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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Programming Committee

Minutes
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DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 8:00 a.m.
Rita Athas called the Committee to order at 8:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were not changes to the agenda.

3.0 Role of the Programming Coordinating Committee within CMAP
Mr. Blankenhorn provided the committee with background information about why CMAP is having coordinating committees for planning and programming; where they fit in the committee structure of the agency; and, some of the issues they will be addressing in the near future. Two of the primary issue areas that the Programming Committee will have to deal with are transportation and water quality, particularly the facility planning area process that NIPC currently handles.

The role of the committee can be considered as dealing with short term issues, generally in a time frame from one to five years.

4.0 Unified Work Program
Staff briefed the committee on the Unified Work Program (UWP) for transportation. The UWP Committee, which supports the Transportation Committee (the former CATS Work Program Committee), annually develops a program allocating federal transportation planning funds to specific agencies for specific planning projects.

Mr. Groner also explained how the UWP Committee interacts with the Transportation Committee and the Policy Committee in putting together a complete picture of transportation planning projects in northeastern Illinois. The current program development timeline was also presented to the Committee. The proposed program will

be presented to the Programming Committee at their next meeting for their review and comment.

It was explained that the UWP also serves as the means by which the public is informed of all transportation planning activities taking place in northeastern Illinois.

6.0 Facility Planning Areas

Staff explained to the Committee that the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) currently conducts Facility Planning Area change request reviews in northeastern Illinois. This review is in support of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency which makes the final determination of any changes requested. The current process utilizes NIPC's Water Resources Committee to review applications for changes and make a recommendation to the full NIPC Commission. There is a formal application, with checklist, that is used to evaluate the change against nine review criteria that the Commission has established. The criteria cover both water quality engineering issues and planning issues.

As this process is absorbed from NIPC, a number of decisions will need to be made, including how to replace the role of the Water Resources Committee and whether or not to include Kendall County in the process. Besides the Programming Committee, several working level committees, including the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the Land Use Committee will likely have an interest in this process. Staff will provide the committee with additional material at their next meeting.

7.0 Transportation Improvement Program

Staff provided the committee with an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Areas discussed included the various federal program categories, the role of project implementers and operators and the multi-year nature of the program. The local Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement programs were covered in greater detail since the staff has a greater involvement in their development than most of the other programs. Future changes and enhancements to the program were also presented.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment received.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Programming Committee is scheduled for May 9th at 8:00 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

CMAP Programming Committee Members present:

Rita Athas - chair

Jack Groner

Dan Shea

Mark Avery

Marilyn Michelini

Jack Darin – by phone

Steve Schlickman

CMAP Programming Committee Members absent:

Anthony Calderone

Calvin Jordan

Nigel Telman

John Grueling

Raul Raymundo

CMAP Programming Committee Members to be assigned:

Housing

Human Services