



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

July 16, 2021  
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, John Donovan, FHWA, Jon Paul Diipla – McHenry County, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Chris Hiebert - SEWRPC, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Aimee Lee – Tollway, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Leah Mooney – CTA, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Jessica Ortega – Bike/Ped TF, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joseph Schofer – Academic and Research, David Seglin – CDOT, Mike Vanderhoof - IDOT OP&P, Audrey Wennink – MPC

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Alison Case, Bingchu Chen, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Caitlin Goodspeed, Jon Haadsma, Victoria Jacobsen, Leroy Kos, Elliott Lewis, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Martin Menninger, Annie Parker, Jamie Pew, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Yousef Salama, Todd Schmidt, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Laura Wilkison, Beatrix Yan

**Others Present:** Elaine Bottomley, Emily Daucher, Jesse Elam, Michael Fricano, Lauryn Garner, Aaron Gatdula, Scott Hennings, Aladdin Husain, Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Ramesh Kanapareddy, Tom Kelso, Teresa Kernc, Howard Killian, Daniel Maziarz, Shari Pappas, Leslie Phemister, Nicholas Piro, Chad Riddle, Julian Roman, Neline Sahagun, Jeffery Schielke, Jamie Simone, Troy Simpson, Tom Slattery, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Jacob Weinstein, Tammy Wierciak, Robin Wilkinson, Joie Ziller

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and asked Ms. Bayley to call the roll.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chair 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 June 25, 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 additional announcements.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 4 meeting was made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mayor Rockingham. Vice Chair Hector-Hsu noted a reference in the draft minutes to the “Regional Transit Authority” should be changed to the “Regional Transportation Authority.” CMAP staff will make the correction. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried. (Roll call results are shown at the end of the minutes.)

### **4.0 Committee Reports**

Ms. Aleman noted that the Governor’s Disaster Declaration of June 25, 2021 expires at the end of the week and that the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee is planning for a full return to in-person meetings for the fall. Liaisons for other CMAP committees are working to prepare for a similar transition and will provide more details in the near future.

Ms. Aleman also informed the Committee that CMAP will be meeting with IDOT, FHWA, and MPC later this month regarding ADA transition plans across the region. She views this as an opportunity to enhance regional cooperation and to focus efforts on equity goals within our communities.

Lastly, Ms. Aleman will be meeting with USDOT Secretary Buttigieg and congressional representatives at the CSX Bedford Park Yard later this afternoon to discuss mobility issues and how the agency and its partners can collaborate with USDOT to advance solutions in green infrastructure and coordinated transportation programs such as CREATE. Mr. Seglin pointed out other members of the local delegation who are meeting with Secretary Buttigieg, including Chicago DOT Commissioner Biagi, Cook County President Preckwinkle, CTA President Carter, and IDOT Secretary Osman.

### **5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Pietrowiak presented an overview of the 32 TIP changes contained in formal TIP amendment 21-07 and the 143 TIP changes contained in administrative amendments 21-07.1 and 21-07.2. The formal amendments resulted in an increase of \$86 million in total project cost for all prior, current and future years. The administrative amendments did not substantially alter total project costs in the TIP. The net change for total cost in the TIP from all amendments resulted in \$86 million being added to the TIP in prior, current and future years. Formal changes were comprised mostly of cost changes; however, administrative changes were largely projects being converted to or from advanced construction, in addition to some cost changes and schedule changes.

Staff requested approval of formal TIP Amendment 21-07. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Orbon and seconded by Mr. Carrier. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried. (Roll call results are shown at the end of the minutes.)

## **6.0 Recommended CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund Programs Released for Public Comment**

Ms. Dobbs provided an overview of the proposed 2022-2026 CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund programs and selection process. Between January and March 2021, 135 applications were received across the three funding programs. Applications were reviewed for eligibility and scored according to methodologies adopted by the CMAQ/TAP-L and STP Shared Fund Project Selection Committees. The three draft programs were presented to the Project Selection Committees and released for a 30-day public comment period from July 1 to July 30, 2021. To date, CMAP staff has received four public comments and will continue to collect responses through July 30. Comments may be submitted via email to [transportation@cmmap.illinois.gov](mailto:transportation@cmmap.illinois.gov). Following the public comment period, the respective Project Selection Committees will review and discuss feedback and approve a final program. CMAP staff will prepare TIP amendments for Transportation Committee consideration and recommendation for approval on September 24, 2021. The Committee's recommendation will then be subject to final approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee and their joint meeting in October.

The three programs combined include over \$280 million in federal funding across more than 50 projects. About \$120 million is within Cohort 4 communities and over \$25 million in toll credits are being used to reduce local match requirements for eight projects within these communities. The draft CMAQ program includes \$213 million for 31 projects, \$190 million of which is for transit projects. Together, the selected projects are anticipated to reduce volatile organic carbon (VOC) emission by approximately 113 kilograms per day within the CMAP region. The draft TAP-L program includes \$22.4 million for 12 bicycle facility projects to continue to build out the region's greenways and trails network. The draft STP Shared Fund program adds \$46 million for nine roadway, bridge, safety, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. These projects together support nearly 7.9 million jobs and households, and over half are located on facilities where over 20% of the users are majority people of color under the poverty line.

Mr. Snyder asked whether the STP Shared Fund proposed program totals in out years are lower than the previous program due to the incorporation of initial seed money for that inaugural program. Ms. Dobbs confirmed this, explaining that the 2020-2024 STP Shared Fund program included \$75 million over three years made available by IDOT. As the program progressed, the estimated funding levels are now approximately \$23 million per year.

Ms. Mooney expressed her thanks to Mr. Ferguson and CMAP staff for their guidance on how the program recommendations are developed, and that CTA looks forward to working with CMAP and other partners to evolve the programs in the future.

