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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes Draft Minutes July 31, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Chair - Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, John Biessel – Cook County, Bill Brown – NIRPC, Brian Carlson - IDOT District One, Bruce Christensen – Lake County, John Donovan – FHWA, Heidi Files - Kane County, Robert Haan – Private Providers, Don Kopec - CMAP, David Kralik- Metra, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, Sarah Lutz - McHenry County, Arlene J. Mulder – Council of Mayors, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Les Nunes – IDOT - OP&P, David Simmons - CTA, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County, David Werner – FTA, Sidney Weseman – RTA, Rocco Zucchero– Illinois Tollway

**Members Absent:** Maria Choca-Urban – CNT, Rocky Donahue – Pace, Mike Rogers - IEPA, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC, Tom Zapler – Class 1 Railroad Companies

**Others Present:** Kristen Bennett, Len Cannata, Chalen Daigle, Daniel Dean, Kama Dobbs, Jack Gallagher, Colleen Gannon, John Loper, Jamy Lyne, Ed Paesel, Brian Plum, Chad Riddle, Eugene Ryan, David Seglin, Chris Staron, Nancy Sweeney, Emily Tapia, Ada Varshausky, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward, Tammy Wierciak

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Shana Alford, Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Lori Heringa, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith

## **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Luann Hamilton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

On Tuesday, August 11, 2009, Noon to 1:30 p.m MPC is co-sponsoring an event titled Pay the Freight: Rail Infrastructure Investments in Canada and U.S. The event will feature U.S. Rep. Tom Petri (D-Wis.) - U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Ms. Kristine Burr - Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Transport Canada, Mr. Ron Pillsbury -Vice President, Planning, Distribution and Customer Service, McCain Foods Ltd.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, MPC will also be hosting three cabinet secretaries (HUD, DOT, and EPA) at the MPC annual luncheon.

The 77th Annual Meeting & Exhibition of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA) will be September 13-16: Hyatt Regency Chicago : hosted by the Illinois Tollway.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion, Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mr. Kopec the June 12, 2009 minutes were approved.

## **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Ms. Berry updated the committee on the Programming Committee Meeting. Topics discussed included the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement program.

Mr. Kopec gave the Committee an update about rescissions. The rescission amount at the end of SAFETEA-LU (September 30, 2009) is \$8.7 billion nationally; which is approximately \$290 million in Illinois, affecting many funding categories. There is a national move to have the rescissions rescinded. The legislation was attached to the highway trust fund bill but the provision to remove the rescission was defeated. Senator Durbin is working with Senator Boxer to resolve the rescission issue before October 1, 2009.

## **5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **5.1 State/Regional Resources Table**

Ms. Ostdick requested acceptance of the updated state/regional resources table which reflects the new capital bill and the updated RTA program. The State/Regional resources table was created in conjunction with IDOT and RTA.

On a motion, Mr. Nunes, seconded by Mr. Weseman, the State/Regional Resources table was accepted

## **5.2 TIP Revisions**

Ms. Ostdick requested approval of TIP revisions that exceed amendment thresholds.

On a motion, Mayor Mulder, seconded by Mr. Christensen the TIP revisions and amendments were approved.

## **5.3 Semiannual RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments**

Ms. Ostdick requested that the Committee release the Semiannual RTP/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendments for a 30 day public comment period.

On a motion, Ms. Files, seconded by Mr. Kralik, the release of the TIP Amendments and the RTP/TIP conformity analysis for a 30 day public comment period from July 31 to August 30, 2009 was approved.

## **6.0 Congestion Pricing Study**

Mr. Skosey and Mr. Zucchero presented together. Mr. Skosey explained which agencies are participating in the study and why the study is being undertaken. Mr. Zucchero presented results to date and the next steps. A part of completing this study is the selection of three networks or stand-alone projects. Mr. Zucchero highlighted many of the potential projects.

Ms. Hamilton reminded the committee of lessons learned in other areas of the country, specifically Texas, that proceeding judiciously is necessary when making decisions that impact a constituency that could raise public discontent. Mr. Zucchero assured the committee that this would be taken into account. The concern was raised that, to be successful, managed lanes and transit improvements should occur simultaneously. It was discussed that a conscious decision needed to be made about this and it was pointed out that a managed lane is only as good as the slowest moving vehicle. Mr. Zucchero described the stakeholder meetings that had occurred and the concerns discovered including lack of options, cost of implementation, potential impact to business and inability to change work hours. Public commenters were vocal about the need to do

something. Those from the public who had used a HOT lane signaled that a HOT lane is a desirable project.

