



**Tier 2 Consultation Meeting**  
**Minutes**

September 8, 2011

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAF)  
Lake County Conference Room

<b>Participants:</b>	Jim Allen	FHWA – via phone
	Reggie Arkell	FTA
	Patricia Berry	CMAF
	Claire Bozic	CMAF
	Dave Broviak	IDOT – District 3 – via phone
	Kama Dobbs	CMAF
	Brian Carlson	IDOT – District 1
	Bruce Carmitchel	IDOT – Office of Planning & Programming
	John Donovan	FHWA
	Don Kopec	CMAF
	Michael Leslie	USEPA
	Dan Mestelle	IDOT – District 3 – via phone
	Holly Ostdick	CMAF
	Ross Patronsky	CMAF
	Lou Paukovitz	IDOT – District 3 – via phone
	Mark Pitstick	RTA
	Mike Rogers	IEPA – via phone
	Susan Stitt	IDOT – Office of Planning & Programming
	Kermit Wies	CMAF

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 11:30 a.m.  
All participants introduced themselves.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**  
Item number 8.0 and Item number 7.0 will be discussed following the approval of minutes.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2011**  
The minutes of June 28, 2011 were approved with the correction of one spelling error.

#### **4.0 SIP Update**

Mr. Rogers stated that one comment letter was received from the Sierra Club regarding the proposed Chicago 8-Hour Ozone and PM2.5 Maintenance Plans during the public comment period. He stated that the concerns raised did not affect the proposed motor vehicle emissions budgets. He stated that a Responsiveness Summary addressing the comment letter would be included in the Final Maintenance Plan which would be submitted to the USEPA for approval by the end of next week (mid-September.). Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Leslie about USEPA's intended action on the proposed motor vehicle emissions budgets. Mr. Leslie stated that an adequacy determination and a proposed approval of the budgets and Maintenance Plan would likely be issued concurrently.

#### **5.0 TIP Conformity Amendments**

Ms. Berry reported that no comments were received and the Conformity Amendment will be considered by the Transportation Committee on September 30 and the Regional Coordinating Committee, CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October.

#### **6.0 Public Participation Plan and Title VI Plans**

Ms. Berry reported that minor modifications to the Public Participation Plan were approved by the CMAP board at their August meeting and an updated Title VI Plan was adopted by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in June. Mr. Donovan confirmed that FHWA and FTA have accepted these updates.

#### **7.0 Interstate 80: Ridge Rd. to US 30 Phase 1 Study (12-09-0010) Update**

Mr. Carlson gave an overview of the status of Phase 1 Engineering for the eventual addition of lanes on Interstate 80 and stated that IDOT needs Design Approval for the add lanes project in order to proceed to Phase 2 Engineering for bridge replacement. He stated that no funding is currently programmed by IDOT for the mainline widening, but that funding is available for replacing existing bridges with structures that will meet the design criteria for the eventual widening of the Interstate. Ms. Berry asked how the bridge replacements should be reflected in the TIP to allow the Design Approval to be granted. The team agreed that the TIP could contain the "Add Lanes" work type for the eventual mainline project, in addition to the "Bridge Replacement" work type. Additionally, the team agreed that the project would not require an amendment to GO TO 2040 or a conformity analysis until the mainline widening line item was programmed in the TIP.

#### **8.0 IL 47: Caton Farm Rd. to I-80**

Mr. Patronsky and Ms. Berry provided an overview of projects located in the area of IL 47 from Yorkville south to I-80 and explained that IDOT District 3 would like to include a project to add lanes on IL 47 from Caton Farm Rd. to I-80 in the TIP, using earmark funds from the Prairie Parkway. Ms. Stitt stated that the project has independent utility from the Prairie Parkway, but was included in the Prairie Parkway EIS Record of Decision (ROD), and asked if the completion of this project would serve as major action to extend the ROD. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Allen confirmed that this project would qualify as a major action. Major project requirements still apply to the project. Ms. Berry asked if the project needed

to be listed as the Prairie Parkway in the CMAP TIP, or if it should be listed as IL 47. The team agreed that the project could be listed as the Prairie Parkway, without being in violation of GO TO 2040, and that it would undergo conformity analysis in the Spring of 2012, as part of the semi-annual cycle. The team agreed that including this project in the CMAP TIP in March, 2012 as part of the semi-annual TIP conformity amendment will not impede the progress of the project.

## **9.0 Major Project Updates**

Ms. Bozic provided an update (attached) on the status of GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects and Constrained and Unconstrained Projects. Ms. Berry added that two projects from the recently- approved Tollway Capital Plan are likely to require conformity amendments to change the scenario years. Mr. Pitstick noted that the RTA Board recently discussed “extra-territorial” services that extend beyond the RTA service area. He stated that at this time, those projects are minor, but that if major extra-territorial projects advanced, such as an extension of Metra service to Oswego, the local communities would need to consider joining the RTA or funding the projects. Mr. Kopec reported that I-90 Corridor Planning Council (CPC) recently discussed managed lanes from Elgin to downtown Chicago with IDOT. He stated that IDOT has identified several major operations difficulties with implementing managed lanes in the area of the Kennedy Expressway reversible lanes. The CPC accepted that managed lanes would be challenging on the Kennedy Expressway, but the Tollway is still very interested in pursuing managed lanes on the toll portion of the corridor. Mr. Pitstick asked if the summary could be provided in writing and distributed regularly to the Consultation Team and Transportation Committee. CMAP staff agreed to do this.

## **10.0 Other Business**

In response to a question by Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Rogers reported that the region had several air quality exceedences this summer. Mr. Rogers asked Mr. Leslie if the President’s recent announcement regarding ozone air quality standards would affect the region’s attainment status. Mr. Leslie stated that the USEPA is working to determine the implications of the announcement, and that no changes to designations have occurred. Mr. Kopec asked if there were any potential impacts on the level of CMAQ funding. Mr. Donovan stated that the status of the Transportation bill would likely have more effect on funding levels than air quality standards. Ms. Berry asked Mr. Donovan and Mr. Arkell if there were any potential issues that they were aware of for the eligibility determination for the proposed CMAQ program. Both responded that they were not anticipating any and they should be able to provide the determination shortly after the request is made.

## **11.0 Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

## **12.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is on call.

### 13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

#### Tier II Consultation Team Members:

	CMAP		FHWA		FTA		IDOT
	IEPA		RTA		USEPA		