



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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### **Coordinating Committee**

#### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

**8:00-9:10 a.m.**

**DuPage County Conference Room**

**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**Members Present:** Diane Williams, chair (CMAP Board), Matthew Brolley (CMAP Board), Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board), Sheri Cohen (Human and Community Development Committee), Rocco Zucchero (Transportation Committee), Sean Wiedel (Environmental Natural Resources Committee)

**Staff Present:** Stephane Phifer (Staff Liaison), and CMAP staff Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan Laurent Ahiablame, Isabella Downes, Aseal Tineh, Liz Schuh, and Simone Weil

**Others Present:** Emily Karry and Troy Simpson-Kane/Kendall Council, Jacky Bellefontaine-Cook County Department of Public Health

**1.0 Call to Order** 8:05 a.m.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

**3.0 Minutes-July 17, 2019**

The Minutes of the July 17, 2019, meeting were approved as presented.

**4.0 Implementing a Road Usage Charge Pilot in Illinois**

Staff presented research on a proposed pilot program regarding the potential impacts of a Road Usage Charge (RUC) in different types of communities as well as how RUC pilots have been conducted in other states. The RUC is a flat fee in lieu of the gas tax, this method could help fill in gaps that are sure to come with the usage of more fuel efficient vehicles. Staff offered initial conclusions on the implications for a RUC pilot in Illinois, including the following: the pilot program could be beneficial to the state; households could see impacts of -5% - +16% via the change in fee assessment proposed; the pilot could take a while to

implement so planning needs to start now; the proposed four year pilot program that would be overseen by a steering committee, and would require 3,000 minimum volunteer drivers from diverse locations throughout the state; and, finally, the fees would be simulated fees as opposed to actual fees.

A concern was raised about a flat fee for environmentally conscious drivers vs. large SUV drivers; let's not deter drivers from using efficient cars. Staff suggested that environmentally conscious vehicles are becoming more and more prevalent on the road; staff will explore the point further.

The Committee encourages and is supportive of the proposal.

### **5.0 Assessing Equity of Transportation Fines, Fares, and Fees**

Staff have begun a collaborative project considering state and regional policies to reduce the disproportionate impacts of existing and proposed transportation revenue sources on lower-income residents. Staff reported that the goal of the project is to leverage transportation network to promote inclusive growth and a fully funded transportation system, which are both aligned with the ON TO 2050 plan. Staff presented the project scope and initial background research including the study of 10 specific revenue generating fines, fares and fees and explained the difference between horizontal and vertical equity. Other topics to be studied would include: existing policies that help to make transit more accessible to lower income community members; proposed transit equity framework to help generate consensus about what's important; next steps; and outcome evaluation. The framework includes five targeted sections: Meaningful Engagement, Affordability, Quality Connections, Health and Safety and Equitable Investment.

Staff asked to hear input from the Committee around the following questions:

- Is the project including the appropriate transportation fines, fares, and fees?
- Does the transportation equity framework include the necessary major elements to evaluate solutions?
- Are there best practices or solutions that CMAP should evaluate / consider?
- What additional resources (data, people, etc.) might be beneficial to this analysis?

Questions, comments by committee members included the following: it would be beneficial to look at license revoking for fine delinquency; the usage of the terminology equality vs. equity as opposed to horizontal vs. vertical equity may be more understandable to the public; what is the clear cut goal; how is this study linked to the previous study; it is not directly or officially linked.

### **6.0 Working Committee Updates**

The chairs of the Environmental Natural Resources Committee and the Human and Community Development Committee gave updates.

**7.0 Agency Announcements**

CMAP's new Chief of Staff, Amy McEwan, was introduced.

CMAP Kick off of Small Plans, Big Ideas featuring four small events around the region and one large format event happening in Chicago, is set to begin in September.

**8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the committee.

**9.0 Public Comment**

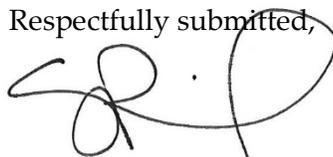
There were no comments from the public.

**10.0 Next Meeting**

The coordinating committee will meet next on November 13, 2019.

**11.0 Adjournment**

9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  


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Deputy Executive Director for Planning

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, November 13, 2019*