



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

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Board Members Present: **Gerald Bennett**, Chair-representing southwest Cook County, **Frank Beal** representing the City of Chicago, **Matthew Brolley** – representing Kane/Kendall County, **Karen Darch** – representing northwest Cook County, **Paul Goodrich** – representing the City of Chicago, **Jim Healy** – representing DuPage County, **Nina Idemudia** – representing the City of Chicago, **John Noak** – representing Will County, **Rich Reinbold** – representing south suburban Cook County, **Nancy Rotering** – representing Lake County, **Steffan Schaffer** – representing the City of Chicago, **Carolyn Schofield**, representing McHenry County, **Anne Sheahan** – representing the City of Chicago, **Matthew Walsh** – representing west central Cook County, **Diane Williams** – representing Cook County, and non-voting member **Leanne Redden** – representing the MPO Policy Committee

Board Members Absent: Non-voting member **Abolfazl Mohammadian** – representing the Office of the Governor

Staff Present: Michelle Agunloye, Erin Aleman, Courtney Barnes, Nora Beck, Michael Brown, Jonathan Burch, Cindy Cambray, Alison Case, Anthony Cefali, Daniel Comeaux, Brian Daly, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Caitlin Goodspeed, Jane Grover, Jon Haadsma, Elliott Lewis, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jessica Matthews, Alexis McAddams, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahan, Martin Mettinger, Jason Navota, Cole Neder, Stephane Phifer, Dawn Rafferty, Yousef Salama, Elizabeth Scott, Troy Simpson, Gordon Smith, Matt Stern, Blanca Vela-Schneider, Molly Talkington, Mary Weber, Simone Weil, Laura Wilkison, Beatrix Yan

Others Present: Philip Banea, Katrina Boatright, Leonard Cannata, Sheri Cohen, Kendra Johnson, Denarie Kane, Andrew Kiefaber, Jason Keller, Mike Klemens,

Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Stephan Ostrander, Leslie Phemister, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdan, David Tomzik

1.0 Call to order and Introductions

9:30 a.m.

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., read the governor’s disaster declaration, and reminded the members that the meeting was being live-streamed. Executive Director Erin Aleman called the roll:

Mayor Bennet	Present	Frank Beal	Present	President Brolley	Present
Mayor Darch	Present	Paul Goodrich	Present	Jim Healy (arrived 10:09 a.m.)	Present
Nina Idemudia (arrived 9:35 a.m.)	Present	Mayor Noak	Present	President Reinbold	Present
Mayor Rotering	Present	Carolyn Schofield	Present	Anne Sheahan	Present
Matt Walsh	Present	Diane Williams	Present	Leanne Redden	Present
Abolfazl Mohammadian	-				

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Bennett welcomed new Board Members Paul Goodrich and Nina Idemudia who represent the City of Chicago.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2021

A motion was made by Member Healy, seconded by Member Noak, to approve the June 9, 2021, minutes. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved:

Mayor Bennet	Aye	Frank Beal	Aye	President Brolley	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Paul Goodrich	Aye	Jim Healy	Aye
Nina Idemudia	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye
Mayor Rotering	Aye	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Matt Walsh	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye	Leanne Redden	Aye
Abolfazl Mohammadian	-				

4.0 Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Erin Aleman’s report including updates on the following: the Strategic Plan, an event with U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, the Local Government Network for COVID Relief Funding deadline, the Surface Transportation Board Voting Trust’s decision to deny a merger between Canadian National and Kansas City Southern rail networks, the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program, and the region’s ADA transition plan and CMAP’s State of the Region event.

5.0 Election of Officers for the Executive Committee.

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that the Board’s Nominating Subcommittee met to review and consider names for the Executive Committee. They recommend the approval of the following:

- Gerald Bennet – Suburban Cook County, to serve as Chair
- Carolyn Schofield – Collar Counties, to serve as Co-Vice-Chair
- Anne Sheahan – City of Chicago, to serve as Co-Vice-Chair
- Diane Williams – Suburban Cook, County to serve as a member At Large
- Paul Goodrich – City of Chicago, to serve as a member At Large
- John Noak – Collar Counties, to serve as a member At Large

A motion was made by Member Reinbold, seconded by Member Rotering, to approve the Executive Committee Members as recommended by the Nominating Subcommittee. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bennet	Aye	Frank Beal	Not present	President Brolley	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Paul Goodrich	Aye	Jim Healy	Aye
Nina Idemudia	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye
Mayor Rotering	Aye	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Matt Walsh	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye	Leanne Redden	Aye
Abolfazl Mohammadian	-				

6.0 Committee Restructure

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that a survey was sent to all members who represent CMAP’s committees and working groups to understand their ability to meet in-person quorum requirements. The Board received a memorandum regarding the results of this survey.

