



**MPO Policy Committee
Minutes**

March 8, 2018

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Policy Committee
Members Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn-MPO Policy Committee Chair, Frank Beal-representing the CMAP Board, Michael Connelly-representing the CTA, Jim Derwinski-representing Metra, Joe Gottemoller-representing McHenry County, Sis Killen-representing Cook County, Richard Kwasneski-representing Pace, Aaron Lawlor-representing Lake County, Aimee Lee-representing the Illinois Tollway, John Loper-representing DuPage County, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, Rebekah Scheinfeld-representing CDOT, Jeffrey Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Larry Walsh-representing Will County, and non-voting members Kay Batey-representing the FHWA, Tony Greep-representing the FTA, and Adrian Guerrero, representing the Railroads.

Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Gordon Smith, Teri Dixon, Elizabeth Schuh, Elizabeth Irvin, Russell Pietrowiak, Anthony Cefali, and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Erin Aleman-IDOT, Jackie Forbes-KaneKendall Council, Scott Hennings-McHenry County, Mark Kerr-FTA, Mike Klemens-Lake County, Matt McAnarney-IDOT, Taqhi Mohammed-Pace, Leslie Phemister-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Shane Schneider-Lake County DOT, Mike Vanderhoof-IDOT, and Mike Walczak-NWMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

MPO Policy Committee Chair, Randy Blankenhorn called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Chairman Secretary Blankenhorn did report that John McCarthy who had served the Policy Committee for decades had retired, and thanked him for his many years of service.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018, meeting of the MPO Policy Committee, as presented was made by Mayor Jeffery Schielke and seconded by Tom Rickert. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 CMAP Executive Director Joe Szabo gave an update on the following topics.

Regarding the ON TO 2050 process, Szabo thanked stakeholders for their help drafting preliminary sections of the plan, touched briefly on the past three (3) years of work resulting in the seven (7) snapshot reports, and reported activities over the coming months that culminate with the draft plan release for public comment in June. Szabo also reported very briefly that the Revenues Subcommittee that had been named by the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board, had met and reporting would be made at the Policy Committee meeting in June.

4.2 For the CMAP Board, Leanne Redden reported that the CMAP Board had met once since the Policy Committee had last met, had named Frank Beal and Carolyn Schofield as CMAP representatives to the Policy Committee, had considered major recommendations of the land use chapter of ON TO 2050, and staff had given a presentation on the development of an approach to assess vulnerability to climate impacts and how communities can increase their resilience.

4.3 Mayor Jeffrey Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met in January. Staff gave an overview of the initial meeting of the STP Project Selection committee and their roles and responsibilities, timelines, voting, meeting dates and themes for each meeting. IDOT gave a local roads update and information about STP projects and the January 2018 letting. A summary of the STP locally programmed expenditure report that shows obligating approximately \$34 million in federal funds was given, and the UWP request for the Planning Liaison (PL) Program was presented. Schielke explained that a 5% increase was requested for all PL positions funded at 80/20. The committee approved the scope of services and FY 2019 PL proposal for submission to the 2019 UWP program. Both freight and legislative updates were also given. The committee meets next May 15.

5.0 Transportation Consent Agenda: Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment

CMAP staff Russell Pietrowiak presented the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments, reporting that our region is a nonattainment area for Ozone and explained why this is important for Policy Committee approval. Pietrowiak also reported that the projects in the TIP are not only not to make air quality worse, but also should contribute to a reduction in VOC and NOx emissions. The memo in the packet included information about new projects along with various changes to existing project that were already part of the regional air quality analysis. Further, while the region does conform to VOC budget 2025, it is by a very small margin. The list of projects was released for a 30-day public comment period, during which no comments were received. Staff's analysis, Pietrowiak concluded, demonstrate that the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments are found to conform to the motor vehicle emissions budget for our region. Pietrowiak responded to questions raised by the

Chairman regarding the 2025 budgets, the technology for modeling and if the EPA budgets are reasonable. Currently approved, valid, and undergoing review, there should be new budgets in ON TO 2050, and current budgets would be used until new ones are available.

6.0 Intergovernmental Agreement between IDOT and CMAP – Performance Measures

CMAP staff Teri Dixon presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between IDOT and CMAP that outlines the respective responsibilities of each for cooperation in the development and sharing of information related to performance data, performance targets, and associated reporting on the data. A motion by Tom Rickert was seconded by Joe Gottemoller to approve the agreement as presented. After a fairly lengthy discussion, and with committee consensus, the motion was amended by Leanne Redden and seconded by County Executive Walsh to table the matter for now, and because of an FHWA May 27, 2018, due date ask the Transportation Committee to consider the agreement at its next meeting on April 27, 2018, thus allowing the signers additional time for review. All in favor the motion carried. The matter should be reaffirmed at the next meeting of the MPO Policy Committee of June 14, 2018.

7.0 ON TO 2050

7.1 2050 Draft Process Review

CMAP staff Liz Schuh gave a brief reporting of the review process of the draft plan, covering the process leading up to release for public comment in June and also reporting that tasks are underway related to implementation. The plan is being built as web-based, and covers five (5) major topical chapters. Each of CMAP's working committees can expect to review at least two (2) of the chapters. Schuh went on to say that the month of March would see the mobility chapter, with Regionally Significant Projects (RSPs) following in April.

