



Council of Mayors Executive Committee

MINUTES

November 14, 2012 11:00 a.m.
CMAP Offices – Cook County Room

Jeffery Schielke, Chairman
Mayor, City of Batavia
Kane/Kendall Council

Arlene J. Mulder, 1st Vice Chair
Mayor, Village of Arlington Heights
Northwest Council

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Lake Council

George Van Dusen
Mayor, Village of Skokie
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President, Village of Northbrook
North Shore Council

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President, Village of Schaumburg
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Mayor, City of Northlake
North Central Council

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Mayor, Village of Hillside
North Central Council

Jim Discipio
President, Village of LaGrange Park
Central Council

William Rodeghier
President, Village of Western Springs
Central Council

Dave Brady
President, Village of Bedford Park
Southwest Council

John Mahoney
Mayor, Village of Palos Park
Southwest Council

Eugene Williams
Mayor, Village of Lynwood
South Council

Michael Einhorn
President, Village of Crete
South Council

Larry Hartwig
Mayor, Village of Addison
DuPage Council

Rodney Craig
President, Hanover Park
DuPage Council

Kristina Kovarik
Mayor, Village of Gurnee
Lake Council

Larry Keller
President, Village of West Dundee
Kane/Kendall Council

Richard Mack
President, Village of Ringwood
McHenry Council

John Schmitt
President, Village of Algonquin
McHenry Council

Roger Claar
Mayor, Village of Bolingbrook
Will Council

Jim Holland
Mayor, Village of Frankfort
Will Council

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Arlene Mulder, Vice Chairman; President Dave Brady; President Rodney Craig; President Mike Einhorn; Mayor Sandy Frum; Mayor Jim Holland; President Larry Keller; President Al Larson; Mayor John Mahoney; Mayor Leon Rockingham; President William Rodeghier; Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin; Mayor George Van Dusen; Mayor Eugene Williams

Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata, Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, Chalen Daigle, John Donovan, Tam Kutzmark (via phone), Hugh O'Hara, Ed Paesel, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, Dave Seglin, Claire Serdiuk, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Thom Vander Woude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

CMAP Staff Present

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Ylda Capriccioso, Randy Deshazo, Teri Dixon, Dolores Dowdle, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Don Kopec, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chairman Mulder called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was determined to be present.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Item 7 regarding the Local Technical Assistance program was removed from the agenda. The November 7 staff report was included in the packet for those interested in an update on LTA.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2012

The minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

4.1 Local Roads Update/ STP Expenditure Report

A status report from IDOT District One's Bureau of Local Roads was included in the meeting materials as was the updated STP Expenditure Report prepared by CMAP. In upcoming weeks, the planning liaisons, CMAP and Local Roads staff will be meeting to update the status of Council of Mayors projects.

4.2 STP Marks 2013-2017

Ms. Ostdick explained that the regional mark from IDOT was about 20% less than in recent years. The forecasted marks for the Council of Mayors are based on IDOT's assessment of the federal outlook, which predated the passage of MAP-21. It is anticipated that IDOT will provide all MPOs with revised marks in the fall, after which CMAP will ask the Executive Committee to approve updated STP marks for the councils. On a motion by Mayor Holland, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, the STP2013-2017 STP marks were approved.

4.3 Advance Funding Requests

Ms. Ostdick informed the committee that since the May meeting, 13 projects have received advanced funding of just over \$11 million federal at a total project cost of \$22 million. Holly noted that Advanced Funding allows councils to borrow funds and over spend their allotment, which then increases the expenditure of the regional allotment and assists in avoiding rescissions (where the federal government reclaims funds) and strengthens the argument that the local governments in Illinois are in need of more funding to meet the needs of the transportation system.

Ms. Ostdick also explained the risk that if the federal STP program ends, the advanced funded amount would be taken from other councils with positive STP balances. Currently, the total amount advanced funded is above \$3 million. As it stands the chance of a project being held up based on the approval of the current advanced funding request is very slim.

Ms. Daigle of the McHenry Council outlined the Council's advanced funding request of \$1,835,431 for Johnsborg Road bottleneck elimination and Commercial Drive resurfacing. This request has McHenry borrowing into 2016. Mayor Sherwin said that with funding sources drying up everyone needed to be more cautious about money being spent. Mr. Riddle remarked that in the past there were local resolutions passed that stated that the communities that borrowed funds would pay the funds back if the STP program ended. Mayor Sherwin expressed his doubt in the ability of communities to repay what was borrowed and restated the need to be cautious about the future because of the crushing debt in Washington. Mayor Mulder said everyone needs to keep the potential problems in mind in future. On a motion by Mayor Holland, seconded by Mayor Keller, the request was approved.

