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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes June 17, 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, Brian Carlson-IDOT/District One, Maria Choca Urban-CNT, Bruce Christensen –Lake County, Michael Connelly-CTA, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County, John Donovan–FHWA, Don Kopec-CMAP, Jamy Lyne–Will County, Beth McCluskey- Metra, Randy Neufeld-Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Leanne Redden-RTA, David Seglin-CDOT, Keith Sherman-IDOT Office and Planning and Programming, Lorraine Snorden-Pace, Mike Sullivan–Kendall County, Jan Ward-Kane County, Rocco Zucchero-ISTHA

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

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Dave Bernard, Allison Bos, Len Cannata, Pat Carey, Bruce Carmitchel, , Bud Fleming, Sheena Freve, Kindy Kueller, Christina Kupkowski, Tam Kutzmark, Bill Lachman, Mark Pitstick, Chad Riddle, , Mike Walczak, John Watson, Tammy Wierciak, Tom Wilson

Staff Present: Hala Ahmed, John Allen, Patricia Berry, Prem Devarasetty, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Peter Saunders, Max Shmaltsuyev, Joy Schaad

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

Staff announced that the Regional Tax Policy Task Force is meeting in the DuPage Room.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Kopec and a second by Ms. Lyne, the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports.

Chairman Snyder reported that at the May 11th meeting of the Regional Coordinating Committee, an overview of Elgin O'Hare West Bypass was presented. The Tier I Environmental Impact Study (EIS) has been completed and the preferred alternative identified. The Tier II EIS is in progress and expected to be complete by the fall of 2012. The project cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion for completion. Independent of the EIS process, an advisory council has been appointed by the governor to explore financing options and will produce a plan, which is expected by the end of June.

[Energy Impact Illinois](#), formerly known as The Chicago Region Initiative for Better Buildings, was discussed. Energy Impact Illinois is funded with a \$25 million, three-year grant. The program is working to create a long-term market for improving the energy efficiency of residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. So far \$8.3 million is obligated for this year. The grant is on track to obligate the remaining funding. Finally, upon the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Regional Coordinating Committee recommended approval of the FY 2012 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the CMAP Board.

Mr. Pitstick reported that the Local Coordinating Committee met on June 8th. The Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning Programs were discussed and the committee received updates on the program. Since these programs are on the agenda, updates will be presented later in the meeting.

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

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

6.0 CMAQ Update

Mr. Ferguson reported that the four program focus groups for the GO TO 2040 focused programming effort have met several times since January to prioritize proposed projects that will help to implement GO TO 2040. They are setting priorities, identifying strategies for evaluating proposed projects, and identifying gaps in the system. At the July 7th CMAQ Project Selection Committee, the program focus groups will present their recommendations for the program. At their July 21st meeting, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee will consider these recommendations along with emissions and congestion

reductions rankings provided by CMAP staff. A draft program will be presented to the Transportation Committee for release for public comment at the August 5, 2011 meeting. Over \$966 million has been requested in FY 2012-2016 applications and staff estimates that there will be between \$350 and \$400 million available for the 5 year CMAQ program.

Ms. Ostdick reported that on June 28th there will be a CMAQ Contingency Project forum where programmers may present potential projects for a contingency list that may be used to prevent lapsing of funds in 2013. The CMAQ project selection committee requested large CMAQ eligible projects that will be ready to obligate between the fall of this year and 2013. Detailed cost estimates are needed with the submittal, as well as a description of how the project implements GO TO 2040. The CMAQ PSC and MPO Policy Committee will determine the future of the contingency projects. To avoid lapse, \$140 million must be obligated before the end of federal fiscal year 2013. Based on trends shown in the May status updates, it seems realistic to estimate that 50% of projects will be accomplished by the end of this fiscal year. To date only \$16 million has been obligated. At the July 7th CMAQ PSC, projects will be considered for removal from the CMAQ program based on the May status updates. The status updates show that of the 7 categories of delay, the most common primary reason for delay is coordination with other agencies. Right of way, the IDOT agreement process, and local match were a smaller percentage of the reported reason for delay than in past reporting periods.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA)