## 7.0 Safety Resource Group Update

Ms. Jacobsen provided an update of the mission of and work by the Regional Traffic Safety Resource Group to date. Activities included research into speed management best practices, data acquisition, development of local road safety plans through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, engagement and outreach through multiple media, and convening Safety Resource Group meetings and other partner collaborations.

Mr. Schofer suggested linking the idea of traffic calming as a form of speed management to general quality of life improvements may be a fruitful synergy.

Mr. Snyder asked whether speed management and bicycle and pedestrian safety are intertwined issues. Ms. Jacobsen agreed and relayed that the group is exploring how speed management can promote safety in non-motorized transportation. Mr. Snyder also gave the example of the usefulness of speed feedback systems in key locations to inform motorists of their speed and induce slower travel. Ms. Jacobsen responded that they have reviewed examples of temporary and permanent feedback systems and their effects on motorist behavior.

Mr. Carrier affirmed the work of the group and described the work of a similar group within Lake County. He asked if there were opportunities to gather or acquire historic speed data outside of local speed studies. He also raised the tension between posted and design speeds of roadways and how they influence driver behavior.

Mr. Seglin asked how the group plans to address legislative issues, whether through a planned meeting or organically as the process develops. Ms. Jacobsen replied that they are advancing by understanding all facets of speed management so they can competently discuss issues with partners and policymakers. She does see a lot of potential to influence policy development. Mr. Seglin cautioned that the current legislative session is nearing its end and that any goal to propose or promote policy interventions should keep that in mind.

Ms. Mooney pointed out the connection between pedestrian safety and transit, and how improving transit priority and facilities can have attendant benefits for pedestrians and bicyclists. Ms. Jacobsen agreed and noted that arterial corridors may be a focus area for future recommendations. Ms. Mooney also stressed the importance of enforcement while balancing effective means of restitution and equitable practices. Ms. Jacobsen agreed and stated that they are working to incorporate such considerations.

Ms. Lee expressed an observation that much of the traffic along arterial roads in question may be the result of increased congestion on regional expressways and that the group should weigh those connected conditions.

Mr. Rickert commended CMAP for their responsiveness and asked if this work by CMAP and regional partners could be posted on CMAP's website or elsewhere online.

He noted that each agency is committed to finding solutions to increase safety but such a central source of information and notice of future meetings is needed.

Ms. Wennink asked to what extent could the group coordinate better at the state level. She felt that communication at that level has been lacking and represents an opportunity to better leverage resources for the region. Ms. Jacobsen replied that they have had quarterly meetings with the Bureau of Safety at IDOT and intend to expand dialogue.

Mr. Snyder echoed Mr. Seglin's observation about timing and brought up IDOT's annual call for safety projects during the first quarter of each year as a potential resource for local demonstration projects using recommendations from this study. Ms. Jacobsen replied that IDOT released a request for information (ROI) in May and June from communities and agencies about traffic safety concerns and that they are working to understand what those responses entailed.

#### **8.0 Legislative Update**

Mr. McMahon provided an update on federal legislation and policy development. He informed the Committee on the current status of the bipartisan framework for surface transportation reauthorization. The final bill text has yet to be released, but Senate leadership hopes for passage before the August 9th recess. House leadership has indicated that they do not plan to take up the Senate's infrastructure bill until the passage of the budget reconciliation package. He also notified the Committee of a funding opportunity from the FTA targeting areas of persistent poverty. The FTA made \$16.3 million in competitive grants to support improvements in transit service or facilities. The deadline to apply for this funding is August 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **9.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **10.0 Public Comment**

No public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Ferguson addressed questions in the chat regarding the Safety Resource Group update. Ms. Phemister asked if speed cameras are allowed outside the City of Chicago. Ms. Jacobsen answered that speed cameras were enabled under legislation that limited implementation to Chicago and that additional legislation would likely be required to expand these to other municipalities. She added that the group is looking into this further.

Ms. Simone questioned what aspect of the use of cameras in the region is new, whether technology or type of implementation. Ms. Jacobsen replied that it would be a broader application of the technology in additional areas as opposed to any new technology.

#### **11.0 Next Meeting**

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled on August 27, 2021.

#### **12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

## Roll Call Votes

|                     |                   | Meeting Minutes<br>6.4.2021 |   | TIP Approval<br>21-07 |   |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
|                     |                   | Y                           | N | Y                     | N |
| <b>Member</b>       | <b>Agency</b>     |                             |   |                       |   |
| Chris Snyder        | DuPage County     | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Jessica Hector-Hsu  | RTA               | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Chuck Abraham       | IDOT OIPI         | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Brian Carlson       | IDOT District 1   | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Kevin Carrier       | Lake County       | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Lynnette Ciavarella | Metra             | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| John Donovan        | FHWA              |                             |   |                       |   |
| Jon Paul Diipla     | McHenry County    | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Doug Ferguson       | CMAP              | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Jackie Forbes       | Kendall County    | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Chris Hiebert       | SEWRPC            | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Christina Kupkowski | Will County       | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Aimee Lee           | Tollway           | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Erik Llewellyn      | Pace              | X                           |   |                       |   |
| Leah Mooney         | CTA               |                             |   | X                     |   |
| Tara Orbon          | Cook County       | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Jessica Ortega      | Bike/Ped TF       |                             |   |                       |   |
| Tom Rickert         | Kane County       | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Leon Rockingham     | Council of Mayors | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Joseph Schofer      | Academic          | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| David Seglin        | CDOT              | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Mike Vanderhoof     | IDOT OP&P         | X                           |   | X                     |   |
| Audrey Wennink      | MPC               | X                           |   | X                     |   |

Respectfully submitted,

Elliott Lewis