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Transportation/Work Program Committee Minutes May 25, 2007

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

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Luann Hamilton, Vice-Chairman, CDOT
Marty Buehler, Lake County
Lynnette Ciavarella, Metra
John DeLaurentiis, RTA
Chris DiPalma, FHWA, Metro Office
Neil Ferrari, IDOT-DPIT
Paul Fish, CTA
Rupert Graham, Jr., Cook County
Holly Smith, Kane County
Henry Gurrerio, Tollway
Don Kopec, CMAP
Clarita Lao, IDOT-District One
John Loper, DuPage County
Jamy Lyne, Will County
John McCarthy, Private Providers
Mike McLaughlin, BLT
Jan Metzger, CTAQC
Arlene Mulder, Council of Mayors
Randy Neufeld, Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
T.J. Ross, Pace
Dick Smith, IDOT-OP&P
Vonu Thakuriah, UIC
Tom Zapler, Class 1 Railroad Companies

Transportation/ Work Program Committee Members Absent:

Vanessa Adams, FTA, USDOT Chicago Metro Office
Fran Klaas, Kendall County
Jason Osborn, McHenry County
John Rita, MTDs
Mike Rogers, IEPA
Joe Schofer, Northwestern University
Ken Yunker, SEWRPC

Others Present

Michael Connelly
Jacky Grimshaw
Chalen Hunter
Les Nunes
Mark Pitstick
Chad Riddle
Adam Rod

Dave Seglin
Vicky Smith
David Tomzik
Mike Walczak
Tammy Wierciak
Thomas Weaver
P.S. Sriraj

CMAP Staff

John Allen
Patricia Berry
Claire Bozic
Teri Dixon
Bob Dean
Bill Kiley
LynToi Lawson
Jill Leary
Hubert Morgan

Tom Murtha
Holly Ostdick
Tom Palzer
Ross Patronskey
Joy Schaad
Amy Talbot
Pat Tinnelle
Ty Warner

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Luann Hamilton, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Members and all present introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Pitsick noted that he was not present and did not move for approval of the release of the UWP program at the March meeting. With this revision (Mayor Mulder had made the motion), the March 23, 2007 meeting minutes approved on a motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. DeLaurentiis.

4.0 Updates and Status Reports

4.1 Committee and Task Force Meetings

There were no questions or comments on the summary of committee and task force minutes.

4.2 Status Report on Implementation of Projects

a. IDOT

Ms. Lao noted that on the April letting, the State had approximately \$11.4 M on the bid letting. She stated that most of the projects were resurfacing.

b. RTA

The fourth quarter 2006 capital program report was included in the mailing.

c. CMAP

Mr. Patrosky advised the Committee that the CMAQ program is 79% obligated through the most recent month recorded. This breaks down to 87% for TEA-21 and 54% for SAFETEA-LU. He also noted that three projects were on the April letting for \$1.2 million; three are also on the June letting for \$900,000.

Mr. Patrosky also noted that FY 2008 CMAQ rankings should be released in June. Finally he informed the Committee that an RFP for a consultant to evaluate the actual benefits of CMAQ projects has been released; contract award is anticipated in June.

d. CDOT

Mr. Seglin reported that approximately \$5,000,000 of CDOT's STP-L dollars were obligated since the last Transportation Committee meeting. No CDOT CMAQ project had been obligated since the last Transportation Committee.

4.3 Council of Mayors Update

Mayor Mulder reported on the Executive Committee's May 21 meeting. The Executive Committee endorsed the Update of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. The Committee also discussed the Flexible Match Initiative Program. This program would allow councils to use a wide variety of public and private contributions of funds, land, materials and engineering to be counted toward the local match. Meetings were conducted within each Council area to determine how they wanted to proceed with the Flexible Match Initiative. The Councils were somewhat evenly divided on the value of the program. It was determined by the Committee that the use of the Flexible Match Initiative Program should be the decision of each individual Council.