4.4 CMAQ Improvement Program Management

Mr. Ferguson reported that in FFY12 \$230 million in CMAQ funds had been obligated and in the most recent years only \$70-80 million has been obligated annually. For FFY 13 there is an unobligated balance of \$115 million with new federal apportionment of \$106 million. The region must continue to be vigilant in its effort to spend down the balance and meet the FFY 2013 obligation goal of \$123 million. Mr. Ferguson further reported that in October project status

updates were requested. Twenty-four projects totaling \$59 million did not meet their accomplishment targets and were deferred, i.e. their funding has been removed from the program. If the projects make sufficient progress and there are CMAQ funds available, they could be restored to the program.

On December 10 there will be a Call for Projects for the 2014-2018 CMAQ program. The call ends February 8, 2013. Projects will be reviewed and evaluated. The Project Selection committee will recommend a proposed program in July and the proposed program will be presented for public comment. After addressing public comments, the proposed program will be presented to the MPO Policy and Board for approval in October. Mayor Einhorn requested a list of what projects are outstanding now. Mr. Ferguson stated that staff would get documentation out to the Mayors. Mayor Einhorn also wanted to know how IDOT accesses CMAQ funds and Mr. Riddle responded that IDOT applies in the same way as the locals. Mr. Ferguson concurred.

4.5 City of Chicago Regional STP project

Mr. Seglin explained that the Wells Street Bridge over the Chicago River is the City of Chicago's choice as the FY2013 regional STP project. He reminded the Committee that each year the city suggests a project for the Mayors' concurrence that impacts both the city and the suburbs and uses 5% off the top of the region's STP funds. Mr. Seglin explained that the Council of Mayors had approved funding for this project in the past, but the cost has nearly doubled. On a motion by Mayor Larson and a second by Mayor Mahoney, the committee unanimously concurred with the Wells Street Bridge rehabilitation as the FFY 2013 city of Chicago regional STP project.

4.6 Metropolitan Planning Area Update

Ms. Berry stated that as a result of the 2010 Census, the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) must be expanded to include, at a minimum, the boundaries of the Urbanized Area (UZA) defined by the Census Bureau. It is also to include any area that is expected to be urbanized in the next 20 years. She stated that the revisions to the MPA would be presented to the committee in January 2013 and it is anticipated that a recommendation to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be made in March 2013.

5.0 Congestion Pricing

Mr. Elam discussed congestion pricing for "new" additional capacity lanes on a few strategic roadways, the benefits, and background on congestion pricing projects throughout the country. Mayor Holland emphasized that this was only to be done on roadways with new capacity. Mayor Holland asked if the pricing would totally offset the cost of the roadway. Mr. Elam said no, the pricing is to manage traffic. Mayor Sherwin said it would be good if it was a revenue producer to pay for roads and noted that would be consumer driven revenue. Mayor Williams asked if the single lane would be

constantly policed. Mayor Van Dusen wanted to know what happens if there is an accident. Mr. Elam stated that there were still operational issues to be worked out. Mayor Craig reminded everyone the lanes are not just for cars but also for transit and that we all need to look toward the next level to elevate mass transit and alleviate congestion.

6.0 Proposed 2013 Meeting Dates

On a motion by Mayor Craig, and a second by Mayor Rockingham, the committee approved the 2013 Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting dates January 29, May 21, September 10 and November 12.

7.0 LTA Program

Removed from agenda.

8.0 Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding

Mr. Maloney stated that at the Joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting on October 10 it was recommended that IDOT establish a technical advisory group consisting of IDOT and MPOs to hold discussions of performance based evaluation criteria. Mayor Holland asked if there was a concern that dollars are not being spent wisely. Mr. Maloney stated that the concern was making sure the dollars which are available are better invested. Mayor Einhorn reminded the committee how difficult the discussions were about the distribution of funds in the past. Mayor Holland commented that the state and locals must be involved. Mayor Mulder stated that lane miles should be included in any funding formulas.

9.0 FY 2014 UWP Process

Ms. Dowdle explained the 2014 UWP development process. The call for projects begins on January 3 and ends on January 31. There is approximately \$16.8 million available. Core proposals will be reviewed and selected in February. The Competitive proposals will be assessed in March. The FY 2014 proposed program will be considered by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in June.

10.0 State Legislative Update

Mr. Smith reported that there has been no recent legislative action and that little action is expected during the veto session. CMAP staff is currently developing CMAP's state legislative agenda and does not expect to be requesting any new legislation to be introduced. Congestion pricing, performance based evaluation criteria, and funding for CMAP are expected to be important issues. The committee members were asked to inform CMAP of their legislative issues so that CMAP could help engage legislators for a consistent message.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Public Comment

None.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee is scheduled for January 29, 2013.

14.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.