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MPO Policy Committee

Agenda
June 9, 2011—10:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions **10:00 a.m.**

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2011
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

4.0 Agency Reports
4.1 Council of Mayors' Report
4.2 CMAP Board Report
4.3 CMAP Staff Report

5.0 Modifications to the National Highway System Intermodal Freight Connectors
As a result of changes to the region's freight industry facilities, staff has recommended modifications to the National Highway System Intermodal Freight Connectors (see attachment). At its April meeting, the proposed changes were reviewed by the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee recommends your endorsement. If approved, the recommended changes will be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation for their consideration.
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorsement of Changes to the National Highway System Intermodal Freight Connectors

6.0 Authorize the Transportation Committee to Approve the Community Planning Program
In partnership with the RTA, CMAP has requested proposals for the 2012 Community Planning Program. This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for municipalities in the northeastern Illinois region to participate in projects linking land use and transportation. The timeline for this program calls for selecting the projects before the next Policy

Committee meeting in October. Staff is recommending that the Policy Committee authorize the Transportation to review and, if appropriate, endorse the proposed projects.
ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Transportation Committee to consider endorsing the Community Planning Program projects

7.0 Nominating Committee for Office of Vice Chairman

The MPO bylaws state "each year during June, after notice to the membership in the call and agenda of a particular meeting, the Chairman shall appoint a subcommittee of five members of the Policy Committee to nominate at a meeting in October, the name or names of candidates for election to the office of Vice Chairman of the Policy Committee for the following year". The members of the nominating committee must include one person from each of the following areas: municipal government or municipal corporation, highway or roads administration, public transportation agency or other transportation provider, regional planning agency, and county government.
ACTION REQUESTED: Appointment of the Nominating Committee

8.0 Updated 5307/5340 Capital and Planning Funds for Designated Recipients

At the March 10, 2011 meeting, the CMAP MPO Policy Committee approved the allocation the of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin based on the apportionment published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2011 and designated the Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace) as recipients of such funds. Full apportionments were published in the May 20, 2011 Federal Register. The RTA staff has updated the splits of all funding between Illinois and northwestern Indiana, and Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin and will present these updates to the RTA Board for its approval at the Board's June 23rd meeting. The RTA staff will recommend FY11 allocations to each of the three Service Boards (CTA, Metra and Pace). The estimated Section 5307 and 5340 combined capital and planning funds for northeastern Illinois totals $235,788,926. The recommended distribution to the Service Boards will be: $136,490,604 to the CTA; $67,226,716 to Metra; and $32,071,606 to Pace.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of amended Resolutions 11-03 through 11-05 contingent upon RTA Board approval.

9.0 Title VI Plan

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning adopted its initial Title VI plan, as required by USDOT, in September of 2008. Each grantee must submit an update every three years. The updated plan is attached.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the June 2011 Title VI Plan

10.0 Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Work Program

The Transportation Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee have recommended the approval of the proposed FY 2012 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the Policy Committee and the CMAP Board. The FY 2012 UWP totals $19,820,886 and includes $15,700,000 in FHWA and FTA regional planning funds and $4,120,886 in matching funds. The attached Executive Summary details the allocation of funding and awarded projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of FY 2012 UWP

11.0 Legislative Update

Staff and member agencies will update the Committee on the status of various legislative initiatives at the federal and state level.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

12.0 CMAQ Program Status

The GO TO 2040 focused programming of CMAQ funds approved at the MPO Policy Committee's January meeting is underway. The four program focus groups have been meeting and setting priorities, identifying strategies to use in evaluating project proposals, identifying gaps in systems of improvements, and identifying the projects that are the most important in implementing GO TO 2040. A status report will be provided.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

13.0 Stearns Road Bridge Corridor: A Fox River Bridge at the Center of an Environmental Corridor

The corridor has a long and interesting story - over 20 years in fact - which ends with the opening December 15, 2010 of a much needed new crossing of the Fox River in central Kane County. It is a project that became a win-win solution for the community - from motorists to bicyclists to environmentalists.

The award-winning $165 million project, which includes $1.1 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars and $77 million in federal-aid highway funding, is considered the largest infrastructure project in the history of Kane County. The new corridor extends from Randall Road to Stearns Road and includes the main 1,100-foot span over the Fox River.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

14.0 Other Business

15.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

16.0 Next Meeting – Thursday, October 13, 2011

17.0 Adjournment

MPO Policy Committee Members:

	Martin G. Buehler		Gary Hannig		Michael Payette
	Alexander D. Clifford		Elliott Hartstein		John Purcell
	Tom Cuculich		Kenneth Koehler		Leanne Redden
	Joseph Deal		R.A. Kwasneski		Jeffery Schielke
	Don Gismondi		Kristi Lafleur		Marisol Simon
	Rupert Graham		John McCarthy		Norman R. Stoner
	Luann Hamilton		Karen McConnaughay		Larry Walsh