



Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 8, 2011

10:00 AM

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

DuPage County Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower

Chicago, IL 60606

Committee Members Present:

*Alternate Member

Matt Maloney (CMAP), Keith Sherman (IDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Beth McCluskey (Metra), John Donovan (FHWA), Brian Giblin (CTA)*, David Seglin (City of Chicago), Tom Radak (Radak)*, Leon Rockingham (Council of Mayors), Jim Fiorito (CTA), Tom Rickert (Counties), David Werner (FTA)*

Staff Present:

Don Kopec, Gordon Smith, Joey Silberhorn

Others Present:

Chalen Daigle (McHenry County), David Raso (Metra), Tammy Wierciak (WCMC), Kevin O'Malley (CTA), Mike Connelly (CTA),

1.0 Call to Order

Keith Sherman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-January 11, 2010

The minutes were approved.

4.0 Quarterly Progress and Expenditure Reports – FY 2011, Second Quarter

Mr. Maloney thanked the committee members for submitting their reports and asked about some specific older projects that were showing little movement in terms of expenditure. City of Chicago reported that the Pedestrian Plan Phase II (FY 2008) is progressing, and just received an extension from IDOT. CTA reported that the Optimize

Customer Access to Real Time Info Project (FY 2008) is reissuing an RFP, since they did not receive a viable bidder. Funds are due to be expended by June 30, 2011. Mr. Maloney asked whether this project might be a candidate for reprogramming given the tight timeframe- CTA representatives said that they would discuss this idea. Pace reported that their First Arterial Rapid Transit Corridor Financial and Operation Plan has been stalled, but is moving ahead. Lake County's Complete Streets Initiative has been completed. WCMC reported that for the Cook DuPage Corridor Study they have received proposals back from potential consultants.

5.0 FY 2012 Core Program

Mr. Sherman reported that the committee is operating under the assumption that the funding mark will be approximately what it was last year – around \$15.7 million. However, it remains unclear what Congress will do in terms of transportation funding appropriations, so a reduction could occur. Mr. Maloney said the committee received \$13.4 million in core proposals, which would leave approximately \$2.3 million for the competitive program if all core proposals were approved. CMAP is asking for \$30k less than in FY 2011 and will be submitting no competitive proposals. The proposals were summarized FY 11 vs FY 12: City of Chicago- same as last year; CTA – increase from \$388k to \$450k (17% increase); Metra – same as last year; Council of Mayors – increase of 12.5%; Pace – no submittal last year, with FY 12 request at \$175k.

Mr. Pitstick questioned Mr. Seglin about unexpended funds from CDOT's past core projects and suggested that the City should reduce its ask for FY 12. Mr. Seglin replied that FY 11 funds would be used before the end of FY 11, but that the City would be willing to reduce their proposal request to \$750k total (\$600k federal and \$150k local). Ms. Daigle (Council of Mayors) noted from the audience that they have asked for their increase because more work is being done on core projects/transportation given the adoption of GO TO 2040. Mr. Maloney noted that the Council of Mayors is asking for a large increase- nearly 13% more in total than last year's core plus competitive amounts, and he questioned the fairness of this request, relative to the funding mark and CMAP's request. Mr. Maloney also noted that CTA is asking for a 17% increase over last year's core. Mr. Connelly (CTA) noted from the audience that this increase is based on analyzing past numbers and what was actually required to complete the scope of work. CTA staff had been covering the gap from their operating budget, and their FY 12 request is a more realistic portrayal of what they need. Mr. Radak stated that Pace's request had been traditionally included in the core, as the Rideshare Services program was inherited from CATS. The committee spent a fair amount of time discussing whether the Pace request should be considered "core" rather than discretionary. Mr. Rickert said that there was historical precedent for this project and that he would consider it core. No firm consensus was reached by the committee in the deliberation on this subject.

Mr. Pitstick moved to approve the core program as proposed except with a 50% reduction to CDOT and Pace due to unexpended balances on these projects from previous years. Mr. Rickert seconded the motion with the understanding that the committee can reevaluate at any time. Voting results for motion – 4 yes (RTA, Counties, COM, CTA), 2 no (CDOT, Pace) and 2 abstains (CMAP, Metra), with motion passing 4-2. Mr. Fiorito made a second motion that would bring the CDOT to \$600k and restore Pace to full funding (\$175k total). Mr. Seglin seconded the motion. Mr. Rockingham requested one addition to the motion – that if there are changes, the committee can revisit and look at if necessary. All agreed to the amendment. Voting results for motion – 6 yes (Pace, CTA, COM, Metra, CDOT, Counties), 1 no (RTA) and 1 abstention (CMAP), with the motion

passing 6-1. The core program amount will be \$13,210, 466 (federal) with approximately \$2,489,534 leftover for the competitive program.

6.0 FY 2012 Call for Competitive Projects

Competitive project forms are due Friday, February 25, 2011. RTA, CDOT, Counties, CTA and possibly Pace will be submitting forms. CMAP/COM/Metra will not.

7.0 Next Meeting – March 8, 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011 at 10 AM at the CMAP offices.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Maloney", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Matt Maloney
CMAP