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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
Project Selection Committee
Draft Minutes
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Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Chairman Ross Patronsky – CMAP, Marty Buehler – Counties, Bill Lenski - RTA, Keith Privett – City of Chicago, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Susan Stitt – IDOT (via phone)

Members Absent: Larry Keller – Council of Mayors

Others Present: Erasmo Berrios, Cook County Department of Environmental Control; Ashley Collins, Respiratory Health Association; Jonathan Doster, Citizens Action; Laura Fedak, CTA; Jim Fiorito, CTA; Gary Kaplan, Cook County Department of Environmental Control; John P. Mick, Baxter Woodman – representing Oak Forest; Randy Neufeld, SRAM; Charles Riddle, IDOT – BLRS – D1; Chris Staron, NWMC; Mike Sibrava, Palos Park; Mike Walczak, NWMC; Jan Ward, KKCOM; Thomas Weaver, Metra;

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Ylda Capriccioso, Doug Ferguson, Holly Ostdick, Joy Schaad, Todd Schmidt, Drew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were none.

3.0 Approval of December 14, 2010 Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Buehler and a second by Mr. Lenski, the minutes for the December 14, 2010 meeting were approved.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 Palos Park - 80th Ave from 121st St to 123rd St (TIP ID 06-09-0007)

Ms. Ostdick stated that due to comments received from IDOT and Cook County Highway department the project sponsor is requesting a cost increase of $105,000 total $84,000 federal. The project is anticipated to be let in the spring. Staff conducted a re-ranking on the project and it dropped one spot but still above funded projects. On a motion by Mr. Buehler and seconded by Mr. Privett the change was approved.

4.2 Franklin Park - Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Switcher Engine Retrofit (TIP ID 04-09-0003)

The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of $1,059,000 total and $688,350 federal because while the agreement was being developed and agreed on the costs rose. A re-ranking was completed and the project remained within funded projects in their appropriate program years. Mr. Privett asked if the committee could assume similar request from other railroads. Staff replied affirmatively. On a motion by Mr. Privett and seconded by Mr. Lenski the change was approved.

4.3 Oak Forest - Oak Forest Sidewalks to Metra Station (TIP ID 07-06-0065)

The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of $34,750 total and $27,800 federal. The committee approved a cost increase in 2008 as well. The project is let, and the additional funds are needed to complete the project. A re-ranking was completed and the rank remained the same. On a motion by Mr. Buehler and seconded by Mr. Privett the change was approved.

4.4 Schaumburg - Schaumburg Commuter Rail Facility Bikeway Connector - IL 19/Irving Park Rd Bike Path (TIP ID 03-06-0002)

The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of $248,358 total and $198,718 federal. This same project requested and received a cost increase at the November 18th meeting. The additional cost was due to a miscommunication with the original request. A re-ranking was completed and the rank remained the same. On a motion by Mr. Lenski and seconded by Mr. Privett the change was approved.

4.5 CDOE - Chicago Diesel Fleet Retrofit Project (TIP ID 01-06-0074)

The sponsor is requesting a scope change to reduce the number of vehicles from 242 with Diesel Oxygen Catalysts and 114 with Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF) to 121 with Diesel Oxygen Catalysts and 83 with DPFs. A re-ranking was completed but due to new analysis methods since 2006 we used more current rankings as a comparison standard. The project would have ranked first[t] among the 2010/2011 projects. Mr. Buehler asked if it was for the municipal fleet. Mr. Privett replied affirmatively. Mr. Patronsky inquired about the viability of the DPFs. Mr. Privett stated that the project has been tested and the City of Chicago is satisfied with the testing. On a motion by Mr. Lenski and seconded by Mr. Privett the change was approved.

4.6 Berwyn - Bicycle Parking and Marketing – (TIP ID 05-10-0001)

The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of $12,200 total and $9,760 federal because of a change in the design of bike racks. The project is on the April letting. A re-ranking was completed and the project rank did not change. On a motion by Mr. Buehler, seconded by Mr. Privett, the change was approved.

4.7 Oak Park – Bike Lanes – (TIP ID 04-10-0001; 04-10-0002; 04-10-0003)

The sponsor is requesting to combine the projects and a cost increase of $20,600 total and $14,500 federal. The increase is due to the increase in cost of pavement marking materials since the funds were originally requested. A re-ranking was completed and the combined rank ranks 1st for that year. On a motion by Mr. Privett, seconded by Ms. Stitt, the change was approved.

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4.8 Carol Stream - Kuhn Rd Bike Path from Lies Rd to The Great Western Trail (TIP ID 08-07-0013)

The sponsor is requesting to move remaining ROW funding to Construction. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.9 Oak Forest - Oak Forest Metra Station Bike Access and Parking (TIP ID 07-00-0024)

The sponsor is withdrawing the project from the program. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.10 Kane County DOT - IL 64 from Randall Rd to Burlington Rd – (TIP ID 09-09-0013)

The sponsor is requesting to put the arterial management center portion of the project into a separate TIP number. A question came up about what constitutes the arterial management center portion. Ms. Ward said the project is for a very small control center housed in the Kane County DOT offices. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.11 CDOT-Streeterville-Illinois Center Signal Interconnect – (TIP ID 01-97-0085)

The sponsor is requesting to move funding from construction into engineering. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.12 Northlake - Grand Ave Sidewalk from Northwest Ave to Rhodes Ave – (TIP ID 04-08-0002)

The sponsor is requesting to reinstate PHI engineering. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.0 Cook County Department of Environmental Control – Cook County Fleet Diesel Retrofit (TIP 13-09-0001

Ms. Ostdick reported that this project received funding in 2009 and 2010. The 2009 funds are obligated. Status updates were requested in May and October and were not received in October. Staff recommended the project for removal from the program because no update was received. When the committee considered removing the project from the program, a representative of Respiratory Health stated that Cook County was working on obtaining SEP funds for the local match and asked that the committee defer the decision on the project. Ms. Collins of Respiratory Health stated that Cook County is waiting on the SEP agreement and once that is reached, a 30 day public comment will occur. Mr. Berrios of Cook County stated if the SEP funds somehow become unavailable they will use some Cook County funds from their environmental fund to cover the local match for part of the project and withdraw the remainder of the project.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Focused Program Approach

Mr. Patronsky stated that three of the four program focus groups have met: RTOC, Bike/Ped, and the ad hoc transit group. He stated the RTOC has actually met twice and grasped the concept well. They will be using performance measures to evaluate projects. Their next meeting they will be looking at plans and programs for projects that support the performance measures.

The Transit group was looking to how the projects will relate to other groups and will put together a similar document to the one approved by RTOC for goals and strategies.

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The Bike/Ped taskforce met in early January and will be looking at the Regional Trail and Greenways plan and also working on developing how projects will be prioritized. Mr. Privett said a sub-taskforce will complete the review. Mr. Neufeld commented from the audience that he had expected another Task Force meeting.

The Direct Emissions Reduction Ad hoc group has yet to meet but will soon.

7.0 Transit Status Report Update

Ms. Ostdick stated that staff has collected the requested information from transit project sponsors. Due to the cross of grant numbers and TIP IDs the information received is rather confusing. Staff is currently working with the transit agencies and CDOT to gather further information. The request for fourth quarter reports will be distributed after the third quarter data is clarified.

8.0 2011 Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule was distributed with the committee packets. The dates accommodate the program development schedule and IDOT letting dates. The committee agreed on the proposed dates.

9.0 Public Comment

Mr. Neufeld stated that in future authorizations of the transportation bill, CMAQ may be revised to take other performance measures into account.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at CMAP.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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