



**CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee:  
Subcommittee on Transportation Revenue  
DRAFT Minutes**

**Friday, February 9, 2018 --10:00 a.m.  
Lake County Conference Room**

**Members present:** Randall Blankenhorn, Frank Beal, Jill Leary\*, Leah Mooney\*, Richard Reinbold (via tele-conference), Tom Rickert,\* Rebekah Scheinfeld, and Carolyn Schofield (via tele-conference),

**Members absent:** Thomas Cuculich, Martin Oberman

**Guests:** Erin Aleman, John Donovan, Tony Greep (via tele-conference), Kevin O'Malley, Dave Seglin, Justine Sydello

**CMAP staff present:** Jesse Elam, Lindsay Hollander, Tom Kotarac, Melissa, Porter, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Joe Szabo

\*Alternate

**1.0 Call to Order/Introductions**

Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary and Policy Committee Chair, Randy Blankenhorn, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and members introduced themselves.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements

**3.0 Approval of Minutes-December 4, 2017**

A motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Chairman Blankenhorn, seconded by Mr. Beal, carried.

**4.0 Presentation on Transportation Revenues**

Tom Kotarac began the presentation by providing a summary of the last subcommittee meeting. He highlighted some of the major needs on the transportation network and indicated that the revenue strategies that we employ should be driven by where the deficits are. Jesse Elam gave an overview of the condition of bridges and roadways in the region, providing detail on some of the differences between Tollway, IDOT, and local facilities. Lindsay Hollander provided information on the forecasted deficit between the amount that

will be needed to maintain and operate the region's transit system, and the amount of expected revenues.

Mr. Kotarac and the subcommittee discussed the reasonably expected revenues, including whether more funding could be assumed as a result of the amendment to the state constitution that ensured transportation revenue would be spent for transportation purposes. Because most transportation revenue is already expended for transportation purposes, it is not assumed that more revenue would be available in the forecast.

The subcommittee discussed the essential components of transportation revenue proposals drafted by CMAP staff: stable, sufficient, sustainable, benefit-based, considers ability to pay, supports all modes, and invested via performance-based approaches. Members discussed the challenges in creating a funding system when the transportation system and vehicles are changing and new trends are emerging.

Mr. Kotarac provided an overview of efforts in other states and regions to implement new or increased transportation revenues, as well as potential scenarios for state and regional revenue increases for northeastern Illinois. The subcommittee discussed what the focus should be in a near-term revenue package and how a coalition to advocate for revenues could be formed to address both statewide and regional needs. Members discussed what reforms to investment decisions or governance might have to be considered as a part of a revenue package.

The subcommittee also discussed what other opportunities might be available, such as using toll revenue more flexibly.

#### **4.0 Other business**

None

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **6.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,