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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

MINUTES

May 1, 2012 Meeting
CMAP Offices – Cook County Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, Mayor Roger Claar, President Rodney Craig, President Mike Einhorn, Mayor Larry Hartwig, Mayor Jim Holland, President Larry Keller, President Al Larson, Mayor John Mahoney, Mayor Arlene Mulder, Mayor Leon Rockingham (via phone), President William Rodeghier, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Mayor Eugene Williams

Others Present

Mike Albin, Allison Bos, Kevin Burke, Len Cannata, Alex Clifford, Chalen Daigle, John Donovan, Steve Ernst, Heidi Files, Bud Fleming, Pat Higgins, Tam Kutzmark, Hugh O'Hara, Joshua McCluskey, Lynn Otte, Ed Paesel, Chad Riddle, TJ Ross, Jason Rudis, Chris Staron, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

CMAP Staff Present

Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Randy Deshazo, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Don Kopec, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was determined to be present.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2012

The minutes of February 7, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Funding and Delivery of Extraterritorial Service

Ms. Grace Gallucci, CFO and Deputy Executive Director of the RTA reported on six services that extend beyond the RTA region's boundaries: 5 Pace Bus routes (two in the far west – Oswego and Randall Road and three in northwest Indiana Route 892 which services the Hodgkins UPS facility and Routes 350 and 364 both turnaround in Indiana and one Metra route - the UP North Line into Kenosha. All six of these services are either fully supported by farebox revenue and out of region funding contributions, or have specific benefits to

our region, such as providing logical routing for turnarounds or maintenance and storage. There is also a small amount of paratransit service provided outside of the region, as required by law, or as benefits our area and are partially offset by revenue and supported by employers. Mayor Schiekle thanked Ms. Gallucci for the presentation and acknowledged Mr. Clifford, Executive Director of Metra and Mr. Ross, Executive Director of Pace.

5.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

5.1 Local Roads Update/ STP Expenditure Report

A status report from IDOT Local Roads was included in the meeting materials and an updated STP Expenditure Report was distributed for information.

5.2 Advance Funding Requests

Mr. Fleming of the South Council outlined their advanced funding request of $70,000 for phase one engineering of Halsted St. from I-80 to 175th St. in East Hazel Crest, to support a $3.7 million road construction project that serves a large economic development area. On a motion by Mayor Einhorn, seconded by Mayor Claar, the request was approved.

Also Chairman Schielke reported to the Committee that an advance funding request from the North Shore Council, for just under $330,000, for right of way acquisition, for an intersection improvement at Chestnut and Waukegan in Glenview. This request was approved, in advance of this meeting due to time constraints, by the three officers after the last meeting as is allowed by the bylaws.

5.3 CMAQ Improvement Program Management

Mr. Ferguson reported that revised management policies for the CMAQ program have been recommended by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee and the Transportation Committee. He provided highlights of the changes which include removing the eligibility of phase one engineering for CMAQ funding, making subsequent phases eligible for 100% federal funding (the original report to the Committee indicated that subsequent phases would be eligible for 100% federal funding, but since MAP-21 did not renew the capability of using CMAQ funds at 100% that is no longer a viable option); requiring removal of project phases if project accomplishment milestones are not met within a date certain; and establishing an annual obligation goal for the CMAQ program regionally. Mr. Ferguson pointed out that the latest CMAQ expenditure report was provided for members.

A concern was expressed regarding communities reluctant to undertake phase one engineering without a guarantee of funding for the subsequent phases of the project. The Council of Mayors representative on the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, Mayor Keller, responded that he understood the concern,

but believes the importance of getting the unobligated CMAQ balance, currently at about $180 million, spent requires significant changes over past practices. Mr. Riddle pointed out that many municipal CMAQ projects do not require phase one engineering. The role of the planning liaisons in monitoring CMAQ projects was discussed. The liaisons were asked to keep their Executive Committee reps current with information on languishing projects in their council. Staff was commended for all the work done to develop policies fostering more timely accomplishment of projects.

6.0 Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding

Mr. Maloney updated the Committee on staff efforts since February which included working with IDOT staff, including Secretary Schneider, regarding the IDOT planning process multi – year programming process. He further reported that CMAP has applied for research funding for a peer exchange program from FHWA and expects to be able to provide information on best practices from other MPOs and state DOTs on ways that MPOs successfully work with their state DOTs on these issues.

7.0 Pavement Preservation

Mr. Burke of IDOT presented an overview of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Pavement Preservation program and eligibility requirements.

8.0 LED Traffic Signal Lighting

Mr. Burke presented information about visibility concerns with LED Signals during winter weather.

9.0 ADA Requirements for Public ROW (Kevin Burke, IDOT)

Mr. Burke presented information on the status of Public Right-of-way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) and the requirement for municipalities to have and adopted ADA transition plan.

10.0 Municipal Survey Updates

Ms. Heringa of CMAP reported that the municipal survey is scheduled for distribution in June. The survey will gather information on municipal plans, programs, and operations that relate to advancing the implementation of GO TO 2040. The survey will also ask what plans and ordinances respondents want to learn more about, so CMAP can better target the agency's work plan to assist local governments in the next round of model ordinance, plan, and toolkit development. She assured the Committee that as in 2010, CMAP will not be using the results of the survey to rank municipalities or create municipal "scorecards". Results of this survey will allow the tracking of progress using the baseline established by the 2010 survey.

11.0 Community Planning Program

Ms. Ahmed reported that on May 9 applications will be accepted for two local planning programs. First, in collaboration with the Regional Transportation Authority, CMAP will launch the 2013 Community Planning program, which provides grant funds and consulting assistance for local projects that link land use, transportation, and related issues. Second, CMAP will also launch the second year of its Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, which provides staff and consulting assistance for a broad range of local planning projects that address land use, transportation, housing, economic competitiveness, the natural environment, community development, and similar issues.

12.0 State Legislative Update

Mr. Smith drew the Committee's attention to the written summary of bills that CMAP is tracking and offered to answer questions. He also encouraged the Mayors to inform him if there were other bills that they would like CMAP to track. There was a brief discussion on where the funding for CMAP stands and about four RTA sponsored bills.

13.0 Other Business

Chairman Schielke reported that CMAP staff has released a guide on *Parking Strategies to Support Livable Communities.* He pointed out that copies were available. Chairman Schielke thanks Mr. Ernst, the Executive Director of the Rockford Area MPO and president of the IL MPO Advisory Council, for attending and commented on how important the cooperation between our two regions is. Mr. Ernst commented that the cooperation with CMAP on IL budget issues and US legislation is very helpful.

14.0 Public Comment

None.

15.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee is scheduled for August 21, 2012.

16.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.