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Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

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Teleconference & Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
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Present: Chair – Claire Bozic – CMAP, Phillip Bobitz – FHWA, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT, Abraham Emmanuel – Chicago DOT, Chris DiPalma – FHWA, John Donovan – FHWA, Joe Iacobucci – CTA, Rich Jezierny – Cook County Highway Department, Jim LaMantia – GTT, Jon Nelson – Lake County DOT, Keith Privett – Chicago DOT, Chuck Sikaras – IDOT, Tom Szabo – Kane County DOT, David Tomzik – Pace, Steve Travia – IDOT, Gerry Tumbali – RTA, David Zavattero – Chicago DOT, David Ziesemer – DuPage County

Staff Present: Tom Murtha, Todd Schmidt

1.0 Call to Order

Claire Bozic, Chair called the meeting to order just after 1:00 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with changes suggested by Chuck Sikaras.

4.0 CMAQ Application Information and Discussion

Todd Schmidt informed the group that CMAP staff is in the process of mapping and creating a project description list for the proposed CMAQ projects. CMAP staff is determining whether each project is located on the Congestion Management System. This includes the Interstate System, National Highway System (including intermodal connectors), Strategic Regional Arterials, and other principal arterials. CMAP staff will continue the CMAQ project analysis and will have more project screening information ready for the next RTOC meeting.

Tom Murtha inquired if the group would prefer to look at all the proposed CMAQ projects or only the ones dealing with operations. Tom would prefer the group look at bike/ped projects that are proposed grade separations, bike lanes, or have an operations effect on the Congestion Management System.

David Zavattero asked if the projects were classified by CMAP staff or self-classified. Tom Murtha told the group that they are classified by the project submitter, but CMAP staff has the ability to go back and re-classify a project. Gerry Tumbali would like the group to look at all projects.

Chris DiPalma would prefer for the group to focus on projects that are classified as bottleneck improvement, signal interconnect, intersection improvement, and demonstration. Steve Travia commented the group should look at all projects and then determine which projects are operations related. CMAP staff has created a list of proposed projects by type and is available online. CMAP staff will also create a list of projects that they believe are operations oriented.

John Donovan commented that the CMAQ Project Selection committee will still make the final decision on what projects are awarded. The CMAQ Project Selection committee would like for the focus groups to recommend the best package of projects that are in line with regional priorities. The more information and detail provided by the focus groups the easier it will be for the CMAQ Project Selection committee to award projects.

David Zavattero asked CMAP staff what needs to happen and by what date. CMAP staff responded that the group needs to come up with a package of projects that advance the regional transportation goals outlined in GO TO 2040. The group should select the best projects through qualitative and quantitative analysis and create a story why these projects advance the regional transportation plan. The package of projects must be ready for the July 7th CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Regional Transportation Operations Committee.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

7.0 Next Meeting

The RTOC meets next on Thursday, May 19, 2011, 9:30 a.m. CST.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Todd Schmidt

Todd Schmidt, Committee Liaison