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CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting Held at 10:00 a.m. at CMAP Offices August 19, 2009

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Members Present: Chair - Ross Patronsky - CMAP, Paula Trigg - Counties, Larry Keller - Council of

Mayors, Keith Privett City of Chicago, Mark Pitstick - RTA, Mike Rogers - IEPA,

Betsy Tracy - IDOT

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Samantha Bingham, Leonard Cannata, Chalen Daigle, Kama Dobbs, John Donovan,

Sharon Feigon, Bill Lenski, Steve Mastny, Glen Mushinski, Rob Rejman, Fred Schattner, David Simmons, Max Slankard, Chris Staron, Matthew Stewart, David

Tomzik, Paula Trigg, Jan Ward, David Werner

Staff Present: Shana Alford, Holly Ostdick Joy Schaad

Meeting Agreements

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 10:05

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None

3.0 FY 2010 CMAQ Program

3.1 Proposed Program Comments - FY 2010 & 2011 program

Ross Patronsky called attention to a handout showing what projects had received comments to date. The list showed four projects (Walkup Rd in McHenry for \$4.8 m (fed), CTA Diesel Retrofits for \$11.9.m (fed), Norfolk Southern RR Locomotive Retrofits for \$8.4 m (fed) and IDOT's Congestion Monitoring, Incident Detection & Traveler Information for \$4.8 m(fed)) that received support requesting additional funding. He stated that Federal Fiscal Year 2010 is fully programmed and Federal Fiscal Year 2011 only has approximately \$4 million (fed) remaining.

The public comment period closes on August 29; staff will provide a detailed listing of comments and possible recommendations for program adjustments at the September meeting.

4.0 Project Changes

- 4.1 Hoffman Estates Higgins Rd Pedestrian and Bicycle Project (TIP ID 03-09-0008)

 The Committee approved the change of scope to add Eng-2, to move \$8,000 (fed) from Const. to Eng-2 and to move the construction from FY 2009 to FY 2010. This is the project's one-time schedule change. The total amount of federal funding did not change.
- 4.2 Des Plaines Bike Lane Improvements (TIP ID 03-08-0002)
 The Committee approved the requested cost increase of \$78,492 (fed) for construction.
- 4.3 Westmont Sidewalk Project (TIP ID 08-00-0012)

 The Committee approved the requested cost increase of \$24,851(fed.) for Eng-1 & 2, the project limit change to add 60th St. back in, and the move of construction funding from FY 2009 to FY 2010. This is the project's one-time schedule change.

5.0 Program Management

5.1 Status updates for projects approaching deadlines

Skokie's New Station on the Yellow Line at Oakton (02-02-9001). Mr. Fred Schattner, Skokie's Director of Engineering said that the plans are now 100% complete, explained the process to get IDOT approval to bid the work through a local letting and provided the current steps to get authorization to proceed with the letting and to utilize ARRA funds. He anticipates IDOT's approval of the local agreement in 6 to 8 weeks and the timing of the bid opening to be 4 to 5 weeks later. IDOT's Tracy Butler said that District One Local Roads staff is confident of a fall 2009 letting. Mr. Schattner said that while he missed the July monthly update, he will continue to submit written reports to CMAP, monthly. Mr. Pitstick asked whether this was the project for which the committee approved a substantial cost increase partially because of the argument that it would assist the region in avoiding lapsed funds in FFY2009. Mr. Patronsky said that while that was indeed the case, the region will not lapse funds in FFY2009 due to rescission. Mr. Patronsky noted that the region has essentially all of the FFY2007 funds to obligate in FFY2010 due to our inability to move projects forward expeditiously. This is the primary reason that active program management (including limiting projects to one time schedule changes) will be the focus this year.

Chicago Park District- Lakefront Trail from Ardmore to Sheridan (01-03-0019) – Mr. Rob Rejman, CPD's Director of Capital Construction explained the political sensitivities and delays that affected this project and outlined a schedule to have a consultant under contract in FY 2010 for this \$300,000 Eng-1 study. This pre-2007 project had not yet submitted a realistic schedule, so the schedule described at the meeting will be confirmed in writing.

CDOE- Diesel Fleet Retrofit Implementation (01-06-0074) - Samantha Bingham of CDOE explained that the 3rd party match has now been approved as soft match by IDOT and what steps are needed for the procurement of all 250 diesel retrofits. The Committee approved a schedule change to put the \$472,000 (fed.) in FY 2010. This is CDOE's one-time schedule change.

Oak Forest Metra Station Bike Access (07-00-0024) - CMAP staff presented the project schedule that Oak Forest faxed on 8-11-09 moving their unobligated funds into FY 2011 for construction, saying that they will revise the Eng-1 study this fall, do Eng-2 in FY 2010 and let it in FY 2011, making up the \$160,000 shortfall with local funds. This is considered their initial schedule submittal for projects programmed before 2007.

Lake Zurich's Old Rand Road & Surryse Sidewalks (10-08-0001). CMAP staff highlighted the Village's response that they chose to do Eng-1 with local funds to move the project forward faster. They intend to move \$25,889 (fed.) to construction. Staff indicated that Lake Zurich had submitted their SJR shortly before the February CMAQ meeting (the SJR was to be submitted by December 31, 2008) and that this project would be tracked through the standard May and October progress reviews from here.

5.2 Timeline for Program Management Activities

Ross Patronsky explained the draft timeline of program management staff activities to be undertaken in response to new CMAP policies and procedures

5.3 Expected lettings of CMAQ projects

Staff provided information on three CMAQ projects that are slated for the July 31 letting. The total federal amount anticipated to be awarded on the July letting is \$874,000. If the region is to avoid lapses and future rescissions, it may be necessary to track lettings more closely than has previously been the case as part of active program management.

6.0 **Public Comment**

Chalen Daigle of McHenry Council of Mayors informed the Committee of McHenry DOT's willingness to adjust the date of funding for the Walk Up Rd bottleneck elimination project to 2011 or later. She said that it did not rank well because of the cost for a traffic signal added to better accommodate pedestrian movements. The project has \$7,132,310 in prior CMAQ funding.

Sharon Feigon of CNT spoke on a discussions they are having with Chicago to change Chicago's FY 2010 project application for I-GO Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles from charging stations plus the conversion of 50 hybrid vehicles to the stations plus the purchase of 50 new vehicles in order to capture the air quality benefit of the increased size of the fleet. It was asked if CMAP would allow a change in a 2010 application at this date and the Chairman responded that the presentation at the meeting was the first time staff had heard of this proposal. He indicated that the decision whether or not to allow the revision would be incorporated into the response to comments.

7.0 Other Business

None

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 10th, at CMAP

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The above summary is based on staff meeting notes and circulated for Committee review before posting. Summary submitted by Holly Ostdick – December 15, 2009.