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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes MINUTES April 29, 2011

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

Members Present: Chair Chris Snyder-DuPage County, Charles Abraham-IDOT/DPIT, Reggie Arkell-FTA, John Beissel-Cook County, Michael Bolton-Pace, Brian Carlson-IDOT/District One, Maria Choca Urban-CNT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County, John Donovan-FHWA, Don Gismondi-CTA, Henry Guerriero-ISTHA, Don Kopec-CMAP, David Kralik-Metra, Steve Lazzara-Will County, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Steve Schlickman-UIC/UTC, David Seglin-CDOT, Keith Sherman-IDOT Office and Planning and Programming, Peter Skoskey-MPC, Mike Sullivan-Kendall County, Paula Trigg-Lake County, Jan Ward-Kane County

Members Absent: Robert Hann-Private Providers, Wes Lujan-Class 1 Railroads, Arlene Mulder-COM, Mike Rogers-IEPA, Joe Schofer-Northwestern University, Steve Strains-NIRPC, Ken Yunker-SEWRPC

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Al Cacciottolo, Len Cannata, Pat Carey, Bruce Christensen, Hugh O'Hara, Christina Kupkowski, Tam Kutzmark, Ernest Payne, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, P. S. Sriraj, Mike Walczak, John Watson, Tammy Wierciak

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Trevor Dick, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky

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 no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 29, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Choca Urban and a second by Mr. Guerriero, the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports.

Chairman Snyder reported that at the March 9 meeting, the Regional Coordinating Committee reviewed the responsibilities of the committee, including state and federal policy issues recommended in GO TO 2040, evaluation and implementation of major capital projects and recommendations for programming actions. He reported the committee received a presentation from the Urban Land Institute on strategies for implementing various major projects and an update on CMAP legislative positions. The Committee recommended approval of TIP Conformity amendments to the CMAP Board. Mr. Pitstick reported that the Local Coordinating Committee also met on March 9 and reviewed the responsibilities of the committee. The primary responsibilities include oversight of the Local Technical Assistance program and the Community Planning program. Both of these programs were on the agenda.

5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that TIP amendments were released for a 7 day public comment period with no comments received. On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Ms. Trigg, the TIP revisions were approved.

6.0 SFY 12 Draft Unified Work Program

Mr. Maloney presented the SFY 12 UWP proposed program which has been approved by the UWP Committee for recommendation by the Transportation Committee to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. On a motion by Mr. Seglin, seconded by Ms. Trigg the SFY12 Unified Work Program was recommended to the MPO Policy Committee and Regional Coordinating Committee for approval.

7.0 Intermodal Freight Connectors

Mr. Murtha explained the proposed changes to designation of intermodal connector routes as routes on the National Highway System. Staff requested a recommendation of approval to the MPO Policy Committee. On a motion by Ms. Choca Urban a second by Mr. Kopec, the changes to the designation of intermodal connector routes as routes on the NHS system are recommended to the MPO Policy Committee.

8.0 CMAQ Update

Mr. Ferguson reported that CMAP received 370 CMAQ applications requesting over \$966 million in federal funding. He reported that the four focus groups are currently

developing recommended programs of projects. Information on the work of the focus groups is available on the CMAP website. Ms. Ostdick reported that status updates for projects with phases programmed in FY 2011 were due on May 15. She also reported that based on the current CMAQ program, there is a potential that nearly \$140 million in CMAQ funding will lapse at the end of FFY 2013. She encouraged project sponsors to continue to bring forward projects included on the CMAQ A list that are ready for implementation.

9.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA)

Mr. Dick provided an update on the status of the LTA program.

10.0 Community Planning Program

Ms. Ahmed updated the committee on the on the Community Planning Program and distributed informational brochures.

11.0 CMAP's 2011 State Agenda

Mr. Allen provided an update on recent state legislative action on bills being monitored by CMAP.

12.0 Logistics Park Calumet

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) study on the Logistics Park Calumet, a freight related development of the CN Intermodal yard in Harvey, was presented by Mr. Giblin.

13.0 FFY 11 Federal Transportation Budget (Patricia Berry)

Ms. Berry discussed with the committee the effect of the FFY 11 Federal Transportation Budget which was approved on April 14, 2011 on northeastern Illinois. Mr. Sherman noted that IDOT is examining fund balances to determine how rescissions may be applied in Illinois.

14.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

15.0 Public Comment

Ms. Armstrong asked when construction on River Road in Des Plaines would be complete. Ms. Berry agreed to send Ms. Armstrong the latest status information from the project website. Mr. Armstrong asked when the Grand Avenue construction would be completed. Mr. Seglin stated that he would provide an update. Mr. Giblin requested that CMAP reconsider its position of neutral on HB 1606.

16.0 Adjournment

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a second by Ms. Choca Urban the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.