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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

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Via GoToMeeting.

Recording available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GbztgfC9dU>

Members Present: Chairman Jeffery Schielke, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Thomas Hayes, Mayor Teresa Kernc, President Jeffrey Sherwin, President Mary Werner

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Alison Case, Enrique Castillo, Anthony Cefali, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Kathy Lane, Doug Ferguson, Victoria Jacobson, Elliot Lewis, Tim McMahon, Toni Murril, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Ryan Thompto, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley, Lenny Cannata, Emily Daucher, Jon Paul Diipla, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Noah Jones, Daniel Knickelbein, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Troy Simpson, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, Michael Vanderhoof

1.0 Call to order/introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Schielke.

Mary Weber read the names of committee members present on the call.

Present for roll call

President Brady	Present	President Darch	Present	President Einhorn	Present
President Gallagher	Present	President Hayes	Present	Chairman Schielke	Present
President Werner	Present				

Also in attendance

Mayor Kernc	Present
Mayor Sherwin	Present

2.0 Agenda changes and announcements

A quorum of the committee was not initially present. To allow more time for members to arrive, the CMAP update was moved to agenda item 3.0.

3.0 CMAP update

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman provided a brief overview of the agency's work to advance implementation of the American Rescue Plan. Ms. Aleman also provided an update on member designated projects and informed the Council that CMAP recently applied for a \$1 million grant to support innovations in infrastructure advancement. Ms. Aleman then provided a quick update on the agency's work related to equitable fines, fares, and fees, and explained that the agency has begun its transition back to in-person work. During the spring, CMAP will allow interested employees to work from the office, with office capacity capped at 30 percent. CMAP will continue to follow the governor's guidance as the agency transitions to more regular in-person work during the summer and fall.

Chairman Schielke thanked CMAP for the help the agency has provided as municipalities and other agencies have weathered the pandemic and begun the return to in-person work.

4.0 Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2021

A quorum of the Council not being present, the decision was made to postpone approval of the minutes for January 19, 2021. No vote was held.

5.0 STP Project Selection Committee Update

Kama Dobbs provided an update on the recent work of the STP Project Selection Committee. The Committee last met on April 1. At that meeting, staff gave an overview of the applications received during the call for STP shared fund projects. That call also included CMAQ and locally programmed TAP funding. Ms. Dobbs summarized applications received for all three programs, and explained that staff is currently reviewing the applications, and expects to present recommendations to on July 1. Ms. Dobbs then gave an update on obligations under the current STP program.

6.0 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Chad Riddle provided a brief update on the recent work of the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads. The Bureau has begun working from the office one day per week, and lettings have continued to pick up in recent months.

Chairman Schielke expressed gratitude for the work and professionalism of IDOT during the last year.

7.0 GARE Membership Overview

Jane Grover, Toni Murril, and Ryan Thompto provided an overview of CMAP's recent diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) work, including the agency's membership in the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE). Ms. Grover first introduced CMAP's internal DEI groups. Ms. Murril then outlined upcoming CMAP initiatives, including disability awareness workshops and the creation of a DEI roadmap. Next, Mr. Thompto gave an overview of GARE, explained why CMAP became a member, and what resources are included with membership. Finally, Ms. Grover highlighted several CMAP projects that illustrate agency's commitment to pursuing equity.

8.0 Summary of COVID-19's Economic Impacts in Northeastern Illinois

Austen Edwards summarized the findings of a recent CMAP [memo](#) outlining the economic impact COVID-19 has had on the Chicago region. The detailed memo provides an overview of how economic indicators, such as job growth, unemployment, consumer spending, and small business closures, have evolved during the last year. Mr. Edwards highlighted that the economic impacts of the pandemic have been inequitable. The data show that low-income and minority workers, especially in Black and Latinx communities, have been disproportionately impacted. Mr. Edwards noted that the pandemic often accelerated pre-existing inequalities.

Chairman Schielke thanked CMAP for their work on this topic and noted the additional impact that the transition to digital communications has had on seniors in the region.

9.0 Local Government Network update

Patrick Day provided an overview of the recent work of CMAP's Local Government Network (LGN). Since the last meeting, the Network promoted newly available rental assistance programs to help renters and landlords affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic slowdown. The Network has also begun receiving requests from partner communities for advisement on various topics, including plan implementation, which have been answered by CMAP subject matter experts.

10.0 Legislative update

Tim McMahon and Anthony Cefali provided an overview of action at the federal and state level relevant to CMAP's work. First, Mr. McMahon explained that congress has begun consideration of the next surface transportation reauthorization bill and the Biden Administration's proposed infrastructure plan. In addition to monitoring these legislative packages, CMAP staff has been in regular contact with congressional staff regarding the House priority projects process that is taking place in both the Transportation and Infrastructure and Appropriations Committees.

Mr. Cefali then provided an overview of recent developments at the state level. Several legislative deadlines are approaching, and if bills do not advance out of their chambers prior to those deadlines, they will expire. CMAP is currently tracking and supporting several bills, including the Cook County Assessor's bill, which would require property tax data to be disclosed, the State Treasurer's infrastructure finance initiative, and a proposal to eliminate the local contribution for IDOT funded bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Mr. Cefali also noted that preliminary hearings related to the FY22 budget have begun.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021.

14.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schielke.

Respectfully submitted,

Jared Patton