Mayor Mulder stressed there must be an educational component to this process. She also raised concerns about pricing and the diversion of traffic onto local roads. The committee was informed that the diversion rate should be around 5%. It was stressed that while 2007 congestion levels and 2010 traffic may be somewhat acceptable, as time moves forward congestion levels and traffic could be a huge issue as population increases. It was suggested that the outer region where there are fewer transit options may be the ideal place for HOT or HOV solutions.

Mr. Zucchero reiterated that three segments must be chosen to complete the study. Members suggested that this should not be viewed as a popularity contest and it might be best if a tollway, managed lane and converted lane are each chosen so that each type of project could be evaluated. Within two weeks, the committee will receive a survey to assist in choosing the three segments.

#### **7.0 FFY 2010/2011 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)**

Mr. Patronsky stated that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee has recommended Transportation Committee release of the proposed FFY 2010/2011 Multi-year CMAQ program for a 30 day public comment period from July 31 to August 30, 2009. He said that just over \$21 million is available to program in FFY 2010. The recommended program consists of 45 projects. These projects also commit \$25.5 million in funds for FFY 2011 and \$7.5 million for FFY 2012 and 2013.

In addition, Mr. Patronsky said the proposed program includes \$44.1 million in funds programmed for projects that will start in FFY 2011. Together with the \$25.5 million mentioned previously and \$16.3 million programmed from FFY 2009 and earlier, \$85.9 million is programmed for FFY 2012 out of an estimated \$90 million that will be available.

He acknowledged that programming FY 2011 is a break with the practice of having an annual call for proposals, and that the call for projects was not advertised as such, but the Committee and staff need to focus on program management. He advised the Committee that the unobligated balance has continued to grow, despite efforts to move projects forward.

On a motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mayor Mulder, the release of the draft FFY2010/2011 Multi-Year CMAQ program for a 30 day public comment period from July 31 to August 30, 2009 was approved.

## **8.0 GO TO 2040**

### **8.1 Scenario Evaluation**

Mr. Dean updated the committee on the development and evaluation of alternative scenarios for the *GO TO 2040* planning process. The preliminary results of this process can be viewed at [www.goto2040.org/scenarios](http://www.goto2040.org/scenarios). The committee is encouraged to visit this site and make comments.

### **8.2 Financial Plan**

Mr. Maloney requested committee feedback on a potential approach for determining transportation costs for *GO TO 2040*. One of the considerations in examining the system is looking at the cost of investing in systems and it appears it is outpacing revenues. Mr. Maloney stated that everyone needs to be aware that there will have to be tradeoffs within four categories: 1) To preserve and maintain the system at the same condition as today, 2) Same as preserve and maintain but to address all maintenance and backlogs by 2040, 3) Systematic improvement and enhancements, and 4) Major capital projects that will include major expansion to the system.

Work on developing costs for the various components associated with each category is in progress. Programming agencies are being contacted for their input on the various estimates and cost of potential projects. Updates will be provided to the committee on an on-going basis. This work is being done to fulfill the federal fiscal constraint requirement.

## **9.0 Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan – 2009 Update**

Ms. Heringa updated the committee on the comments received and the actions that staff undertook in response to the comments received for the [Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan](#). Actions included changing the title of a chart to “Trail Mileage by County” to indicate it includes greenways plan trails, and noting that jurisdictions may have additional miles of trails not in the plan, adding the additional phrase “where appropriate” in the action recommendation that encourages building multi-purpose trails along water-based greenways, and including four Will County and three McHenry County trails as priorities.

## 10.0 RTA Update

The continued downward trend in the national and regional economy has seriously impacted transit tax revenues. In June, for the second time this year, RTA has reduced its forecast of public funding. Mr. Weseman stated that in August the RTA Board will consider adopting the second revision to its 2009 annual budget.

## 11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 12.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

## 13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled September 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room in the Cook County at CMAP headquarters, 233 South Wacker Drive, 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

## 14.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

### Transportation Committee Members

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Dick Smith
_____ Rocky Donahue	_____ Christina Kupkowski	_____ David Simmons
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Jan Metzger	_____ Steve Strains
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Arlene J. Mulder	_____ Chris Synder**
_____ Bruce Gould	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Vonu Thakuriah
_____ Rupert Graham, Jr	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ Jack Groner	_____ Leanne Redden	_____ David Werner***
_____ Luann Hamilton*	_____ Mike Rogers	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Robert Hann	_____ Joe Schofer	_____ Tom Zapler
_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Peter Skosey	_____ Rocco Zucchero
<b>*Chair</b>	<b>**Vice-Chair</b>	<b>***Non-voting</b>

