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Transportation Committee Minutes
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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Jack Groner, Chairman, Metra
Luann Hamilton, Vice Chairman, CDOT
George Catalano, Will County
Thomas Cuculich, DuPage County
Chris DiPalma, FHWA, Metro Office
Rocky Donahue, Pace
Neil Ferrari, IDOT-DPIT
Rupert Graham, Jr., Cook County
Henry Guerriero, Illinois Tollway
Chalen Hunter, McHenry County
Don Kopec, CMAP
Clarita Lao, IDOT-District One
Mike McLaughlin, BLT
Jan Metzger, CNT
Arlene J. Mulder, Council of Mayors
Randy Neufeld, Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
Les Nunes, IDOT-OP&P
Leanne Redden, RTA
Mike Rogers, IEPA
Joseph Schofer, Northwestern University
David Simmons, CTA
Paula Trigg, Lake County
Erin Willrett, Kane County

Transportation Members Absent:

Vanessa Adams, FTA, USDOT Chicago Metro Office
Fran Klass, Kendall County
Paul Losos, Private Transportation Providers
Steve Strains, NIRPC
Ken Yunker, SEWRPC
Tom Zapler, Class One Railroads

Others Present

Ed Barsotti
Darwin Burkhart
Leonard Cannata
Lynette Ciavarella
Bruce Christensen
Kama Dobbs
Bud Fleming
Tracey Fleming
Ted Georgas
Mike Klemens
Tam Kutzmark
John Loper
Hugh O'Hara
Mark Pitstick
Brian Shaw
P.S. Sriraj
Jeffrey Sriver
Jim Stack
Mike Walczak
Thomas Weaver
Mary Wells
Tammy Wierciak

CMAP Staff

Patricia Berry
Claire Bozic
Janet Bright
Bob Dean
Teri Dixon
Doug Ferguson
George Johnson
Matt Maloney
Tom Murtha
Holly Ostdick
Ross Patronsky
Jose Rodriquez
Joy Schaad

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Jack Groner, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Members and all present introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

A new agenda was distributed. It included an item for coordinating committee reports. Mr. Groner stated that Metra will not move forward on any New Starts projects if a permanent funding solution for transit is not approved.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Mulder made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Ms. Lao seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan Development

Ms. Hamilton stated that at the last Planning Coordinating Committee they were given presentations and discussed the climate change summit.

Mr. Groner stated that a TIP amendment for the I-355 extension was approved. He continued to state that the Committee determined that

developments of regional importance would be discussed by a sub-committee of the Programming Coordinating Committee. Additionally the committee discussed the Facilities Planning Area (FPA) and Mr. Groner inquired what the role of the Transportation Committee would be within the FPA's.

5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Ostdick presented the committee with the TIP Changes and requested approval. Mr. Kopec made a motion to approve the TIP changes, Ms. Hamilton seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Ms. Berry approached the committee and requested a suspension of the rules. Mayor Mulder made a motion for suspension of the rules and Ms. Trigg seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries. Ms. Lao of IDOT stated that McHenry County is awaiting design approval for the Algonquin Bypass. She continued to state that after discussions with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) it was determined that in order for FHWA to approve phase one engineering, the TIP must include all federal money for the project. Ms. Lao stated that the Algonquin Bypass received $10,000,000 in the recent authorization of SAFETEA-LU and that it should be added to the project in 2008. Mayor Mulder made a motion to approve the change, Mr. Guerriero seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

6.0 Transportation Management and Congestion Pricing

6.1 Managed Lanes

Mr. Rodriquez gave a presentation regarding managing lanes and how to reach regional goals. The presentation is available on the CMAP website at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/committees/transportation/Agendas/Attachments/2007-10-26_managed_lanes.pdf.
Mr. Rodriquez finished the presentation and allowed for Mr. Murtha to continue to the Congestion Pricing and Urban Partnership presentation.

