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MPO Policy Committee

Annotated Agenda

March 13, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 10:00 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2014**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Agency Reports**
- 4.1 Council of Mayors' Report
 - 4.2 CMAP Board Report
 - 4.3 CMAP Staff Report
- 5.0 Semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment**
The public comment period ended February 17, 2014. No comments on the Conformity analysis or TIP amendment were received. Changes to six projects make up the proposed amendment. There are changes in the scope of work for two projects; two projects were brought into the TIP; one project was moved out of the TIP; and one project changed its completion year, crossing an analysis year. A memo detailing the proposed amendment and the results of the conformity analysis is attached. The Transportation Committee will consider recommending approval on March 7, 2014.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a Finding of Conformity and the TIP Amendment
- 6.0 CMAP Board / MPO Policy Committee Memorandum of Understanding**
The Memorandum of Understanding Between the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Policy Committee Encompassing Transportation Planning and Programming in Northeastern Illinois adopted last March calls for an

annual review. Staff is recommending that no changes are necessary at this time. The document is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Annual approval of MOU with the CMAP Board

7.0 Concurrence with the selection of Designated Recipient(s) of Federal Transit Administration Section 5307/5340, Section 5337 and Section 5339 Funding

Program guidance for the Urbanized Area Formula program was issued by the Federal Transit Administration on January 16, 2014. This guidance (Circular 9030.1E) establishes a designated recipient as an entity to receive and apportion FTA funds to eligible projects within the applicable urbanized area. A designated recipient is responsible for administering the Urbanized Area Formula program within an Urbanized Area. While FTA encourages designation of a single Designated Recipient for each large Urbanized Area, nothing precludes the designation of multiple designated recipients. If a single designated recipient is selected, the designated recipient may authorize other public entities to be "direct recipients" making them legally eligible to apply for and receive grants directly from FTA. Providers of publicly owned public transportation service and the MPO must concur in the selection of the designated recipient(s). Absent an officially accepted designated recipient for northeastern Illinois, federal transit formula funds will not be available to the region.

ACTION REQUESTED: Determination of a selected designated recipient or recipients of Section 5307/5340, Section 5337 and Section 5339 formula program funds.

8.0 Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundaries

The Census Bureau designates a list of Urbanized Areas (UZAs) every 10 years, following the conclusion of each decennial census. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved an expansion to CMAP's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) in March 2013. The expansion was the result of the 2010 Census designation of UZAs. A related requirement is smoothing of the urbanized area boundaries. IDOT District 1 has been working with stakeholders to smooth the boundaries, taking the new MPA into consideration. The Transportation Committee will consider recommending approval of the smoothed boundary at their March 7th meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

9.0 State Legislative Update

Staff will update the Board on relevant legislative activities and the bills that we will be monitoring based on our State Legislative Framework and Agenda.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

10.0 GO TO 2040 Update

Federal regulations require the update of GO TO 2040 by October of 2014. Staff are updating the financial plan, major capital projects, indicators, and implementation actions to inform the plan update. These components are expected to be complete in the early spring so that the plan can be drafted for public comment release at the June, 2014 meetings of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Staff have completed revisions of the implementation action tables at the end of each of the twelve chapters of GO TO 2040. Final draft text of the Regional Mobility implementation actions is available for download on the committee website.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

10.1 Plan Indicator Targets

GO TO 2040 includes a set of performance measures under each recommendation area intended to serve as benchmarks for monitoring the progress of plan implementation. A revised set of indicators has been developed for the Plan Update and was presented to Transportation Committee in November. The second phase of this work involves developing short-term and long-term target values for the indicators, including a new short-term target value for the year 2020. Staff will present an overview of the process CMAP used to develop target values for the Plan Update.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

10.2 Financial Plan

Staff will provide an update on the Financial Plan. Specifically it is updated to include the actions that will be required to carry out policy changes necessary to generate the assumed reasonably expected revenues during the planning period.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

10.3 Major Capital Projects and Congestion Pricing Policy

CMAP is evaluating the benefits and costs of proposed capital projects to help prioritize them for inclusion within the plan's fiscal constraint. The year-of-expenditure costs and the results of CMAP's evaluation of the performance of the projects for proposed major capital projects was discussed with the Transportation Committee at their March 7 meeting and the Regional Coordinating Committee, prior to the Board meeting. Staff will also present a draft policy to adopt the implementation of congestion pricing on the new capacity associated with GO TO 2040 major capital projects, with the exception of short or isolated add-lanes projects. Later in the spring, staff will present a recommended list of major capital projects to fit within the plan update's fiscal constraint.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

11.0 Other Business

12.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

13.0 Next Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

14.0 Adjournment

MPO Policy Committee Members:

	Kay Batey		Kristi Lafleur		Rebekah Scheinfeld
	Frank Beal		Christopher J. Lauzen		Jeffery Schielke
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