Steve Schlickman, Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Authority, gave the Executive Committee an overview of the \$10 billion dollar investment request submitted to the legislature for state and local dollars over the next five years. He informed the Committee that the funds are greatly needed to maintain, enhance and expand the region's transit system. He added that if lawmakers in Springfield don't support new transit revenues, there will be 20% cuts that would affect service, layoffs and fare hikes. Mr. Schlickman asked the members for their support when speaking to their representatives.

Gordon Smith and Randy Blankenhorn gave the Executive Committee an update on HB1134. They informed the Committee that bonding authority had been taken out of the legislation and that a possible funding source for CMAP had been identified by Speaker Madigan. Monies could be transferred from general revenue funds to be put into a comprehensive planning fund that would also benefit other planning agencies. When final language for the bill is complete it will be made available to the Committee.

Regarding STP accomplishments, Mayor Mulder reported that the Council of Mayors had 6 projects on the April letting with a total of \$7.8 million in federal funds. The June letting is targeting 13 projects with STP involvement totaling \$10.3 million in federal funding.

5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Dixon)

Ms. Dixon requested consideration of approval of the TIP changes. Ms. Dixon also informed the committee that now included in the State/Regional Resources Table is a footnote to accommodate the potential increase in the transit budget based on action that may be taken in Springfield. A motion was made by Ms. Lyne and seconded by Ms. Lao to approve the TIP changes. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

6.0 Regional Planning Act (Leary)

Ms. Leary reported on amendment HB 1134 Amendment #4. The bill amends the Illinois Pension code to include employees of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund after satisfying a minimal period of service or a minimal contribution. It provides a mechanism to include the employees' of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) service at CATS and or NIPC and contributions to the State Employees' Retirement System and the

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund toward the satisfaction of such requirements. Employees of CMAP that were former employees of CATS that elect to remain with the State Employee Retirement System can do so while being employed at CMAP. Employees of CMAP who have been employed since the effective date of the merger will also be eligible to have their retirement transferred to the State Employee Retirement System.

It amends the Regional Planning Act to change the name of the agency from the Regional Planning Board to The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. It also amends the Regional Planning Act to require CMAP be the authoritative source for regional data collection, exchange, dissemination, analysis, evaluation, forecasting and modeling. It changes the number of intervals for a Regional Comprehensive plan as needed to be consistent with federal law and defines what should be included in the plan, including specified components for housing, freight, and the environment. The bill states that CMAP shall define the scope of Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) and create an efficient process for reviewing them and that CMAP shall establish an incentive program to enable local governments and developers to create more sustainable communities.

It is the intent of the Act that the transportation planning and investment decision-making process be fully integrated into the regional planning process. CMAP will continue to receive traditional sources of funds to carry out any of the powers or purposes of CMAP. Additional funding for statewide comprehensive planning will come from the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund with \$5 million statewide from the General Revenue Fund. CMAP will receive 70%, 25% for other metropolitan planning organizations, and 5% for non-urbanized areas.

It repeals the Northeastern Illinois Planning Act and provides for all powers and authority of NIPC to be transferred to CMAP. Ms. Leary concluded her report, noting that the bill also amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

7.0 Evolution of the Planning Process (All)

Ms. Hamilton reviewed the events to date and led the Transportation Committee in a discussion of the evolving planning process. The Transportation Committee is one of six working committees along with working committees on land use, economic and community development, environmental and natural resources,

housing, and human services. All will be working through the coordinating committees to develop the comprehensive plan for the region.

Given the change in role, the officers recommended that the CMAQ Project Selection committee and the Unified Work Program committee continue as subcommittees of the Transportation Committee since they both have a lot of intensive work to accomplish in developing recommended annual programs and require dedicated time. Resources for all of CMAP would include the Advanced Technology Task Force, the Bicycle Pedestrian Task Force, and the Intermodal Advisory Task Force. In addition, they recommended that the Transportation Committee meet more often.

