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Programming Coordinating Meeting Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
DuPage County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park - CMAP Board), Tom Cuculich (DuPage County - Transportation Committee), Jack Darin - (Sierra Club-Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Russell Hartigan (Lyons Township - CMAP Board), Marilyn Michelini (Montgomery - CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project - CMAP Board), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board - CMAP Board), Holly Smith (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors - Human Service Committee)

Members Absent: Rita Athas (World Business Chicago – CMAP Board), Mark Avery (DuPage County – Land Use Committee), Beth Dever (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus - Housing Committee), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development - Economic and Community Development Committee), Steve Schlickman (RTA – CMAP Board), Nigel Telman (Sidley-Austin, LLP - CMAP Board),

Others Present: Len Cannata (WCMC), Pat Carey, (City of Chicago), Jay Ciavarella, (Regional Transportation Authority), Chalen Daigle, (McHenry County), Paul Heltne (Center for Human and Nature), Mark Minor, (Metra), Chris Staron (NWMC), Tammy Wierciak, (WCMC)

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Lee Deuben, Teri Dixon, Dolores Dowdle, Jill Leary, Holly Ostdick, Gordon Smith,

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Jack Darin.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Ms. Ostdick stated that agenda item 7.0 is for information only.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Shea to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 Programming Coordinating Committee meeting as presented was seconded by Ms. Michelini. Mr. Bennett suggested revisions to the second to last paragraph of item 4.0. Mr. Cuculich provided revised language. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)

Mr. Smith noted that CMAP is beginning outreach to stakeholders throughout the region on the DRI process. Stakeholders include:

- Legislative & Aldermanic Representatives
- Homebuilders
- Urban Land Institute
- Chicago Wilderness
- Chambers of Commerce & Rotaries
- Professional Organizations (APA, AIA, & ASLA)
- Council of Governments
- Members of CMAP's Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee
- Metropolitan Planning Council

Questioned about the role of the Programming Coordinating Committee during and after the stakeholder outreach, Mr. Smith responded that the committee will be involved after the outreach is complete.

5.0 TIP Amendment, RTP Update, Conformity Analysis

Ms. Dixon reported that the Transportation Committee recommended approval of a TIP amendment, RTP Update and conformity analysis. Ms. Dixon further reported that the public comment ended on September 21, 2008, and that the three comments and responses were summarized and included in the packet. She noted that the Programming Coordinating Committee was briefed on these amendments at its September meeting.

Concern was expressed about the volume of materials in the packet. One suggestion was that the public comments themselves not be included, but only the summary. Members said they prefer to receive the actual comments. Another suggestion was that maps be included for future amendments. Staff committed to work on providing the information in a more digestible format.

A summary memo was included in members' packets. In response to the question of why projects are moving back and not getting accomplished, in general the committee agreed the state capital program is holding projects up. A motion made by Ms. Michelini to recommend approval of the TIP amendment, RTP Update, and conformity analysis to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee was seconded by Mr. Darin and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

Mr. Ferguson presented the proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2009 CMAQ multi-year program, reporting that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee had approved and forwarded its recommendations to the Transportation Committee who recommended that the Programming Coordinating Committee recommend approval by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee.

Questions included:

- If the Barrington North Commuter Parking Structure was funded? It was not included in the proposed program for funding.
- Was the Harvest Gate project for Lake in the Hills revised due to public comment? Yes, it was determined that it was not the best use of CMAQ funds because there are local subdivision roads that serve the same purpose. The project submittal form for the next round will be updated to require sponsors to include this information.
- Why was the McHenry County Walkup Road project funding revoked? It had not been revoked rather the money that was programmed in previous years is still available; the project did not receive any additional funding in this round.
- Can you explain the CDOT Union station project? This project is for CDOT to purchase the surface parking lot to the south of the station. The goal is to allow the buses to stop there instead of on Canal Street.

A motion made by Mr. Bennett to recommend approval of the proposed FFY09 CMAQ program as presented was seconded by Mr. Hartigan, and with all in favor, carried.

7.0 Preliminary RTA Funding Programs

Mr. Ciavarella gave an overview of the RTA's funding programs, stating that the proposed program of projects was distributed and is currently available for public comment until October 10, 2008. The RTA board will consider the proposed program for projects at its October 23, 2008 meeting.

Questions included:

- How much ICE funding is available? Approximately \$10 million of the Regional Transit Budget. Match is required for this program.
- Is the Community Planning Program similar to the RTAP program? And is the same procurement process occurring? Yes, Community Planning is the same as the RTAP program – it has a new name. The same type of procurement process is occurring. Awardees can complete their own Request for Proposals or the RTA has hired three consultants for the awardees to choose from.
- How much funding is available for Community Planning? Total cost is approximately \$2.2 million and that is matched.

8.0 Title VI Plan

Ms. Dowdle presented CMAP's proposed Title VI Plan. She reported that with the merger of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), a new plan had to be developed.

Questions included:

- Is there going to be any additional costs to the agency? No.
- Was this action necessary due to support from the Chicago Community Trust? No.
- Is CMAP responsible if a lawsuit were brought? Yes, but it is unlikely CMAP would be sued.

A motion by Mr. Shea to recommend approval of the Title VI Plan to the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee as presented was seconded by Mr. Cuculich and with all in favor, carried.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Programming Coordinating Committee..

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is on call.

12.0 Adjournment

At 9:20 a.m., a motion made by Ms. Micheleni to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Mr. Bennett and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, December 10, 2008.