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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes of the September 10, 2013 Meeting

CMAP Offices – Cook County Conference Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman; President Dave Brady; President Rodney Craig; Mayor Karen Darch; President Sandy Frum; President Michael Einhorn; Mayor Jim Holland; President Thomas Karaba; Mayor Al Larson, President Ed Ritter; President William T. Rodeghier; Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin; Mayor George Van Dusen, Mayor Eugene Williams.

Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Lenny Cannata, Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, Chalen Daigle, John Donovan, Janet Henderson, Patrick Higgins, Patrick Knapp, Katie Kukielka, Tam Kutzmark, Hugh O'Hara, Andy Plummer, Dave Seglin, Chris Schmidt, Ron Shimizu, Deb Spencer, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Thomas Vander Woude, Mike Walczak, Barbara Zubek

CMAP Staff Present

Erin Aleman, John Allen, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Tom Garritano, Lindsay Hollander, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Justine Reisinger, Gordon Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mayor Schielke announced that IDOT is holding public hearings regarding their 2015-2020 multi-modal transportation improvement Program Development.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2013

On a motion by Mayor Sherwin and a second by Mayor Holland, the March 26, 2013 minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update/ STP Expenditure Report

Mr. Pietrowiak described the latest STP-L expenditure report from June and pointed out that the expenditures exceed the allotment, which is good because the suburban councils are getting closer to using all of their allotment.

4.2 Advanced Funding

Ms. Daigle of the McHenry Council of Mayors requested \$3.9 million in advance funding for 4 projects scheduled for lettings in November 2013 and January 2014. Ms. Berry added that the McHenry, Central and DuPage Councils have already requested and received advanced funding in FFY 2013 and will return to positive balances in 2017, 2015 and 2014 respectively. She stated that in the distant past, the Executive Committee policy was to not advance fund beyond the expiration of the current transportation bill. The committee discussed the implications of spending closer to full allotments, former policies and what would happen if federal STP funding programs were discontinued. Prudence about future spending was discussed. Staff was directed to revisit the past policy regarding advanced funding and provide a report on advanced funding, including possible implications if the STP program is not extended in future federal transportation bills. On a motion by Mayor Williams and a second by Mayor Holland, the advanced funding request was approved.

4.3 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Obligation Report and Proposed Program

Mr. Ferguson told the committee that the public comment period for the Proposed FFY 2014-2018 CMAQ program ended August 26th. He also stated that the Project Selection Committee was meeting later today to discuss comments and to consider recommending a proposed program to the Transportation Committee for their recommendation to the CMAP Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee. Mayor Schielke asked the committee for opinions about private entities, for example railroads, waste disposal and taxi companies, receiving CMAQ funds to retrofit or replace diesel engines. Members of the committee were concerned that funds intended to help public agencies were being used to help private, for profit agencies. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that all of the applicants had public sponsors including the IEPA and some municipalities and that these projects required a higher match percentage.

Mr. Ferguson added that there are provisions in the project agreements to ensure that the equipment purchased with CMAQ funds are used primarily within the non-attainment area of this region. Mr. Carmitchel informed the committee that IDOT had not objected to the use of CMAQ funds by private entities because CMAQ funding is intended to improve air quality, regardless of the project sponsor. He stated that these types of diesel retrofit projects provide great improvement in air quality for a low public investment cost. Also, traditionally there has been difficulty in spending all the CMAQ dollars in this region. President Einhorn stated that he believed the Illiana would be a good candidate for CMAQ funding, instead of retrofitting locomotives. Mr. Ferguson explained that this was not feasible, given that projects that increase capacity for single occupant vehicles are not federally eligible for CMAQ funds.

Mr. Maloney reviewed the staff analysis of IDOT's request to amend GO TO 2040 to include the Illiana Corridor project. The committee asked if there had been a response from IDOT about CMAP's concerns. Mr. Maloney stated that IDOT has responded and is reviewing the information. Mr. Maloney also advised the committee about the response to the public comment period which ended September 3, 2013. He stated that there were letters from counties, other government entities, environmental groups and private citizens. There were about 1,000 in all. Several groups prepared and submitted form letters. The majority of commenters were opposed to the project. Mayor Holland, who is also the president of the Will County Governmental League, stated his council's support of the Illiana project. Mayor Einhorn stated that there were pluses and minuses about the project and that these issues have to be thought through and that there was data that needed a more thorough examination. He also felt that \$1.25 billion for 47 miles of roadway might be an underestimate of the cost of the project.

6.0 USDOT Certification Review

Mr. Donovan discussed the upcoming certification review scheduled for October 7 – 9, 2013. The purpose is to review the planning process in this region, and a variety of issues will be looked at including:

- Unified Work Program expenses
- Performance based programming
- CMAQ and STP project review
- STP fund distribution

Input from the elected officials is encouraged and is critical to the process.

7.0 Municipal Newsletter

Ms. Reisinger reported that CMAP is launching a quarterly newsletter to help communities implement GO TO 2040 recommendations. This newsletter will raise awareness of CMAP resources, including toolkits and guides, related to implementation of GO TO 2040.

8.0 Regional Incentives Report

Ms. Hollander discussed tax incentive policy and its impact on economic development in northeastern Illinois. CMAP has examined various incentive tools in the region and has found that state tax policy is a major driver of local economic development incentives. Mayor Schielke shared that he had a list from the RTA that included 79 businesses that had corporate offices outside of the RTA service area, so that they could avoid paying the RTA tax. Mayor Frum stated that we should deal with the issue of sales tax diversion from northeastern Illinois to other communities, not tax incentive issues.

9.0 Plan Update Process

Mr. Williams-Clark provided an overview of the major tasks for updating GO TO 2040 by October of 2014, including an updated financial plan, major capital projects evaluation, implementation matrices and indicators. He stated these tasks would be completed in the spring of 2014. The update will not include changes to the policy recommendations.

10.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Application Status

Ms. Aleman provided an overview of the applications received during the recent CMAP/RTA joint call for projects and the process for review of the applications. In total, CMAP received 67 applications from across the region from 58 applicants.

11.0 Status of LTA Program and Major Capital Projects

An LTA program status report and the Major Capital Projects report were included in the meeting packet. For further input, comments or questions contact CMAP staff.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business

13.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14.0 Next Meeting

Chairman Schielke reminded the members that the next meeting is scheduled for November 12 with an 11:00 a.m. start time. The meeting was subsequently re-scheduled to November 19 with a 9:30 a.m. start time.

15.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:07 a.m.

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