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

Meeting Notes

Attendees

Members Present: Chair - Ross Patronsky – CMAP, Larry Keller – Council of Mayors, Luann

Hamilton - City of Chicago, Mark Pitstick - RTA, Mike Rogers - IEPA, Betsy

Tracy - IDOT

Members Absent: Marty Buehler, Counties

Others Present: Steven Berecz, Leonard Cannata, Brian Carlson, Kama Dobbs, John Donovan,

> Sharon Feigon, Nicholas Haddad, Jan Hincapie, Derek Mach, Keith Privett, Chad Riddle, David Simmons, Lorraine Snorden, Chris Staron, Mike Walczak, David

Werner, Thomas Weaver, Tammy Wierciak, Basilia Yao, John Zabrocki

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Ylda Capriccioso, Holly Ostdick, Joy Schaad

Meeting Agreements

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Ross Patronsky, Committee Chair opened the meeting at 10:02

2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chairman Patronsky mentioned that there will be a discussion of lapse potential for 2010 directly after 5.1

3.0 FY 2010-2011 CMAQ Program

3.1 Comments on Proposed FY 2010-2011 CMAQ Program CMAP received comments on 12 projects. See memo of comments received which was posted with the agenda. Among them 29 groups supported selecting all 16 diesel retrofits, though staff had recommended only some retrofits, and there is not sufficient funding to

complete them all. Two comment letters came in after the deadline, and after the memo that was prepared. Both the Batavia Environmental Commission and the Northwest Municipal Conference supported the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Idling Reduction Program. The Northwest Municipal Conference also questioned the committee's decision to recommend fully funding the Lakefront Navy Pier Flyover when 20 other bicycle facilities had better VOC reductions.

3.2 Recommendation for Proposed FY 2010-2011 CMAQ Program

Jason Osborn expressed McHenry County's disappointment with the poor ranking of the new Walkup Rd. traffic signal project which was a federally required scope change to the original project. There was discussion of the procedures on projects whose scope changes were due to IDOT and FHWA reviews. Sharon Feigon expressed CNT's view that the benefit of the revised CDOE I-Go Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles project was underestimated. The timeliness of the revision to the project scope was also discussed. On a motion by Mike Rogers and a second from Larry Keller, the proposed FFY 2010 -2011 CMAQ program recommendation was approved as a recommendation for the CMAP Transportation Committee to consider.

3.3 Recommendation for Multi Year B List

The staff proposal for a Multi Year B List was presented. It was pointed out the Des Plaines and Hoffman Estates bicycle projects (Des Plaines River Trail BP 03103261 & Harmon/Huntington BP 03103304) were left off the B list attachment inadvertently. There was discussion on how projects would be selected to move off of the MYB list should funding become available. Some ideas were rank order, project readiness, partial funding if not sufficient funding and staying within the same category as the project causing the freed up funds. Three CTA bus projects that were not included in the MYB list recommendation (Applications: TI 011033-67, -68 and -69: 79th St/87th Corridor Express Bus Service; North Ave/Chicago Ave Corridor Express Bus Service; and Bus Route Improvements routes: 47, 50, 52, 59, 73 and 152) were discussed and added to the MYB List. On a motion by Mark Pitstick and a second by Betsy Tracy, the revised Multi Year B List was approved as a recommendation for the CMAP Transportation Committee to consider.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 There were no project changes requested for this meeting.

5.0 Program Management

5.1 SAFETEA-LU Rescission

There was discussion on the likelihood that the September 30th SAFETEA-LU rescission (\$8.7 Billion, nationally; \$289,878,654, statewide) would be implemented. It was hoped that Congress would reverse the provision but no agreement to do so appeared imminent. There was discussion of various methodologies for how it should be applied to CMAQ projects including removing new projects that do not have staff time invested, removing the oldest projects that have languished over years, or focusing on project readiness regardless of when originally programmed to identify which remain in the program.

It was mentioned that \$57,991,606 would lapse at the end of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 if funds are not obligated. The lapse amount for FFY 2011 is \$94,116,132.

5.2 Update on project management activities.

There was discussion of the program management efforts that are being implemented to encourage timely project awards and reduce the unspent balance liability in the future. The Council of Mayors Planning Liaisons (PLs) were asked to get reminders out to their project sponsors that they must obligate their FY 2009 phases by September 30.

5.3 Expected letting of CMAQ projects

The committee received a list of projects on the September letting. IDOT stated that both Walkup Road and McLean Blvd projects are expected to be let in November. Skokie had submitted a request to IDOT for local letting authorization in late August. It is believed that the local letting will take place in January.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on call, most likely in late October.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.