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Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 7, 2010 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: Matt Maloney (CMAP), Keith Sherman (IDOT), Mark

*Alternate Member Pitstick (RTA), Beth McCluskey (Metra), John

Donovan (FHWA), Brian Giblin (CTA)*, David Seglin

(City of Chicago), Leon Rockingham (Regional

Council of Mayors), Jim Fiorito (CTA)

Staff Present: Janet Bright

Others Present: Chalen Daigle (McHenry County), Kama Dobbs

(DMMC), Tammy Wiercak (WCMC), Len Cannata (WCMC), David Raso (Metra), Jan Ward (Kane County), Kevin O'Malley (CTA), Varun Kalhan

1.0 Call to Order

Keith Sherman called the meeting to order at 10AM.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-November 9, 2010

The minutes were approved.

4.0 FY 2012 Project Priorities and Selection Process

In preparation for the meeting, UWP committee members worked to score roughly 60 different implementation action areas from GO TO 2040, the region's long range comprehensive plan, in order to help develop priorities for the FY 2012 program. In general, members expressed support for the process. Mr. Maloney provided a memo to the committee which defined five overarching priority areas emerging from the exercise.

The priorities are: 1) modernization of the public transit system; 2) financial planning including innovative financing strategies; 3) improving decision making models and evaluation criteria for project selection; 4) planning work toward implementation of GO TO 2040 major capital projects and 5) local technical assistance and the formation of collaborative planning efforts.

The committee voiced general support for these themes and agreed that while these will be most helpful for the discretionary part of the program, that they will also help inform the core program as well. There was some concern voiced about making sure the UWP program retained a focus on planning issues, and that important elements like the support of implementing agencies to the MPO process were not lost. The subject of freight generated some discussion, and the committee agreed that the line between the "planning" as opposed to the "implementation" of an established program like CREATE is not always easy to discern with precision. There was also discussion about transit modernization and whether projects having to do with adapting the current system and improving station accessibility fell under this theme. The committee generally agreed that modernization did cast a fairly wide net.

The committee also discussed how the priorities would guide the project selection for the program. Generally, the committee agreed that the process should largely remain quantitative in the discretionary portion, but that deliberation remained important and that the numbers still will "have some play" as a result. Project readiness also remains an important aspect of projects to consider.

5.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6.0 Next Meeting – January 11, 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2011 at 10AM at the CMAP offices.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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Matt Maloney CMAP