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Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

1:00 PM

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
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Committee Members Present:

*Alternate Member

Matt Maloney (CMAP), Jim Stack* (IDOT) Dan Podgorski (CoM Executive Committee), David Seglin (City of Chicago), Tom Rickert (Counties), Beth McCluskey (Metra), David Simmons (CTA), Mark Pitstick* (RTA), John Donovan* (FWHA), Lorraine Snorden (Pace), Brian Giblin* (CTA), Paula Trigg* (Lake County), Tom Radak* (RTA)

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Dolores Dowdle, Annie Byrne

Others Present:

Kama Dobbs (DMMC), Tammy Wiercak (WCMC), David Raso (Metra)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Jim Stack, in Les Nunes' absence.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-March 10, 2009

The March 24th meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

4.0 FY 2010 UWP Competitive Proposals- Scoring

Mr. Maloney asked the Committee if they want to discuss the scoring process and if they have any comments or suggestions on improving it. The Committee generally agreed the current process is working fine.

Mr. Maloney stated there is \$1,519,172 available for competitive projects. The cost of projects that received a score of 15 or higher is \$1,580,000. The Committee discussed the option to include RTA's proposal for Regional Coordination of Transit Customer Satisfaction Surveys, which had a score of 13. Mr. Pitstick clarified that no funding changes would need to happen to previously funded surveys which were earlier described as having zero percent funds expended; in reality these projects are moving and this project would not affect these projects. He then proposed lowering the amount of the RTA proposal from \$388,000 to \$100,000 (including the match) as this project is in the very early stages and this would be sufficient for the first year. It was made clear that this project does not have a higher priority than the higher scored RTA project.

The discussion then turned to the issue of changing to a multi-year programming model. Mr. Stack explained that this is something to consider as there may no longer be a reason to keep it a single year program. Mr. Blankenhorn explained the current one-year format is to allow for greater control and so that unexpended funds in a multi-year program do not continue to roll over to the next year. He stated that other MPOs are starting to do two-year programs by providing a commitment, but the problem is that it reduces the available money in the second year.

The Committee questioned whether the lower scored DuPage County Pavement Management Program should be considered. Mr. Stack stated an upcoming bill may provide an alternate funding source for this project; he will work to have additional information on this before the finalizing the program.

Discussion turned to how to reduce \$160,000 from the top scoring projects, which would allow for \$80,000 for the RTA survey project. Committee members discussed if any projects can be multi-year projects which would entail a commitment for a funding amount for the next year's program. The CTA offered to defer \$120,000 of the North Main line Corridor Demand Study to next year. Ms. McCluskey stated the Committee needs to be cautious with such a multi-year program as priorities change. Another suggestion included reducing the top scored projects by 10%. After discussing the options and potential issues with multi-year funding, the Committee agreed to reduce project costs rather than create a multi-year program. The following changes were made: City of Chicago West Loop Terminal Area Plan is reduced from \$180,000 to \$165,000; the CTA North reduced from \$400,000 to \$365,000; the Lake County 2040 Transportation Plan reduced from \$300,000 to \$260,000; the RTA Regional Transit Technology

Plan reduced from \$120,000 to \$119,172; and the RTA Regional Coordination of Transit Customer Satisfaction Surveys reduced from \$388,888 to \$80,000. In addition CMAP removed from its core \$50,000 for the Socioeconomic Inventory phase 2 (under the Data Development and Analysis program), and phase one of a CMAQ analysis (under the TIP program), which can be deferred to the next year. This brings the total available for competitive to \$1,519,172 which is the total of the above listed projects. Mayor Podgorski makes a motion to approve the program and Ms. McCluskey seconds the motion.

5.0 Other Business

Mr. Maloney said at the next meeting in April he and Dolores Dowdle will present on the main FY09 CMAP accomplishments on UWP tasks. The Committee will wait to discuss other agencies progress reports at the May meeting.

6.0 Public Comment

Ms. Wiercak (WCMC) asked if the Committee would be presenting more information on why certain projects have not been showing progress or making expenditures. Mr. Maloney agreed that this would be a worthwhile effort to pursue and would make most sense to present this information alongside the next quarterly progress and expenditure reports, which are due at the end of April. Mr. Maloney asked recipient agencies to present this information at the May meeting and the other agencies agreed.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is April 7, 2009 at 10:00am.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Maloney
CMAP

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