A discussion on the Regional Transportation Plan Committee ensued. The RTP Committee has existed for many years and it basically did all of the legwork in developing the Regional Transportation Plan and now that we're not going to have a stand-alone RTP, but instead we're going to have an integrated comprehensive plan covering all of the six working committee areas, it does not make sense to have a standing committee that does the transportation plan in isolation. In fact, the transportation committee is going to need to interact with the other working committees either directly or through the coordinating planning committee to come up with our integrated plan. It is possible there might be occasions when extra work may need to be completed. In that case, an ad hoc group could be established to complete that work.

Next, the group discussed the Private Providers and their future within the new CMAP committee structure. McCarthy suggested that that group be maintained.

The Committee agreed to a revised committee structure with two development groups and four resource groups, noting that the structure needs to be re-assessed periodically as the process continues to evolve.

8.0 Asset Management and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) (Murtha and P.S. Sriraj)

Mr. Sriraj described the asset management program that UIC is undertaking for University of Wisconsin – Madison. He gave a brief description of the program and requested that he meet individually with individual stakeholders to discuss options and collect data. He stated that he will come back before the Transportation Committee in about four months to report on the findings of the study.

9.0 2007 Update to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) (Schaad)

Ms. Schaad reported that the public comment period for the draft of the 2007 Update to the 2030 RTP ended on April 23 and public comments, as well as additional CMAP committee and partner agency comments received during that time, were reviewed by staff and the RTP Committee at their May 7 meeting. The RTP Committee has submitted the attached Draft 2007 update to the 2030 RTP and summaries of the comments received and suggested responses to them.

Ms. Schaad provided highlights of changes to the Update since the March release of the public comment draft and explained the approval process from this point. Upon a question about a suggested response to Orland Park's comments, Ms. Schaad clarified that the project formerly known as the "Inner Circumferential" rail line was made a part of the Star Line project through the 2006 RTP Capital Element update, although this section is proposed for future phasing.

On a motion from Mayor Mulder and a second from Mr. Loper the Transportation Committee recommended Policy Committee approval of the Updated 2030 plan. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

10.0 Public Participation Plan (Morgan)

The Public Participation Plan was out for a 45 day public comment period which concluded on May 10. Mr. Hubert Morgan outlined the challenges faced by the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), first was responding to the new federal regulations required by SAFETEA-LU, and how would the Agency be responsive to the transportation process. The second challenge was making the plan more comprehensive to meet the new mission of the Agency. The CAC is an advisory Committee to the CMAP Board.

Three overarching goals were developed that became the foundation of the CMAP Public Participation Plan.

Outreach – the task of identifying and providing notice to participants across multiple demographics.

Engagement – the task of informing, educating, listening and sharing in the planning process.

Sustainability – maintaining the relationship with residents to keep them interested in participating.

The issues raised by Committee members at the meeting revolved around the comments received, and how staff will respond to those comments.

On a motion by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Buehler it was recommended that Policy Committee approve of the Public Participation Plan. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

11.0 Fiscal Year 2008 Unified Work Program (FY 08 UWP) (Talbot)

Several members of the UWP Committee were present at the meeting including Committee Chair, Les Nunes. The FY08 UWP Program was included in the meeting packets and totaled \$18,497,215. The UWP Public Comment period was March 23rd to April 23rd and received no comments.

The topic of the exclusion of the city of Chicago's CREATE project in this year's UWP was discussed by the committee, followed by the motion to approve the action requested. On a motion by Mr. Buehler, seconded by Mr. Kopec it was recommended that Policy Committee approve the proposed FY 08 Unified Work Program. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

12.0 Urban Partnership (Murtha)

Tom Murtha described the USDOT's congestion initiative, including the "urban partnership" program involving severely congested metropolitan areas. Mr. Murtha explained that, at the direction of the Policy Committee, CMAP staff worked with partners to prepare a submittal. He further explained that the proposed partnership agreement and related grant applications were submitted by IDOT to USDOT on April 30. The schedule is for USDOT to select a short list of up to 10 metropolitan areas in early June, further culling the list to between one and five selected areas by August.

