



Minutes
CMAQ Project Selection Committee
Thursday, July 12, 2012
CMAP Offices

Committee Members Present: Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Chris Snyder (counties), Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT), Mayor Larry Keller (Council of Mayors), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Keith Privett (City of Chicago), Mike Rogers (IEPA) – via phone

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Randy Deshazo, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Don Kopec, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Joy Schaad, Todd Schmidt.

Others Present: Lenny Cannata, John Donovan, Caitlyn Costello, Aimee Lee, Joshua McCluskey, Derik Peebles, Tom Rickert, Jeff South (via phone), David Tomzik, Paula Trigg, Brian Urbaszewski, Mike Walczak, Thomas Weaver.

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chair Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Patronsky requested that CMAP staff present a short briefing on the new Transportation Reauthorization, MAP-21, and how it may affect the CMAQ program prior to considering the agenda. He also requested that item 6.0 be considered at 2:30 p.m. to accommodate Jeff South of IDOT. The Committee agreed to the requested agenda changes.

Ms. Berry distributed copies of MAP-21 language pertaining to the CMAQ program, and reported that in areas that are in non-attainment for fine particulate matter, including the CMAP region, 25 % of the state's CMAQ apportionment must be spent on projects that reduce fine particulate matter. She noted that since our region's FFY 2013-16 funding is already programmed, this new requirement may not have an immediate impact on our program. Mr. Urbaszewski noted that the MAP-21 language on projects that reduce fine particulate matter is open to interpretation at this point. Mr. Donovan stated that FHWA staff was still exploring that issue, but it appears the 100% federal CMAQ provision will not be available after September 30, 2012.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—May 24, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Keller and a second by Mr. Privett, the minutes of the May 24, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 Des Plaines – Central Rd from Wolf Rd to East River Rd (TIP ID 03-08-0002)

The sponsor requested a cost increase of \$27,000 for a total project cost of \$592,000 (\$473,600 federal) and requested a 100% federal share. On a motion by Mr. Privett and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the cost increase was approved and if available at the time of construction, a 100% federal share, up to a total of \$592,000, was approved.

4.2 Des Plaines – Pedestrian Refuge Medians (TIP ID 03-12-0011)

The City of Des Plaines requested a scope change which will reduce the cost of the CMAQ funded project by \$91,810 (\$73,414 federal) for a new project cost of \$89,190 (\$71,352 federal). The sponsor also requested a 100% federal share, but withdrew the request. On a motion by Mr. Snyder and a second by Mr. Pitstick, the scope change was approved.

4.3 Forest Preserve District of Cook County – Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion (TIP ID 07-06-0058)

The sponsor requested a cost increase of \$1,382,133 (\$1,105,707 federal); the project is subject to deferral at the end of FFY 2012 and has not demonstrated readiness for a letting. On a motion by Mr. Privett and a second by Mr. Patronsky the request was tabled.

4.4 DuPage County DOT – 75th St at Cass Ave and Plainfield Rd (TIP ID 08-09-0016)

The County requested an increase in federal share for the project to 100%. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Privett the increase in CMAQ federal share was approved if available.

4.5 DuPage County DOT – Fabyan Pkwy/Washington St at Roosevelt Rd (TIP ID 08-12-0006)

The County requested an increase in federal share for the project to 100%. On a motion by Mr. Carmichael and a second by Mayor Keller the increase in CMAQ federal share was approved if available.

4.6 DuPage County – DuPage County Transit Service Marketing (TIP ID 08-05-0002)

DuPage County requested a sponsor changed to the RTA. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.7 IDOT – 22nd St Sidewalk from IL 56/Butterfield Rd to IL 83/Kingery Highway (TIP ID 08-97-0010)

IDOT withdrew the project from the CMAQ program in the amount of \$340,516 federal. The project was completed using State funds. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.8 Pace – Emergency Ride Home Pilot Program (TIP ID 13-06-0002)

Pace withdrew the project from the CMAQ program in the amount of \$276,000 federal. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.9 CDOT – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Idling Reduction Program (13-10-0008)

The sponsor is withdrawing the project from the CMAQ program in the amount of \$140,600 federal. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

4.10 Cook County Highway Department – Lake Cook Rd at Buffalo Grove Rd (TIP ID 03-12-0017); Lake Cook Rd at Weiland Rd (TIP ID 03-12-0018); Lake Cook Rd at IL83/McHenry Rd (TIP ID 03-12-0019)

Cook County requested the merger of the three projects under TIP ID 03-11-0020. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.0 Program Monitoring

5.1 Programming Project Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson noted that changes to this recurring report based on committee comments were made and reviewed with the committee how to interpret the report. The committee requested similar reporting for deferred projects in the future.

5.2 May Status Updates

Ms. Dobbs presented highlights of the status updates received in May for 2012 line items. She noted that 60% of the 216 line items have experienced delay, most during phase 1 or phase 2 engineering and that 55% of the delayed lines expect not to make an FFY 2012 obligation. She concluded that as the committee had noted in earlier discussions, it is anticipated that the new program management policies will substantially reduce such delays in the future.

5.3 Quarterly Transit Project Expenditure Status Report

Ms. Schaad presented highlights of the analysis of 1st Quarter 2012 transit expenditure updates. A brief discussion on the problems being encountered on several projects that appear to be stalled ensued.

6.0 FY 2013-2017 Obligation Goals

Mr. Ferguson said the estimated CMAQ apportionment for FFY 2013 is \$100 million. The obligation goal may be set by adding one fourth of the estimated unobligated balance at Sept 30 which would suggest an annual obligation goal in the \$132 million range. Mr. South suggested considering ramping up the proportion of the unobligated balance to be targeted each year, rather than splitting it evenly over the four years. That approach may give more time for the recently enacted policies to have their effect on program accomplishment. Alternatively, it was suggested that keeping the same annual goal may be easier for sponsors to understand and could motivate sponsors to keep their projects on schedule. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the August meeting as planned.

7.0 Program Focus Groups

7.1 Focus Groups Updates

Mr. Murtha provided an update on the work of the Transit, RTOC and Bike/Ped Program Focus Groups, saying that the ROTC would be meeting the following week and the others had recently met. He reported that all are discussing performance measures.

Chairman Patronsky provided an update on the work of the Direct Emissions Reduction Program (DER) Focus Group, and noted that they are focusing on sustainability, livability and system modernization.

All groups believe that their processes worked well for the FFY 12-16 program and expect to use similar processes during the next call for projects, with clearer language about these processes included in the application materials. The focus group work is starting much earlier in this round as suggested in the lessons learned exercise.

7.2 Use of Focus Groups in Selecting Contingency Projects

Mr. Patronsky led a discussion based on a question raised at the June 15 Transportation Committee meeting as to what role (if any) the Focus Groups would have in selecting contingency projects if the need for contingency projects arises. The consensus was that these groups give their input on project priorities at programming time, and further input is unlikely.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

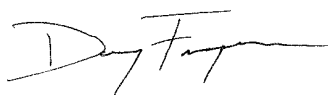
10.0 Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting date was subsequently changed to August 28 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas Ferguson
Committee Liaison
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