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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Transportation Committee Minutes
DRAFT MINUTES
March 2, 2012

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

- Members Present:** Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, Bruce Christensen – Lake County, Michael Connelly – CTA, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Don Kopec – CMAP, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Tom Rickert – Kane County, William Rodeghier – Council of Mayors, Steve Schlickman – UIC, Peter Skosey – MPC, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County,
- Members Absent:** John Beissel – Cook County, Maria Choca Urban – CNT, John Fortmann – IDOT District 1, Wes Lujan – Class 1 Railroads, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC, Rocco Zucchero – ISTHA
- Others Present:** Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Bill Baer, Allison Bos, Al Caceuthel, Lenny Cannata, , Bud Fleming, John Paul Jones, Joshua McClusky, Chrissy Nichols, Mark Pitstick, David Seglin, Chris Staron, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak
- Staff Present:** Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Jill Leary, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. On March 14, 2012 there will be a Pavement Preservation Workshop at 1:00 p.m. at Cook County Room to discuss changes to IDOT policy, here at the Willis Tower.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Connelly and a second by Mr. Abraham, the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Ms. Redden reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee met on February 8, 2012. Most of the items discussed at the Regional Coordinating Committee are on today's Transportation Committee agenda. Performance Based Evaluation Criteria, conditional approval of the Semi-Annual TIP/GO TO 2040 Conformity, and options for addressing the CMAQ Improvement Program unobligated balance. Mr. Connelly reported that the Local Coordinating Committee also met on February 8, 2012. The items discussed included: United Work Program development, call for projects for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and an update on the current LTA projects.

5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

On a motion by Mr. Christensen and a second by Mr. Rickert, TIP amendments were unanimously approved as presented.

5.2 Semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendments

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Christensen, the Semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendments were unanimously recommended for approval to the MPO Policy Committee.

5.3 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipients of Section

On a motion by Mr. Connelly and a second by Mr. Abraham the subarea allocation and the designated recipients of Section 5307/5340 funds were unanimously recommended for approval to the MPO Policy Committee.

6.0 Performance-Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding

Mr. Beata presented recent CMAP staff research and analysis on the topic of performance-based evaluation criteria and transportation funding. He reviewed recent staff presentations to the Regional Coordinating Committee, MPO Policy Committee, and CMAP Board between December 2011 and February 2012. In those meetings, staff provided background information on the current allocation of transportation funds in Illinois, a review of best practices in other Midwestern states, and a discussion of potential ways forward for the state. More specifically, CMAP proposes a new, three-step process for allocating highway funds in Illinois. In the first step MPOs and IDOT would determine regional priorities and develop a candidate list of projects. In the second step, a new state-level policy group would meet to determine statewide goals, funding levels, and evaluation criteria for three broad programmatic categories: Maintenance,

Modernization, and Expansion. In the third step, candidate projects identified in Step 1 would compete for funding and be evaluated against the performance measures identified in Step 2. Projects would be ranked through a deliberative process, and funded from highest- to lowest-performing. The above performance-based process would apply to state highway funds only; CMAP recommends that the RTA continue the development of its performance management pilot project, and further convene a wider group of stakeholders, including MPOs, to determine appropriate performance measures and weights. Mr. Beata also presented recent staff efforts to continue moving the issue forward. In recent weeks, CMAP staff posted an Issue Brief on this topic to the “Policy Updates” section of its website, initiated outreach to regional stakeholders, and submitted an application to the FHWA Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program for a peer exchange workshop.

7.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program

Mr. Ferguson informed the committee that Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn discussed background on the CMAQ Improvement Program and options for addressing the unobligated balance at the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC). Staff presented policies which would:

- Making PHI engineering the responsibility of the sponsor
- Funding the remaining phases at 100%
- Establish a mandatory accomplishment sunset for all CMAQ funded phases
- Set an annual obligation goal and
- Implement contingency projects if the obligation goal is not met.

No action was taken by the RCC. The proposed policies will be discussed by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) at their next meeting. It is anticipated that the PSC will be forwarding recommendations to the Transportation Committee for consideration of recommendation to the June Policy Committee meeting.

8.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith thanked the committee for their input into the legislative framework development. Currently the framework is being used to analyze the plethora of bills that the General Assembly in Springfield has proposed. As these and other bills of interest move through the process, staff will seek information and assistance from the transportation committee, other CMAQ committees and regional partners. CMAP staff was pleased that CMAP funding was included in the Governor’s proposed budget in the prior week. Thanks to IDOT for their help in this matter.

9.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance program, Major Capital Projects and CMAP’s Annual Implementation Report

Updated status reports were provided to the Committee, for members to peruse.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

11.0 Public Comment

Ms. Armstrong commented on the intersection of Harlem Ave. at Fullerton Ave. and the safety issues at this intersection. Mr. Armstrong wanted to know about the status of construction on Lake St. in Melrose Park. Mr. Jones expressed his concern about the changes to freight traffic patterns and air quality impacts due to the coal plants in the south and southwestern portions of the region.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2012.

13.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Christensen and a second by Mr. Schlickman, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Transportation Committee Members:

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Robert Hann	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ Reggie Arkell***	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ John Beissel	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Michael Bolton	_____ Wes Lujan	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ Maria Choca Urban	_____ Arlene J. Mulder	_____ Susan Stitt
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Steve Strains
_____ Michael Connelly**	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Leanne Redden*	_____ Larry Walsh
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Tom Rickert	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Mike Rogers	_____ Rocco Zucchero

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

***Non-voting