Mr. Murtha explained the contents of the submittals and how the submittals will address traffic congestion in metropolitan Chicago.

13.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan (Dean)

Mr. Dean informed the committee that there were two items related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan in their materials. The first document listed

activities to be undertaken by the working committees. Mr. Buehler asked what the deadline was for the region to have a conformed regional transportation plan, and Mr. Dean responded that it was fall 2010.

13.1 Schedule of Working Committee Activities

Mr. Dean described the other document related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan, which was a list of goals and objectives from the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Each working committee was identifying goals and objectives that they felt were central to their mission as a committee, and each committee would spend more time at future meetings discussing these. Activities and discussions at future meetings would be used to create a regional vision from these starting goals and objectives. Mr. Dean emphasized that this activity would preserve the content from the goals and objectives in the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, but would reshape this into a regional vision.

Mr. Neufeld asked how the Regional Comprehensive Plan could address goals for mode share. Mr. Dean stated that this idea could be included as part of the regional vision. After the regional vision was adopted, quantitative evaluation measures are expected to be developed to determine which activities best met the vision, and it was possible that one of these would be mode share.

Mr. Zapler stated that it would have been helpful to have received more information about what was expected prior to the meeting, and asked whether the discussion could be deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Dean responded that he would like to get some feedback at the current meeting, and Ms. Hamilton added that this item was on the March agenda, but was not addressed due to lack of time.

13.2 Goals for Initial Discussion

Mr. Buehler asked whether there was an upper limit to the number of goals that each committee could address. Mr. Dean stated that there was not, but that each committee who had discussed this so far had been reasonable in choosing the number of central goals that they decided to take on.

Ms. Thakuria stated that being able to measure progress regarding a goal should be considered in determining which goals the committee should

address. Mr. Dean stated that some of the goals were quite complex, so different working committees could identify different elements of the same goal that they believed were important, and that therefore, there was not necessarily a conflict if several working committees identified the same goal as central. There were also a number of goals that no committee had identified as central to their mission. Several of these were broad goals such as Quality of Life, which were more like overarching themes than distinct goals. There also were two goals related to education that no committee had identified as central.

The committee recommended a number of changes to the classification of goals. These included: changing Community Economic Development to relevant; changing Health Care to relevant; changing Taxation to relevant; and changing Water Quality to relevant. The committee also discussed addressing the Public Safety and Security goal, but then determined that the objectives Improve Transportation Safety and Improve Transportation Security already covered the relationship of these topics to transportation. In response to a question from Ms. Metzger, Mr. Dean clarified that the topic of transportation safety included the consideration of the safety of pedestrians and other groups, consistent with how this topic is discussed in the 2030 RTP. The committee also discussed the Access to Education goal, but determined that this was a more appropriate topic for the Human Services working committee, although several committee members stated that education was a very important subject for the agency to address.

Mr. Tomzik asked how potential conflicts between committees on the treatment of goals would be handled. Mr. Dean responded that the Planning Coordinating Committee would be charged with addressing and resolving these conflicts, and that there could be joint meetings between working committees if there were major disagreements that needed discussion. The discussion of goals and objectives, and the development of a vision from this starting point, would continue at future meetings of the Transportation working committee. Ms. Hamilton added that there would be continual opportunities for discussion of the vision development process during the upcoming committee meetings.

14.0 Other Business

15.0 Public Comment

There were no additional comments from members of the audience.

16.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cook County Room. Chair Hamilton noted that the memo included for the item on the evolution of the planning process included proposed additional meeting dates for 2007 and included a change to a previously scheduled date. The Committee agreed to the proposed meeting schedule of August 24, September 28, October 26, November 15 and December 13. It was noted that two of the meeting dates are Thursdays.

17.0 Adjournment

All attachments are available at <http://www.chicagoareapanning.org/transportation/min-tc.asp>

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