7.2 Introduction to ON TO 2050 Mobility Recommendations

CMAP staff Elizabeth Irvin gave an introduction to the ON TO 2050 Mobility Recommendations covering the draft review timeline, the three (3) overarching principles of the plan--promote prioritized investment, advance inclusive growth, and improve resilience—and the strategy papers and snapshots used to inform the chapter. Irvin described a number of the proposed ON TO 2050 Mobility recommendations, the strategies to implement, and example actions to implementation that included the following. 1. Meeting changing travel demands—harnessing technology to improve travel and anticipate future needs; making transit more competitive—investments, efficiencies, and reliability; retain the region's status as North America's freight hub. 2. A system that works better for everyone—leveraging the transportation network to promote inclusive growth; eliminate traffic fatalities; improve the resilience of the network. 3. Increased investment in transformative projects—fully fund the region's transportation system; build regionally significant projects. Feedback from the committee included the following: technology may be too generic (i.e., autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, and ride sharing); risk of increasing congestion; good step toward inter-dependency (i.e., funding, projects, etc.), parking and land use; electricity is free; workforce mobility in the private section (i.e., Amazon may provide services for employees to get point to

point), through ride-share, van-pool, or direct shuttle and help to finance; changing roadway design to reduce crashes; study speeding and behavior (i.e., ped/bike & headphones); incentivizing public-private partnerships in first/last mile rides; work with business to promote, leverage data; bus on shoulder has been wildly successful, measure rather than vehicles through, number of people through (i.e., moving people versus individual vehicles); would like to see more about asset management, extending useful life and how technology will be involved; dedicated funding for non-highway projects that is sustainable over the long term—revenues that are timely, multi-modal; and finally, leverage building capacity for disinvested areas sensitive to ability to local match.

8.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Anthony Cefali gave the state legislative update and reported that the draft state agenda and principles document that had been presented in January, had now been approved by the CMAP Board. The document was distributed this morning. Regarding the second year of the 100th General Assembly, Cefali went on to say that the Governor had delivered both that the State of the State and Budget addresses, and that between the two chambers, over 4000 bills had been filed. Staff continues to monitor those that have relevance to GO TO 2040. Cefali also reported that Committee Leadership in Transportation: Regulations, Roads, and Bridges filed HB 5048 (a proposed FY 2019 IDOT capital appropriation) and HB5468 (proposing a number of large-scale transportation policy changes). Cefali also mentioned the following important dates: March 8 and 15, respectively House and Senate recess, reconvening on April 9; March 20 is the statewide primary; and April 13 is the next legislative deadline where all substantive bills pass out of committee into both chambers.

9.0 Federal Update

CMAP staff Tom Kotarac gave an update on relevant federal developments being monitored based on the Federal Agenda that the CMAP Board approved in February. TIGER grants, Kotarac reported, are about to be announced (one in the State of Illinois, Williamson County)—congratulations to IDOT for the \$7 + million grant. Other large INFRA grants are likely to be announced in June—now is a good time to redouble advocacy of CREATE. Kotarac also covered highlights of the President’s Infrastructure Proposal—\$200 billion over 10 years, that does not fix the highway trust fund, does not include “pay fors”, and redefines the federal/local relationship related to transportation funding (now at 80/20 match, would be reversed to 20/80)—the Senate’s Democrats \$1 trillion budget plan that has “pay fors” that includes a grant program that would incentivize MPOs and State DOTs to meet targets (not so sound on gas tax)—and, Congress’ appropriations omnibus, \$20 billion of which over the next two (2) years to go toward infrastructure. Members weighed in on the topics, specifically related to the INFRA grant proposal program, the difficulty in matching 20/80, the trust fund funding gap, the work of the subcommittee on revenues, presuming an 80/20 match, could drastically shift projections, and concerns about not taking advantage of existing programs.

10.0 Election of Interim MPO Policy Committee Secretary

With best wishes and thanks, Chairman Secretary Blankenhorn acknowledged the departure of Tom Kotarac as a member of the CMAP staff and secretary to the MPO Policy

committee, and nominated Jesse Elam to serve as Interim Secretary. A motion by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by Leanne Redden, and with all in favor, carried.

11.0 Innovation Agenda: Autonomous Vehicles (AV)

Justine Sydello and Matt McAnarney, addressing the innovation agenda, gave a presentation on autonomous vehicles (AV). Innovative, game changing, and meant to reduce fatalities and save lives, Sydello reported that autonomous vehicles are coming. Today's Agenda would cover Illinois Interagency AV Working Group Overview, Proposed AV Testing Framework, AV 102-A Data Primer, and finally discussion. Sydello covered the vision statement, the respective state agencies involved in the working group, and responsibilities of those agencies, the vision in practice, and the interagency working group activities. Matt McAnarney covered the portions of the presentation related to the testing framework, citing states and describing laws or executive orders that had been enacted. McAnarney also covered the testing program, gave background on current Illinois law (HB 791 introduced last session) related to testing, and reported key testing recommendations (vehicle registration, vehicle insurance, self-certification clauses, and autonomous vehicle decals. McAnarney described AV/CV testing demonstrations, and AV 102-A Data Primer covering data uses, use cases, and data concerns related to ownership, access, privacy and security. Bills will continue to be monitored, McAnarney concluded, and an Illinois AV Association is likely to be created.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the MPO Policy Committee.

13.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

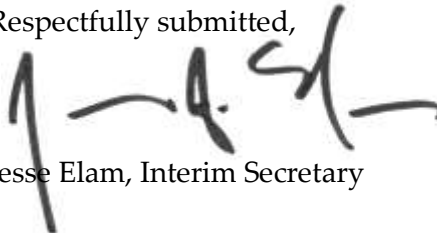
14.0 Next Meeting

The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next June 14, 2018.

15.0 Adjournment

At 11:39 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Frank Beal was seconded by Tom Rickert. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Elam, Interim Secretary

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 14, 2018