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MPO Policy Committee

Minutes

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Cook County Conference Room

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Chicago, Illinois

MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Reggie Arkell – Federal Transit Administration (Representing Marisol Simon), Lynette Ciavarella - Metra (Representing Alexander Clifford), Chuck Ingersoll - Illinois Department of Transportation (Representing Secretary Ann Schneider), Robin Kelly - Cook County, Joe Korpalski - McHenry County (Representing Ken Koehler - by phone), John McCarthy – Private Providers, Michael McLaughlin - Chicago Transit Authority (Representing Forest Claypool), Michael Payette - Class I Railroads, Leanne Redden - Regional Transportation Authority, Tom Rickert - Kane County (Representing Karen McConnaughay), T.J. Ross – Pace (Representing Rich Kwasneski), Jeffery Schielke - Council of Mayors, David Seglin - Chicago Department of Transportation (Representing Gabe Klein), Chris Snyder - DuPage County (Representing Tom Cuculich), Norm Stoner - Federal Highway Administration, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County (Representing John Purcell), Paula Trigg - Lake County (Representing Marty Buehler), Larry Walsh – Will County, Rocco Zuccherro - Illinois Tollway (Representing Kristi LaFleur)

MPO Policy Committee Members Absent:

Frank Beal – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Elliott Hartstein - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Staff Present:

Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Teri Dixon, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Gordon Smith

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Bruce Carmitchel-Illinois Department of Transportation, John Donovan – Federal Highway Administration, Glenn Fulkerson – Federal Highway Administration, Michael Hine – Federal Highway Administration, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration, Joshua McClusky – Illinois Department of Transportation, Scott McGuire – Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Department of Transportation, Mike Walczak-Northwest Municipal Conference, Tammy Wierciak – West Central Municipal Conference, John Yonan – Cook County Highway Department

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Vice-Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2012

On a motion by Leanne Redden, seconded by Tom Rickert, the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were approved.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Council of Mayors Report

Mayor Schielke reported that the Executive Committee had met on February 7, 2012. The Committee received a status report on STP expenditures. Over \$26.7 million has been expended so far this fiscal year. Advance funding requests, the PL scope of services and the UWP application were all approved. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2012.

4.2 CMAP Board Report

Leanne Redden reported that a number of items that were on the Board agenda are also on the Policy Committee's agenda so she would not cover those. She mentioned the discussion on MAP-21, the Senate's version of the highway reauthorization legislation and that there were some concerns about it, including the level of funding and how performance measures were being implemented. Ms. Redden noted that CMAP has recently been audited and received a "clean opinion" which is the highest possible rating. Finally, she noted that two contracts were approved dealing with transportation – one for updating the standard travel and emissions model and another for incorporating transit into the activity based model.

4.3 CMAP Report

Don Kopec reported on the status of the Local Technical Assistance Program and the intention of USEPA to designate the region in attainment of the ozone air quality standard. He reported on the results of discussions regarding performance measures.

5.0 CMAP Board / MPO Policy Committee Memorandum of Understanding

Patricia Berry directed the committee to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Policy Committee and and CMAP Board which establishes the working relationship between the two boards. She noted that the MOU calls for an annual review and endorsement. Staff is recommending that no changes need to be made at this time and the CMAP Board approved the MOU for another year at their February meeting. On a motion by Tom Rickert, seconded by Larry Walsh, the MOU was approved.

6.0 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds

Teri Dixon reported that the Transportation Committee has recommended that the Policy Committee approve the CTA, Metra and Pace as Designated Recipients of Section 5307 and

Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds. The RTA has negotiated splits of these funds with both northwestern Indiana and Southeastern Wisconsin. The recommended distribution of these funds to the Service Boards is \$66,040,863 to the CTA; \$32,527,589 to Metra; and, \$17,605,746 to Pace. On a motion by Leanne Redden, seconded by T.J. Ross, Resolutions 12-01 through 12-05 were approved.

7.0 GO TO 2040 / TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Ross Patronsky informed the committee that the public comment period for the proposed amendment and conformity analysis ended on February 20th. No comments were received. The Transportation Committee has reviewed the material and recommends approval. He highlighted some of the projects that were included in the amendment. The region comfortably meets all required conformity tests. On a motion by Paula Trigg, seconded by Tom Rickert, the TIP Amendment and Conformity finding were approved.

8.0 Status of Federal Reauthorization Legislation

Patricia Berry reported on the current activities on federal transportation reauthorization. She reminded all of the CMAP policy blog which has featured analyses of the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century bills. The policy blog also includes CMAP principles for federal transportation reauthorization and CMAP federal legislative framework. A brief discussion on progress (or lack thereof) ensued. Ms. Berry encouraged any participants that have not already done so to sign up for the policy updates.

Mike McLaughlin noted that the Senate bill includes some improvements to the FTA New Starts process. Dave Seglin expressed concern that while the STP program was significantly increased, the sub-allocation formula to metropolitan areas was reduced from 62.5% to 50%.

9.0 IL Route 53/120

Rocco Zucchero provided the committee with an update on the work of the IL Route 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council. He began with a history of the planning that has occurred going back to the 1960's through the creation of the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council and the Tollway Board's adoption of the "Move Illinois" Capital Program. He then covered a number of key issues both residential and environmental. The work of the Council was then described in detail, including covering its role, guiding principles, the agreement of a specific purpose for the road and how the Council organized into a number of working groups.

A number of options were considered including an arterial, an expressway and a parkway. The consensus scenario that emerged was a 4 lane, 45 mph parkway, tolled with environmentally sensitive features using both at-grade and below-grade profiles.

Questions that the Council still had to address included the speed at the south end, whether or not there would be a managed/transit lane, environmental costs, funding and

financing and the development of a corridor focused land use plan. He closed by going over the schedule leading to a final decision at a meeting on May 18th.

Chris Snyder asked about the time line for the project and suggested that more work needed to be done regarding the financing of the project.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment offered.

12.0 Next Meeting – Thursday, June 14, 2012

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Schielke at 10:50 AM on a motion by Tom Rickert, seconded by Leanne Redden.