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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Agenda Draft Minutes April 24, 2009

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

**Members Present:** Chair - Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Patricia Berry - CMAP, Maria Choca-Urban – CNT , John Donovan – FHWA, John Fortmann - IDOT District One, Rupert Graham – Cook County, Henry Guerriero– Illinois Tollway, Robert Hann – Private Providers, David Kralik- Metra, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Arlene J. Mulder – Council of Mayors, Les Nunes – IDOT OPP, Heidi Files - Kane/Kendall County, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University, David Simmons - CTA, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council, Paula Trigg – Lake County, David Werner – FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Sidney Weseman - RTA

**Members Absent:** Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, Bill Brown – NIRPC, Rocky Donahue – Pace, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Jason Osborn - McHenry County, Mike Rogers - IEPA , Steve Strains – NIPRC, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC, , Tom Zapler – Class 1 Railroad Companies,

**Others Present:** Kristen Bennett, Len Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Kama Dobbs, Darlene Hale, Colleen Gannon, Pete Godowski, Kindy Kueller, Jamy Lyne, Hugh O'Hara, Mike Payne, Chad Riddle, David Seglin, Sarah Sherburn, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Emily Tapia-Lopez, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward, Justin Wier, Tammy Wierciak,

**Staff Present:** Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Roseann O'Laughlin, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad

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

Luann Hamilton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order. In order to assist the Federal Highway Administration in satisfying guidance on their reporting of public discussions related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Ms. Hamilton asked if there were any persons in attendance at this public meeting who are registered federal lobbyists as defined by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. There were no lobbyists as defined by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 present.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. Ms. Hamilton announced that Chicago Wilderness, The Delta Institute and CMAP were having a Transportation and Environmental Collaboration Luncheon Presentation on New Regional Environmental Resources for Transportation Professionals on Friday May 15, 2009 from noon till 2 pm at the CMAP offices which may be rescheduled.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

On a motion, Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the March 6, 2009 minutes were approved.

### **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Ms. Hamilton briefed the TC on the March 11, 2009 Planning Committee meeting. Staff updated the Planning Committee about alternative scenarios, preservation, reinvestment and innovation. Public engagement activities are planned for this summer using a tool called MetroQuest. Alignment of federal policy and *GOTO 2040* was a topic of discussion. The gaps that do exist, such as little attention to freight, the link between land use and transportation, and the importance of metropolitan regions in the nation's future were discussed. At the Programming Coordinating Committee meeting the committee recommended the draft DRI process for a two year trial period to the CMAP Board for approval.

### **5.0 RTA Update**

Mr. Weseman informed the committee that the RTA has decided to have a call for projects for RTA [programs](#). The ICE program is not being funded this year because of the current financial situation. The current financial woes have caused a reduction in public funding for the service boards; therefore due to lower sales tax returns there will be revised marks for each of the service boards. The marks will be discussed by the service boards at their upcoming meetings.

**6.0 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA)**

Extensive general reporting has begun on the ARRA funds. Project detailed reporting has yet to begin since most projects have just been let. Contractors will begin to give further details about the job creation and actual hours of work for each project. Between the April 3 and April 24 letting over 96 projects have been let totaling about \$215 million. Mr. Fortmann reminded the committee that the Recovery Act will not cover all the work that needs to be done. He further stated that the mini-capital bill would be helpful but there is still more work to be done. Mr. Nunes also told the committee that the state of Illinois is well on its way to spending the funding allocated. There has been a national trend that bids are coming in lower than expected. He stated it would be advantageous for the region and may mean more projects will be funded.

**7.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Holly Ostdick**

**7.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Revisions)**

Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. The four reports with amendments and revisions were posted on the web site for a seven day public comment period and no comments were received.

On a motion by Mr. Nunes seconded by Mayor Mulder, the not exempt and exempt project amendments were amended into the TIP. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**7.2 Updating Attachment A**

Ms. Ostdick requested that additional fund sources including the ARRA fund source categories be added to Attachment A in TIP. Those fund sources include:

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>Description</b>
CTEF	County Empowerment Funds
EnRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment-Enhancement
EQB	Equity Bonus
HRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment-Highway
LRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment-Local
TRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment-Transit
TRA5309	American Recovery and Reinvestment - 5309

On a motion by Mayor Mulder seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the fund sources were updated in Attachment A of the TIP. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **8.0 GO TO 2040**

### **8.1 Major Capital Projects**

Mr. Patronskey reviewed the individual measures with the Committee. He said that the indicators have more than one numeric or qualitative measure to assess their impacts.

In response to Committee questions, he stated that the evaluation measures have as their primary focus evaluating systems of transportation projects against the preferred scenario. They will also be used to evaluate the impacts of individual projects, but individual projects will not be assigned a composite score for ranking and individual project selection. .

Committee members expressed an interest in using level of service; capacity, volumes and freight capacity as measures. Mr. Patronskey noted that these measures characterized the "input" to the models, not the outcomes of the projects. Committee members felt that characterizing projects and systems of projects was a useful addition to the measures.

Committee members voiced concern about removing facility analysis from the evaluation measures. It was agreed that facility condition be restored to the list of measures.

Mayor Mulder asked how the measures will be shared with local communities. Mr. Patronskey replied that, during the summer outreach meetings, information about evaluation measures and projects identified for possible inclusion in the Plan will be shared with attendees. Further discussion will be held at the May meeting.

### **8.2 Scenario Analysis**

Mr. Dean informed the committee that scenario evaluation was underway and that significant time would be given to this topic at the May meeting. To provide a sample of how the evaluation of strategies within scenarios was being conducted, one strategy related to improving conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists was presented.

## **9.0 Unified Work Program (UWP) FY10**

Mr. Maloney requested that the committee release the proposed UWP program for FY2010 for public comment.

On a motion by Mayor Mulder seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the FY 2010 UWP program was released for a 30 day public comment. Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

### 10.0 Public Comment

Mr. Payne expressed concern about the transportation plan for the central, southeast, and museum corridors of the city of Chicago, especially if the Olympics are held here. He stated that the athletes, coaches, trainers and press would have transportation, but his concern was the attendees and the workers. He stated that the Gray Line is an excellent alternative to access this area. He stated that having the Gray Line built and running would cost \$100 million. He continued to state that a universal fare card would help as would alternative construction of a new CTA line.

Ms. Hale asked what will be done to improve services for paratransit. She stated that paratransit services needed to be improved and made more customer friendly.

### 11.0 Other Business

### 12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled May 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room. This meeting will focus on *GO TO 2040*.

### 13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

### Transportation Committee Members

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Thomas Cuculich**	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Rocky Donahue	_____ Paul Losos	_____ Dick Smith
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Jan Metzger	_____ David Simmons
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Arlene Mulder	_____ Steve Strains
_____ Bruce Gould	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Vonu Thakuriah
_____ Rupert Graham, Jr	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Paula Trigg

\_\_\_\_\_ Jack Groner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Luann Hamilton\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Hann

**\*Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_ Leanne Redden  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Rickert  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mike Rogers

**\*\*Vice-Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_ David Werner\*\*\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Yunker  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tom Zapler  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rocco Zucchero

**\*\*\*Non-voting**