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Freight Committee 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, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members: Joe Alonzo-CDOT, George Billows-Illinois Trucking Association, David Chandler-CNT, Gregory Dreyer-ISTHA, Doug Grane-Central States Trucking, David Grewe-CTCO, Rob Hoffman, Kazuya Kawamura-UIC, Patti Killinger-Will County, Jim LaBelle-Chicago Metropolis 2020, Steve Lazarra-Will County Land Use Dept, Dean Mentjes-FHWA, Libby Ogard-Prime Focus, Laurence Rohter-IIT, Norm West-USEPA, Larry Wilson-IDOT

Absent: Reggie Greenwood-SSMMA, Dr. J. Lee Hutchins-AECOM, Floyd Miras-USDOT-Maritime Admin, Tom Zapler-UPRR

Staff Present: Roseann O'Laughlin, Tom Murtha, Jacob Hannan, Brett Baden, John O'Neal

Others Present: Kristen Anderson-Metra, Kristen Bennett-Metro Strategies, Bernardo Bustamante-FHWA, Len Cannata-WCMC, Jackie Diaz-MPC, Colleen Gannun-ISTHA, Eric Holemman-Wilbur Smith Associates, Hollie Lohman-IIT, Jim Messmore-Hanson, Phil Pasterak-PB, Gerald Rawling, Mark Rinnan-Jacobs, Nancy Sweeney-SCM, Audrey Wennick-Cambridge Systematics, Erika Witzke- Cambridge Systematics, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Co-chair George Billows called the meeting to order at 10:08a.m.

2.0 Introductions

Other committee members introduced themselves.

3.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Staff noted that Lindsay Banks will give an update on *GO TO 2040 Plan* progress.

4.0 Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 3rd meeting, with no revisions, was made by Mr. Dreyer and seconded by Mr. Alonzo. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Discussion: *GO TO 2040*

Ms. Banks provided an update on the *GO TO 2040* plan progress. She stated that public engagement is underway and will include over 50 workshops. These efforts have been described in the mainstream media as well as alternative media such as Facebook. The interactive website has been launched. The public can input about various scenarios. Ms. Banks gave the group a tour of the website and described kiosks that have been placed around the region offering the same opportunity to the public.

Mr. Kawamura asked if planning factors will be included according to SAFETEA-LU. Mr. Murtha responded that yes the plan will do this. He added that this is a comprehensive plan and must meet all state and federal requirements.

Please visit www.goto2040.org for more info.

6.0 Presentation: *Regional Freight System Planning Recommendations*

Ms. Witzke from Cambridge Systematics presented the freight planning recommendations efforts thus far. She gave an overview of the project scope and purpose as well as the project team and data received so far. She emphasized that the study relates to all freight modes. Transearch data and data from other sources will be used. The team will be basing all efforts on the “Reinvest” scenario and recommendations will answer a number of questions set forth in the original RFP.

Stakeholder involvement is pivotal on this project. The team will conduct 5 group interviews, a series of smaller interviews, an executive-level charette, and an online survey to collect information.

The online survey can be found here:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=yzsYwJ5Lctp1JKUJ_2f_2f91fg_3d_3d

7.0 Update: *Freight Snapshot*

Ms. O’Laughlin gave an update on the Freight Snapshot. She informed the group that data has been collected and the Transearch data has been delivered. CMAP and CS are currently reviewing the data, performing a quality check and drafting reports. This data will greatly strengthen the *Freight Planning Recommendations* and the *GO TO 2040* plan.

Mr. Murtha gave a brief presentation of findings in the study of National Highway System Intermodal Freight Connectors pavement rideability. The data demonstrated that the rideability of many intermodal connectors was categorized as “unacceptable” using USDOT criteria. However, concerns were raised about the applicability of that measure to trucks; staff said they would review the information and issue a final report in the next few months.

8.0 Update: *Comprehensive Planning Fund*

Ms. O’Laughlin gave a brief update of the status of the Comprehensive Planning Fund, the primary source of CMAP funding. As of this meeting, IDOT has agreed to provide funds for transportation planning through the first quarter of the fiscal year. CMAP will continue to work with IDOT and others to secure the funding for the remainder of the fiscal year.

9.0 Project and Issue Updates

9.1 CREATE

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the CREATE project. IDOT is on track to obligate all funds authorized by SAFETEA-LU by the end of the fiscal year. The plan is being modified to adjust for the Central Corridor changes as a result of the EJ&E acquisition by the CN. AMTRAK capacity will be maintained. 12 projects have cleared environmental reviews; 5 grade crossings have also cleared environmental reviews.

The CREATE project will be submitted for discretionary funds and high speed rail funds. Additionally, CREATE is included in the state capital bill. The current CREATE program estimated cost is \$2.65 billion.

9.2 CDOT – CREOP

CDOT is firming up the 5 selected sites and an economic development firm will focus on creative financing to better use these areas. Most sites are in the south and southwest areas of the city.

10.0 Meeting Schedule – Next meeting, September 2 at 9am.

Future meeting dates:

Oct 14

Dec 3

Jan 6, 2010

Feb 18, 2010

11.0 Adjournment

At 11:55 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Murtha