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Transportation Committee

June 7, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower
Chicago Illinois

Members Present: Vice-Chair Michael Connelly – CTA, Michael Bolton – Pace, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, John Donovan – FHWA, Peter Fahrenwald – RTA, Heidi Files - Kane County, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Jennifer (Sis) Killen – Cook County, Don Kopec – CMAP, Aimee Lee – ISTHA, John Loper – DuPage County, Holly Lown-Waters – Metra, Jason Osborn – McHenry County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Mike Rogers – IEPA (via phone), Peter Skosey – MPC, Kyle Smith – CNT.

Members Absent: Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Fran Klaas – Kendall County, Wes Lujan – Class 1 Railroads, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Steve Schlickman – UIC, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC.

Others Present: Mike Albin, Len Cannata, Maria Choca Urban, Chalen Daigle, Pete Harmet, Jon Paul Jones (via phone), Sarah Kellerman, Valbona Kokoshi, Katie Kukielka, Christina Kupkowski, Chrissy Mancini, Tony Marietta, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, Chris Schmidt, David Seglin, Keith Sherman, Ron Shimizu, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Thomas VanderWoude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Don Wittmer.

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, John Allen, Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Claire Bozic, Lindsay Broughel, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Lindsay Hollander, Jenny Kane, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Todd Schmidt, Liz Schuh, Kermit Wies, Jane Wilberding.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Vice-Chair Michael Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Bolton, the minutes of April 26, 2013 were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Mr. Connelly reported that the Local Coordinating Committee met on May 8 and received a presentation from CNT on the concept of Priority Development Areas (PDAs). He noted that the CMAP draft work plan for FY 2014 includes a research project by CMAP staff to further investigate this concept. The committee also received an update on the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment which will be discussed with CMAP's working committees starting this month. He reminded the committee that the call for LTA projects began in May, with applications due on June 26 and noted that the Regional Coordinating Committee has not met since the last Transportation Committee meeting.

5.0 FFY 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 FFY10-15 TIP Amendments and Administration Modifications,

Updates to Attachment A and the State/Regional Resources table

Ms. Ostdick reported that TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested, that funding sources have been updated in Attachment A of the *TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures* to accommodate advanced construction and that the state/regional resources table has been updated to reflect a 0.2% across the board rescission. Advanced construction, also known as AC, is a cash flow technique employed to allow projects to move forward to implementation using state funds for which federal reimbursement may be sought at a later date. Many projects are never converted from AC to federal funding. Mr. Carmitchel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kopec, to approve the FFY10-15 TIP Amendments. The motion carried. The committee also concurred with the changes to Attachment A and the state/regional resources table.

5.2 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program

Mr. Patronsky reported the CMAQ Obligation Report illustrates that over \$90 million has been obligated for FFY 2013. He also thanked committee members and planning liaisons for their assistance in completing May status updates and noted that the responses will be used to develop programming marks and will assist IDOT with future year appropriations. He reported that staff and the Program Focus Groups are reviewing 146 applications requesting \$974 million in federal funding. Air quality rankings will be available prior to the June 20 CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting and it is anticipated that a draft program will be released by the Transportation Committee at its August meeting, with adoption of a 2014 – 2018 program by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee anticipated in October.

Mr. Patronsky also noted that MAP-21 requires that 25% of annual CMAQ obligations be for projects which reduce PM_{2.5}, such as diesel retrofit projects like those commonly implemented by private railroads. Mr. Rogers added that the CMAQ PSC had recently approved a cost increase to convert 15 locomotives and that IEPA is working with IDOT to approve the funding agreement this month.

5.3 Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Full Year Appropriations

Ms. Ostdick reported that the final calculations for the full FY 2013 Appropriation have been determined and RTA has sent notice of the split of Section 5307/5340 funding for CTA, Metra and Pace. The Section 5307/5340 combined Capital and Planning funds for northeastern Illinois total \$237,040,423. The recommended distribution to the Service Boards is \$123,453,365 to the CTA; \$79,102,184 to Metra; and \$34,484,873 to Pace. The partial amounts distributed in March are included in these totals. The RTA Board is scheduled to consider these updated marks at its June 26 meeting. Mr. Carmitchel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bolton, to recommend that the MPO Policy Committee amend designated recipient amounts to reflect the financial calculations, contingent on RTA Board approval. The motion carried.

