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CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Draft Minutes
Thursday, May 24, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.

Cook County Conference Room

Committee Members Present:	Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Chris Snyder (counties), Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT), Larry Keller (Council of Mayors), Mark Pitstick (RTA), David Seglin (City of Chicago), Mike Rogers (IEPA)
Staff Present:	Patricia Berry, Claire Bozic, Randy Deshazo, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, John O'Neal, Joy Schaad
Others Present:	Brian Carlson (via phone), John Donovan, Jonathon Doster, Scott Kasper, Jennifer Killan, Tam Kutzmark, Aimee Lee, Joshua McCluskey, Mike Payette, Tom Rickert, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, David Tomzik, , Gerry Tumbali, Brian Urbaszewski, Jan Ward (via phone), Thomas Weaver, Tammy Wierciak (via phone), Frank Williams, and John Yonan

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chair Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Patronsky welcomed DuPage County Engineer Chris Snyder as the new representative for the counties.

Chairman Patronsky suggested moving item 5.1 on Project Status Sheets to between items 3 and 4 so that the financial status of the program is known for project change decisions. There were no objections.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—April 5, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Rogers and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 Riverdale – CSXT Barr Rail Yard Switch Engine Retrofit (TIP ID 07-08-0010)

The railroad requested a scope changes to purchase four single-engine Tier 3 switcher locomotives instead of four multi-engine GenSets switchers. This change was considered with item 4.5 and approved.

4.2 Pace – Transit Diesel Engine Retrofits 2012-2016 (TIP ID 17-12-0003)

Pace requested a scope change to purchase US EPA-certified retrofit technology instead of the Syngas diesel particulate filter (DPF) technology identified in the application. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the scope change was approved.

4.3 RTA – Regional Transit Signal Priority "TSP" Integration Plan, Five Year Implementation: Priority Corridors (TIP ID 13-12-0002); Chicagoland Commute Options "CCO" (TIP ID 13-12-0004); and Improvements at 19 Priority Interagency Transit Transfer Locations (TIP ID 13-12-0005)

The RTA requested a conditional approval to increase the federal share from 80% to 90% for three projects pending approval of the revised Programming and Management Policies by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in mid-June. On a motion by Mayor Keller and a second by Mr. Seglin, the three projects' cost participation increases were approved, contingent on adoption of the revised Programming and Management Policies by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

4.4 Schaumburg - Schaumburg Rd at Barrington Rd Intersection Improvements (TIP ID 03-00-0108)

Schaumburg requested a cost increase in the amount of $3,164,304 ($2,531,443 federal). On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the cost increase was approved.

4.5 Berkeley - Union Pacific Proviso Railyard Switcher Engine Retrofit (TIP ID 04-09-0002)

The railroad requested scope changes to allow for the purchase of single-engine Tier 3 switcher locomotives along with multi-engine GenSets switchers as part of a competitive bid process. Item 4.5 was handled along with item 4.1. On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mayor Keller, the scope changes were approved.

4.6 DuPage County DOT – 55th St/CH 35 from Dunham Rd to Clarendon Hills Rd and 55th St at Main St (TIP ID 08-12-0004) and 55th St/CH 35 from Dunham Rd to Clarendon Hills Rd (TIP ID 08-12-0010)

DuPage County requested combining the two projects. The new TIP ID will be 08-12-0004. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

During the discussion of the project change requests, the committee members agreed that if the proposed CMAQ Programming and Management Policies are adopted and program accomplishment improves, cost increases will be more carefully considered and

sponsors may have to pay for the increases with funds other than CMAQ. Moving all phases of a transit project into one year and/or providing large increases to transit projects that will be able to obligate funds in the short term but may not expend those funds for many years will also require additional consideration.

5.0 Program Monitoring

5.1 Programming Project Status Sheets

As requested, an update was given on the status of active projects and the line item changes since the previous PSC meeting. Mr. Ferguson provided highlights and answered questions about the information contained in the report that was provided with the agenda. Obligations are much higher than typical for this time of year at $124 million to date.

5.2 CMAQ Expenditure Report

Mr. Ferguson provided highlights and answered questions on the summary report on the expenditures of CMAQ funds in the region. The report was prepared for the May 1 meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

5.3 Recommendations on IDOT Project Review Process

Mr. Carmitchel reported that IDOT received the Project Selection Committee's March 30th letter with recommendations regarding IDOT's project review process and has agreed to undertake a statewide review of their processes over the next year. He said that this will be through a FHWA-IDOT federal program year 2013 joint review process that will include participants outside of IDOT and FHWA, such as the counties. The kick-off has not been scheduled yet.

6.0 Program Focus Group Updates

Mr. O'Neal provided an update on the work of the bicycle-pedestrian program focus group (i.e. the Bicycle-Pedestrian Task Force). He said that the group met in March and discussed the upcoming call for projects. The group will address methods of providing input to the PSC and how to undertake the direct identification of projects at their June meeting. They also would like to have input to the development of the application booklet and guide.

Ms. Bozic reported on the Regional Transportation Operations Committee's work as a program focus group. She said that they discussed performance measures for both systems and projects. They are leaning towards system performance measures of travel time, volume per lane, and crash reduction. They are looking for areas of poor performance to identify new projects. Their next meeting is July 19 and they will talk about specific performance measures. Ms. Bozic said that the group will look for projects that combine well to improve a corridor.

Mr. Ferguson reported on the work of the Transit Focus Group in Mr. Rodriquez's absence. The group met on May 16th and discussed what the priorities should be to help the transit network; scoring criteria; improving data; and the overall goal of discussing project ideas before the proposals are submitted, potentially modifying proposals for stronger projects.

Chairman Patronsky reported on the work of the Direct Emissions Reduction Program Focus Group that had met earlier in the day. They discussed accepting applications for locomotive re-powers and the new technologies. There was discussion on the differences and advantages of single engine prime movers vs. GenSets. The group wants to consider focusing on various areas prior to the call for projects, possibly looking to do projects at one rail yard at a time. They would like to "tweak" the application forms to make it more suitable for this type of project.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Ferguson
Committee Liaison
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