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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

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Members Present: Mayor Jeffrey Schielke, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Michael Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Thomas Hayes, Mayor Leon Rockingham, President Glenn Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Anthony Cefali, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Caitlin Goodspeed, Jane Grover, Vickie Jacobsen, Timi Koyejo, Kathy Lane, Stephanie Levine, Elliot Lewis, Tim McMahon, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Mary Weber, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley, Lenny Cannata, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Chris Lirot, Matthew Pasquini, Chad Riddle, Claire Serdiuk, Vicky Smith, Joe Surdam

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Schielke.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Executive Director Erin Aleman provided several updates on work at CMAP, including the creation of a Regional Economic Taskforce, ongoing work on the Mobility Recovery Plan, outreach to new County Board Chairs, the upcoming call for projects with RTA, and the agency's increased focus on traffic safety.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 27 meeting, as presented, made by President Gallagher, and seconded by President Hayes. The motion carried.

4.0 STP Project Selection Committee Update

Kama Dobbs reemphasized that the CMAQ, TAP, and STP Shared Fund Call for Projects is open until March 5. The STP and CMAQ Project Selection Committees will hold their next meetings on April 1. Ms. Dobbs then provided programming updates on the STP Shared fund. Summary sheets with programming details are available for download on CMAP's STP webpage.

5.0 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Chad Riddle provided an update on recent work at the IDOT Bureau of Local Roads. Mr. Riddle explained that local Roads staff is still working remotely and that lettings have picked up considerably in recent months, after dropping off significantly in 2020. Finally, Mr. Riddle mentioned that Regional Engineer Anthony Quigley has retired, and Jose Rios is now serving as the Acting Regional Engineer. President Einhorn asked for clarification on how the next distribution of Rebuild Illinois Funds may be spent. Mr. Riddle explained that projects must follow MFT rules and be bondable. Chairman Schielke noted the professionalism of IDOT and thanked the Department for all of its work during the last year.

6.0 Regional Safety Action Agenda

Vickie Jacobsen provided an overview of CMAP's recent work to develop a Regional Safety Action Agenda. Ms. Jacobsen explained that CMAP has a federal mandate to set traffic safety targets, and that the region has not met those targets. Ms. Jacobsen then reviewed recent trends in regional traffic safety and explained how the region is approaching the issue by focusing on the three ON TO 2050 principles of Inclusive Growth, Resilience, and Prioritized Investment, and by addressing speed management and bicyclist/pedestrian safety initially. Ms. Jacobsen then provided an overview of the Agenda's four primary components: people, information, practice, and deliverables.

7.0 Local Government Network Update

Patrick Day provided a brief update on recent work by the Local Government Network. Mr. Day noted that the Network has established communications with 282 municipalities, which is over 90 percent of all municipalities in the region. In October, the Network shared an invitation to a CMAP Talks event focused on shared services and coordinated investments. More recently, the Network has reached out to municipalities to build awareness for the upcoming Call for Projects and conduct a survey on public space innovations during the COVID-19 pandemic. These best practices will be used to create a report to support implementation throughout the region.

8.0 Legislative Discussion/Update

Gordon Smith explained that a lot is happening at the state and federal level following the transition in the federal government. Anthony Cefali then introduced the new State Legislative Agenda, which includes the following priorities: collect and provide data to support decision making and accountability, enhance transportation revenues to fund a

multi-modal system that works better for everyone, reform tax policy to strengthen communities, and allocate funds for comprehensive regional planning activities. Tim McMohan then provided an overview of the Federal Legislative Agenda, which builds on past Agendas with a new language related to COVID-19, a greater focus on equity, and an expanded emphasis on CMAP's core implementation areas of transportation, climate, and regional economic competitiveness. Once the Agendas have been approved by the CMAP Board, they will be posted on CMAP's website and used for ongoing outreach to elected officials.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021.

12.0 Adjournment

Chairman Schielke adjourned the meeting.