6.0 Illiana Corridor Evaluation

Mr. Wies provided an update on the current status of coordination between IDOT and CMAP staff in response to IDOT's request to amend GO TO 2040 to include the Illiana Expressway corridor and introduced Mr. Steven Schilke of IDOT who presented a summary of the project and the data provided to CMAP.

Mr. Smith stated that CNT had co-signed a letter to IDOT opposing the project and asked for further information on IDOT's market-based traffic forecasts versus CMAP's policy-based projections, whether job growth is driving the need for the project or the project is driving job growth and how the project is supporting infill growth. Mr. Schilke explained that CMAP's forecasts do not include population growth in the corridor due to policy decisions to direct growth elsewhere, while the IDOT projections consider the available land uses and past growth trends. Regarding job growth, Mr. Schilke stated that there is growth in freight movement in the corridor which is prompting the need for the project, which will also provide the potential for additional growth in jobs in the area. He stated that reducing freight congestion on existing corridors such as US 30, which are currently unattractive for infill development due to this congestion would encourage that infill development to occur.

Mr. Osborn asked what could be accomplished on the I-80 corridor with the \$1.3 billion estimated to be needed for the Illiana Corridor. Mr. Schilke noted that there are substantial physical barriers that would make adding capacity on I-80 much less cost effective. Mr. Harmet of IDOT also pointed out that PPP funding was being sought specifically for the Illiana Corridor, and therefore is not transferable to I-80. He also stated that the traffic forecasts for 2040 included six lanes on I-80, where it is four lanes now.

Mr. Skosey questioned whether additional capacity for trucks on I-80 would be realized if more auto traffic shifted to alternate routes with excess capacity, such as the Skyway. He also noted that one reason that CMAP's forecasts are policy driven is because the region has decided where to direct growth, rather than letting a major transportation facility direct that growth. Mr. Schilke noted that the origins and destinations of both freight and auto traffic were factors in travel patterns. Mr. Harmet added that the traffic projections in GO TO 2040 had a regional purpose, while

the projections required for NEPA are at the project level and must fully address secondary and cumulative impacts of the project.

Ms. Hanlon stated that Will County supports the Illiana project and believes that it will reduce the impact of truck congestion on local roadways and provide an opportunity for coordinated land use planning between the county, municipalities and other stakeholders.

Mr. Bolton noted that Pace has been participating in the Tier I EIS development, believes the process has been a good one and has learned a lot about potential rural transit needs that will apply in this corridor as well as in other rural areas of the region.

7.0 Self-Certification

Ms. Ostlick reported that at least every four years the MPO must self-certify that it is implementing the metropolitan planning process defined in MAP-21, the Clean Air Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the American with Disabilities Act, as described in the agenda packet. She noted that CMAP accomplishes the metropolitan planning requirements through GO TO 2040, the TIP, the UWP, the Congestion Management Process, the Public Participation Plan, interagency agreements, and the annual listing of obligated projects. She noted that Appendix B of the Unified Work Program (UWP) and agency websites document how other requirements are implemented and enforced in our region. Ms. Hanlon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Files to recommend approval of the self-certification to the MPO Policy Committee.

8.0 Capital Program Principles

Mr. Maloney provided an overview of capital program principles approved by the CMAP Board on May 8. He also described the features of the Performance Based Funding microsite and distributed a summary brochure.

9.0 State Legislative Activities

Mr. Allen provided a summary of action taken by the state legislature on bills of interest to CMAP, including transportation related bills. He noted that that an end-of-session wrap-up will be available next month.

10.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program and Major Capital Projects

Ms. Aleman provided an overview on the current LTA Program and noted that the status of specific projects is included in the agenda packet. She also reminded the committee that a call for new LTA projects is currently in progress. Mr. Connelly encouraged members to read both the LTA and Major Capital Projects reports to stay informed on what is in progress and may be moving forward for their consideration in the coming months.

11.0 Other Business

None.

12.0 Public Comment

None.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2013.

14.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Osborn and a second by Mr. Skosey, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Transportation Committee Members:

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Robert Hann	_____ Mike Rogers
_____ Reggie Arkell***	_____ Jennifer (Sis) Killen	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ Michael Bolton	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Bruce Carmitchel	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	_____ Wes Lujan	_____ Kyle Smith
_____ Michael Connelly**	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Steve Strains
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Leanne Redden*	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Tom Rickert	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Alicia Hanlon	_____ Leon Rockingham	_____ Rocco Zucchero

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

***Non-voting