



Minutes
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
Project Selection Committee Meeting

February 11, 2010
CMAP Offices

Members Present: Chairman Ross Patronsky – CMAP, Marty Buehler – Counties, Larry Keller – Council of Mayors, Mark Pitstick - RTA, Keith Privett – Representing Luann Hamilton of the City of Chicago, Mike Rogers – IEPA (via phone), Keith Sherman – Representing Susan Stitt of IDOT

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Bernardi, Bruce Christensen, Michael Connelly, Kama Dobbs, John Donovan, Temi Latinwo (via phone), Bill Lenski, Barbara Little, Joe Middleton, Tom Rickert, Chad Riddle, David Tomzik, Mike Walczak, Tom Weaver, David Werner, and Tammy Wierciak

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Todd Schmidt

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Agenda item 7.0 was moved before item 6.0.

3.0 Approval of December 17, 2009 Minutes

On a motion by Mark Pitstick and a second by Marty Buehler, the minutes for the December 17, 2009 meeting were approved.

4.0 FY 2010-2011 CMAQ Program

4.1 Initiation Meetings

Ms. Ostdick stated The City of Chicago and Transit initiation meetings were held. She stated they were valuable meetings in which numerous issues were discussed. One major change will be that the transit projects will provide status updates after funds are obligated to track when/if the air quality benefits are realized. The mechanism for the status updates is under discussion.

5.0 Project Changes

- 5.1 Lake County – Hunt Club Rd at Millburn Rd and Hunt Club Rd at Wadsworth Rd (TIP ID 10-05-0004 and TIP ID 10-05-0005)
The sponsor is requesting to combine the projects within the TIP. Staff undertook this action as an administrative modification.
- 5.2 Grayslake – Washington St Bike Path (TIP ID 10-10-0002)
The sponsor is requesting to transfer the project to Lake County. Lake County has agreed. Staff undertook this action as an administrative modification.
- 5.3 Romeoville – 135th St Metra Parking Lot and Romeoville Metra Station and Parking (TIP ID 12-10-0001 and TIP ID 12-10-0002)
The sponsor is requesting to combine PHI and PHII engineering into TIP ID 12-10-0001. Staff undertook this action as an administrative modification.
- 5.4 Oakbrook Terrace – 22nd Street Sidewalk from IL 83 to IL 56 (TIP ID 08-97-0010)
The sponsor is requesting IDOT become the sponsor of the project. IDOT has agreed. Staff undertook this action as an administrative modification.
- 5.5 Oak Park – Washington Blvd from Lombard Ave to Home Ave (TIP ID 04-08-0004)
The sponsor is requesting to revise the scope to include pedestrian countdown signal heads. IDOT has stated that in order to include pedestrian countdown signal heads the project would need to be re-bid or bid as a separate project. On a motion by Marty Buehler and seconded by Ross Patronsky the committee denied the request. Vote: All Ayes.
- 5.6 Kane County DOT – Randall Rd. at US 20/Foothill Rd (TIP ID 09-06-0003)
The sponsor is requesting to transfer Construction funds into PHII. Staff undertook this action as an administrative modification.
- 5.7 Kane County Forest Preserve - Fox River Trail Gap Project - Section B Limits: Virgil Gilman Trail to New York Street (TIP ID 09-94-0068)
The sponsor has requested to use their one time move to put the project into FFY 11. On a motion by Keith Privett and seconded by Mayor Keller the committee approved the request. Vote: All Ayes.
- 5.8 Pace - Shuttle Service to Metra Stations on the NCS Line (TIP ID 17-05-0001)
The sponsor is requesting to change the scope to include a shuttle from other Metra rail lines. Marty Buehler asked which routes to what stations were being eliminated. He was informed that three routes to low performing stations were being eliminated. On a motion by Mark Pitstick and seconded by Keith Privett the committee approved the scope change. Vote: All Ayes.
- 5.9 IDOT – I-290/IL 53 SB exit ramp at IL 53/Biesterfield Rd (TIP ID 03-09-0011)
The sponsor is requesting to transfer funds from Phase I and Phase II engineering to Construction. Staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

5.10 Deerfield – Deerfield Rd Sidewalk Improvements and Pedestrian Underpass (TIP ID 10-06-0055)

The sponsor is requesting an increase of \$1,128,000 federal. On a motion by Marty Buehler and seconded by Mayor Keller the cost increase was approved. Vote: All Ayes.

6.0 Program Management

6.1 Rescission Implementation

Ms. Ostdick distributed the CMAQ A list and a list of projects moved into the TIP from the CMAQ A list. She stated \$126 million is still on the CMAQ A list and \$8 million has been moved into the TIP. TIP changes have been completed and sponsors were notified if their project was included on the CMAQ A list and moved out of the fiscally constrained TIP.

6.2 Moving Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Projects Forward/State Appropriation

A memo was included in the committee's packet regarding moving projects programmed in later fiscal years forward and the implications for state appropriation and rescission implementation. CMAP staff had received a request to move Lake County – Highland Park Interconnect (TIP ID 10-06-0005) from its programmed year of FFY 2011 into the current federal fiscal year. The memo outlined the possibility that if projects move off the CMAQ A list and into the current year, or if project's programmed in later fiscal years move forward, some projects could be held up due to two reasons:

1. State appropriation is completely used
2. The CMAQ A list reached its limit of \$83 million

The committee discussed the issue and agreed that CMAQ funds should continue to be spent down to avoid future rescissions Mr. Privett made a motion to move the Lake County – Highland Park Interconnect (TIP ID 10-06-0005) project into the current fiscal year of the TIP contingent on its inclusion on the June IDOT letting. Mayor Keller seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes.

Regarding the topic of allowing 2011 or later programmed project to be accomplished in earlier years the committee determined it would be best be decided on a case by case basis. Mr. Buehler made a motion to have the CMAQ PSC review any requests to move a project forward into the current federal fiscal year. Mr. Pitstick seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes.

7.0 Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (RTOC)

Mr. Schmidt summarized the creation of the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition and its work plan. Mr. Buehler asked whether the Advanced Technology Task Force would still meet. Mr. Schmidt responded that the ATTF would meet on an as-needed basis to address specific Intelligent Transportation System issues required of the MPO. Mr. Tomzik asked if the coalition is similar to the Transportation Management and Operations (TM&O) committee that operated prior to the creation of CMAP. Staff responded the new Coalition will be task-oriented and will seek closer cooperation with other parts of the CMAP committee structure, to be more effective than the TM&O Committee. Mr. Pitstick and Ms. Hamilton asked how operational and emergency personnel would be engaged. Mr. Murtha responded that they will be engaged on a task basis, but not on a permanent basis. Mr. Buehler asked why the draft work plan indicated this was an unusual role for the MPO in Chicago. Mr. Schmidt stated the last substantial MPO operational effort in Chicago was Operation GreenLight, which was approximately 15 years ago. Mr. Rickert stated he has concerns about allowing a representative of the RTOC onto the CMAP

Transportation Committee. All agencies involved in operations are currently represented and significant staff time is devoted to participating in CMAP committees, task forces, etc. He stated the work plan should: include the Advanced Technology Task Force (ATTF) restructuring, clarify the Operation GreenLight example, how the RTOC intends on keeping volunteer participants, a diagram of how it interacts with the Bike/Pedestrian committee and ATTF, and remove specific project types on page 4 of the report.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9.0 Other Business

Chairman Patrosky mentioned that the PSC will consider programming options – specifically identifying projects through regional processes. He asked the committee to provide any ideas on different approaches to programming CMAQ funds.

10.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting schedule. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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