6.2 Congestion Pricing and Urban Partnerships

Mr. Murtha gave a presentation on Congestion Pricing and Urban Partnership. The presentation is available on the CMAP website at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/committees/transportation/Agendas/Attachments/2007-10-26_congestion_pricing.pdf.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that there has been some pushback towards congress regarding the Urban Partnerships grant program. He stated that all the money set aside for earmarks was lumped together and given to a few big cities instead of being distributed through the some smaller cities.

Mr. Cuculich stated he would like to see the possible negatives of congestion pricing and urban partnerships, including the affect implementing some strategies would have on local roadways.

Ms. Redden stated that Chicago's urban partnership application may have not been awarded due to stressing studying implementing the congestion management strategies rather than implementing them.

Ms. Lao stated that IDOT felt Chicago's urban partnership initiatives need to be studied comprehensively before being implemented due to maintenance and local roadway issues.

Mr. Murtha stated that we have experienced one call for projects and are prepared for another if it occurs.

Mr. Kopec stated that managed facilities also need a transit element included and with the current state of our transit system that needs to be solved before we can justify moving forward.

Mr. Cuculich and Mayor Mulder emphasized the socioeconomic consequences of congestion pricing.

Mr. Guerriero stated the tollway currently has no plans to implement congestion pricing but is willing to work with agencies to study it.

6.3 Complete Streets and Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Murtha and Mr. Neufeld gave a presentation on complete streets and clarified the legislative requirements of currently passed laws. The presentation is available at: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/committees/transportation/Agendas/Attachments/2007-10-26_ped_Safety.pdf.

The Illinois law (PA 95-665) shows the Legislatures support for complete streets.

Ms. Lao stated that cost sharing of adding bike/ped facilities during construction projects is going to have to be determined.

Ms. Metzger asked if the study or law has focused on interchanges and local streets. Mr. Neufeld responded that currently the policy that has been developed is comprehensive.

Ms. Hamilton stated that the City of Chicago adopted a healthy streets initiative in 2006 and is currently working on the initiative of training all staff to follow the policies.

7.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Dean stated that due to time constraints, he will address the committee at its next meeting for a visioning exercise.

8.0 2008 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Dixon stated that the proposed 2008 meeting schedule was listed in the Transportation Committees agenda. She stated that all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and be held in the Cook County room of the CMAP offices. There was a general agreement of the schedule.

9.0 Coordinating Air Quality Campaigns

Mr. DiPalma of the FHWA provided background on the CMAQ funding source as it relates to Air Quality Campaigns. He stated that individual agencies receive CMAQ grants and spend the money. He feels coordination between the efforts will be a more efficient use of CMAQ funds and help the general public understand the air quality efforts. The committee discussed current air quality initiatives within the region and determined that CMAP staff bring the topic back to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee to determine the best way to ensure coordination when CMAQ funds are requested and also requested a list of currently and previously CMAQ funded air quality improvement initiatives.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

<u>Transportation Committee Members</u>

___ **Vanessa Adams *****	___ **Paul Losos**	___ **Jeffrey Sriver**
___ **Chris DiPalma *****	___ **Mike McLaughlin**	___ **Steve Strains**
___ **Rocky Donahue**	___ **Jan Metzger**	___ **Vonu Thakuriah**
___ **Neil Ferrari**	___ **Arlene Mulder**	___ **Chuck Tokarski**
___ **Bruce Gould**	___ **Randy Neufeld**	___ **Paula Trigg**
___ **Rupert Graham Jr**	___ **Jason Osborn**	___ **Mary Wells**
___ **Jack Groner ***	___ **Leanne Redden**	___ **Ken Yunker**
___ **Luann Hamilton****	___ **Thomas Rickert**	___ **Tom Zapler**
___ **Fran Klaas**	___ **Mike Rogers**	
___ **Don Kopec**	___ **Joe Schofer**	
___ **Clarita Lao**	___ **Dick Smith**	
***Chair**	****Vice-Chair**	*****Non-voting**