Chief of Staff Amy McEwan reported that three objectives guided staff in making the recommendation to restructure committees. The three objects were being able to conduct the business of the agency, continuing to be a regional convener on important issues related to ONTO 2050, and maintaining transparency.

Staff recommends that the Board reapprove its Board-sanctioned committees as identified in the August 18, 2021, memo, dissolve some committees, acknowledge that CMAP’s Executive Director has the authority to engage stakeholders through working groups, and make a commitment to transparency. Chief of Staff McEwan clarified that the committees recommended for dissolution will be unable to meet in-person quorum

requirements. In January 2022, staff will return to the Board with a complete list of recommended Board-sanctioned committees with the proposed members and terms.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for public input, whether the MPO Committee should be included in the decision-making process, changes needed to achieve CMAP's goal of equitable engagement, the opportunities to be more flexible in the format and frequency of convening important stakeholders on specific tasks, and the inability for some committees to meet due to a lack of a physical quorum.

The consensus of the Board was to postpone a decision on this item until a future date.

7.0 COVID Recovery in our Region

7.1 Mobility Recovery

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on the work that has been initiated to understand the transportation system challenges and the potential opportunities to address the challenges. Staff has begun looking at policy, financial, and programming strategies to lessen the impact resulting from the pandemic.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for municipalities to consider the impact of land use as it relates to parking, and pedestrian and bike traffic if residents are not commuting into the city. Other issues for consideration include criminal activity in the City of Chicago, commercial vacancies in the City and suburbs, whether economic development has increased in suburban municipalities now that more residents are remaining local, the impact to public transit with fewer consumers, air quality, and intermodal transit opportunities.

7.2 Economic Recovery

Executive Director Erin Aleman discussed efforts by CMAP's Regional Economic Recovery Task Force which was created amidst the pandemic during the governor's stay-at-home order. Tourism organizations successfully launched "The only thing missing is you" joint campaign. CMAP has united regional partners on the benefits of 2-1-1 services and provided them with best practice information. CMAP has been convening the region's economic development organizations to move a regional agenda forward. CMAP is moving forward with a partnership to launch a set of convenings to bring the civic, philanthropic and government stakeholders together around a framework for inclusive economic growth in the region.

8.0 FLIP Program Highlights

Communications and Engagement Associates Michelle Agunloye and Courtney Barnes provided an update regarding the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. This program introduces regional high school students to planning. Associates Agunloye and

Barnes provided highlights of the 2021 program including efforts to incorporate equity into all aspects of the program and group and engagement activities that allowed the students to better engage with one another.

9.0 State and Federal Legislative Update

Government Affairs Senior Associate Anthony provided an update regarding state legislation. The governor has signed the 2022 budget and a number of bills including an initiative by the treasurer for infrastructure development proposals and IDOT's Highspeed Railway Commission. Additionally, legislation eliminating IDOT's contribution for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and the lead service line replacement and notification Act were recently signed.

Government Affairs Associate Tim McMahon provided an overview of the Senate-passed reauthorization bill. Approximately \$274 billion of the \$550 billion will go to the US Department of Transportation, increasing its budget to \$567.4 billion from Fiscal Year 2022 to 2026. The spending increase will result in significant increases to many of CMAP's core programs. He reviewed policy and programming changes to the bill that would impact Metropolitan Planning organizations as it relates to housing and expansion to planning and construction of emerging technologies that would impact the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program. New formula and competitive programs were reviewed.

Member Healy questioned whether the carbon reduction, reconnecting community, or safe street funding can be used for trails to interconnect communities. Associate McMahon will review the legislation and get back to Member Healy.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

12.0 Next Meeting

Chair Bennet reported that the next meeting is a joint meeting with the Metropolitan Planning Committee on October 13, 2021.

Executive Director Erin Aleman reported that a large conference room in the building has been reserved to accommodate social distancing should the meeting be held in-person.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Healy, seconded by Member Rotering, to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bennet	Aye	Frank Beal	Not present	President Brolley	Aye
Mayor Darch	Aye	Paul Goodrich	Aye	Jim Healy	Aye
Nina Idemudia	Aye	Mayor Noak	Aye	President Reinbold	Aye
Mayor Rotering	Aye	Carolyn Schofield	Aye	Anne Sheahan	Aye
Matt Walsh	Aye	Diane Williams	Aye	Leanne Redden	Aye
Abolfazl Mohammadian	-				

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanca Vela-Schneider
Executive Operations Manager

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