Mr. Saunders provided an update to the committee on the LTA program. This program assists local governments, non-profits and counties by providing technical staff from CMAP to complete various planning exercises. Twenty-three local projects have been initiated with 12 underway and 3 more almost ready to begin. Staff is working with the sponsors of projects to scope and began work on the priority projects. Fifteen projects will be in progress by mid-July. Six are comprehensive plans, four are subarea plans looking at conditions in downtowns or neighborhoods, two are environmental/water conservation or sustainability plans, two are housing studies, and one is a retail corridor analysis. Of the fifteen projects, nine are in Cook County, three are in Kane County, and three are in Will County. As additional projects are initiated the geographic distribution of the projects will increase. Staff is preparing for another call for projects later this fall.

8.0 Community Planning Program

Ms. Ahmed updated the committee on the Community Planning Program and distributed a list of all projects that have been submitted for consideration. CMAP provided supplemental funding to the existing RTA program to expand the focus to integrate land use and transportation. Twenty project applications were received, 10 for CMAP objectives and 10 for the RTA portions. The CMAP MPO Policy Committee authorized the Transportation Committee to act on its behalf to select project because of the timeline for the program. Projects recommended for funding will be presented at the August 5th

Transportation Committee meeting. Staff was encouraged to help individual applicants scope projects, as well as to involve Metra, Pace, and CTA.

9.0 RTA Reprogramming Request for SFY10 UWP Funds

Ms. Schaad presented the RTA requests for the reprogramming of unexpended SFY 2010 UWP funds. A total of the reprogramming request is \$151,841 matched dollars from the Regional Transit Technology Plan project (\$142,494) and the Regional Coordination of Transit Customer Satisfaction Surveys (\$9,347) to the Regional Data Archive Demonstration project. Ms. Redden stated that the Regional Transit Technology Plan project was terminated and the Regional Coordination of Transit Customer Satisfaction Survey project completed under budget. On a motion by Mr. Kopec and a second by Ms. Choca Urban, the reprogramming request for SFY10 UWP funds was approved.

10.0 CMAP's 2011 State Agenda

Mr. Allen reported that several bills CMAP has been following, including HB1884 (Bus Rapid Transit), HB1966 (HSR Commission), HB2874 (Universal RTA Fare Cards), HB3597 (Reduced RTA Transfer Costs), HB1377 (Municipal Truck Routes), HB1761 (IDOT Freight Plan) and SB1856 (IDOT Protected Corridors) have been sent to the Governor. He also said a compromise had been reached in which the Senate would recede on its amendment to HB2189, allowing the Capital Appropriations Bill to be passed at a meeting scheduled for June 22.

11.0 Groundwater Protection

Ms. Kruller will present on overview of the workshop on the environment and transportation collaborative initiative sponsored by CMAP and the Delta Institute at a later date.

12.0 Other Business

Mr. Arkell discussed the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding that is expected to be announced the week of June 20th. Up to \$150 million for the Bus and Bus Facilities Program, which is a subcategory of the livability program, will be available. The Alternatives Analysis Program, which provides money to help communities evaluate and select the best transit options to meet their transportation needs, will have \$25 million available. The state of good repair will have about \$974 million available. It is anticipated that a TIGGER II funding opportunity will total about \$50 million. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is scheduled to come out the week of June 20th.

Mr. Zucchero informed the committee that on June 23rd at 10 a.m. the I-90 Corridor Planning Council will meet at the Tollway office. The group will seek to develop consensus on a plan for the I-90 Corridor from Chicago to Rockford, including the Kennedy Expressway and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway. In conjunction with the new I-90 Corridor Planning Council's work, the Tollway will partner with the Regional

Transportation Authority (RTA) to study ways to accommodate a new express bus system along the Tollway's portion of I-90.

13.0 Public Comment

Mr. Armstrong asked about the completion of the River Rd – Higgins to Devon project. Mr. Carlson stated that the city of Des Plaines has estimated completion of the project at the end of this construction season.

14.0 Adjournment

Mr. Zucchero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a second by Mr. Kopec the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.