2021 at 9:30am.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:56am.

Roll Call Votes

		Meeting Minutes 2.26.2021		TIP Approval 21-04		Self-Certification	
		Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Member	Agency						
Chris Snyder	DuPage Co	Y		Y		Y	
Jessica Hector-Hsu	RTA	Y		Y		Y	
Chuck Abraham	IDOT DIPI	Y		Y		Y	
Brian Carlson	IDOT Dist 1	Y		Y		Y	
Kevin Carrier	Lake Co	Y		Y		Y	
Michael Connelly	CTA	Y		Y		Y	
Doug Ferguson	CMAP	Y		Y		Y	
Jackie Forbes	Kendall Co	Y		Y		Y	
Jon Paul Diipla	McHenry	Y		Y		Y	
David Kralik	Metra	Y		Y		Y	
Christina Kupkowski	Will Co	Y		Y		Y	
Aimee Lee	Tollway	Y		Y		Y	
Erik Llewellyn	Pace	Y		Y		Y	
Tara Orbon	Cook County	Y		Y		Y	
Heidy Persaud	CNT	Y		Y		Y	
Tom Rickert	Kane Co	Y		Y		Y	
Leon Rockingham	Council of Mayors	Y				Y	
Joseph Schofer	Academic	Y		Y		Y	
David Seglin	CDOT	Y		Y		Y	
Audrey Wennink	MPC	Y		Y		Y	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Weber