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Transportation Committee Minutes

MINUTES

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Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower

Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Chair Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Reggie Arkell-FTA, John Beissel-Cook County, Marty Buehler -Lake County, Lynnette Ciavarella- Metra, Michael Connelly-CTA, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County, John Donovan-FHWA, Don Kopec-CMAP, Christina Kupkowski-Will County, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force (via phone), Leanne Redden-RTA, Tom Rickert-Kane County, David Seglin-CDOT, Kyle Smith-CNT, Susan Stitt-IDOT Office of Planning and Programming, Peter Skosey-MPC (via phone), Mike Sullivan-Kendall County, Dave Tomzik-Pace, Rocco Zucherro-ISTHA

Members Absent: Chuck Abraham – IDOT DPIT, John Fortmann-IDOT/District One, Robert Hann-Private Providers,, Wes Lujan-Railroads, Arlene Mulder-Council of Mayors, Mike Rogers-IEPA, Steve Schlickman-UIC, Joe Schofer-Northwestern University, Steve Strains-NIRPC, Ken Yunker-SEWRPC

Others Present: Bruce Carmitchel, Mike Walczak

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Chris Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were none.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 30, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Ms. Redden the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Approval of the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and associated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Patronsky stated that IDOT had requested a TIP amendment to include a project on IL 47 from Caton Farm Rd to I-80, an add lanes project. The TIP remains fiscally constrained after the amendment. For inclusion in the TIP this project required a conformity determination. The travel demand and emissions models were run and on-road emissions for the four scenario years were determined.

He noted that there are no SIP budgets for the annual PM_{2.5} standard and its NO_x precursors. CMAP compared the emissions estimates for northeastern Illinois combined with estimates from northwest Indiana to 2002, the baseline year. The total emissions were below the baseline year. For ozone precursors, Mr. Patronsky said that CMAP demonstrated that the emissions estimates fell below the applicable SIP budgets.

Mr. Patronsky continued that there was one comment received from CNT. IDOT reviewed and responded; the comment and response were posted to the CMAP website and included in members' packets.

Mr. Smith of CNT stated that, as their comment letter indicated, they believe that the project does not meet the intent of GO TO 2040 regarding development in green field areas. Mr. Sullivan said that Kendall County fully endorses the project and the opportunity for an economic development boost in the area. This project is occurring in a heavily traveled section of this Strategic Regional Arterial, where there is a high percentage of truck traffic. This project parallels the proposed Prairie Parkway. The committee was reminded that this project has independent utility and that 25% of traffic on this road is truck traffic. Mr. Rickert said that Kane County also endorses this project and believes the project does meet the objectives of GO TO 2040.

On a motion by Mr. Rickert and a second by Mr. Sullivan, the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment was approved for recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee, with one nay by Mr. Smith, CNT.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Public Comment

No public comment was made.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2012.

8.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Stitt, seconded by Mr. Connelly, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.