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## Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 12, 2010

10:00 AM

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
DuPage County Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower  
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### Committee Members Present:

\*Alternate Member

Keith Sherman (IDOT), Matt Maloney (CMAP), Mark Pitstick (RTA)\*, Rich Hazlett (City of Chicago)\*, Tom Rickert (Kane County), Beth McCluskey (Metra), Michael Connelly (CTA), John Donovan (FHWA), Leon Rockingham (Regional Council of Mayors), Lorraine Snorden, (PACE), Brian Giblin (CTA)

### Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Janet Bright, Annie Byrne, Joey Silberhorn,

### Others Present:

Chalen Hunter (McHenry County), Kama Dobbs (DMMC), Tammy Wiercak (WCMC), Jan Ward (KKCOM), Mike Walczak (NWMC), Len Cannata (WCMC)

### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Keith Sherman.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

### 3.0 Approval of the Minutes-November 3, 2009

The November 23rd minutes were unanimously approved by the

Committee.

#### **4.0 FY 2011 UWP Development Process**

Mr. Blankenhorn explained CMAP's concerns that funding from the State of Illinois' Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF) will not be included in the State's FY 2011 budget. This is the funding typically used by CMAP to match federal UWP funds. CMAP is investigating other options, including soft matching UWP funds. In FY10, CMAP received IDOT funds for match, but there is no guarantee of future funds from this source. Mr. Blankenhorn said that while the Committee does not need to reach a final conclusion today, there should be discussion about what this might mean for the FY 2011 UWP and in particular, what other agencies might expect to receive. Mr. Blankenhorn did express CMAP's position that the Regional Council of Mayors should be kept whole, but without receiving additional funding.

In response to a question by Ms. McCluskey, Mr. Blankenhorn explained that the CMAP share of the CRPF, as stipulated in State legislation, is \$3.5 million. The total shortfall for UWP match is \$2.8 million. Over the past year, CMAP cut staff by 6%, instituted a no-travel policy and cut overall costs.

Committee members expressed frustration with the state over this issue. Mr. Rickert pointed out that Kane County contributes three times more money towards regional planning today than it used to. Mr. Sherman added that the General Revenue Fund is in the most fiscal trouble, and this is where the CRPF originates from. It will be difficult to add more items to the budget as it is not a good year financially.

Members went on to discuss that the UWP funds are for transportation and asked how CMAP could pursue non-transportation objectives. Mr. Blankenhorn said CMAP would find a way to tie the funds to transportation and use foundations, carried over state money, or other balances to fund non transportation related projects.

Mr. Sherman also stated that it is important to re-establish IDOT's partnership with the MPO and other members asked what IDOT's commitment was moving forward. Members agreed that CMAP plays an important role and the Committee could work with previous unexpended balances as well as new funding. However, not just CMAP is having issues; other agencies have had to cut staff positions as well.

Mr. Pitstick said that RTA would reduce its UWP expectations for the year but suggested that older money should be reprogrammed first. Mr.

Rickert and Ms. Snorden echoed Mr. Pitstick's comments. Mr. Rickert said that there is some concern that this year could set a precedent and that a commitment from the State is really what is required. Ms. McCluskey said that Metra would not be reducing expectations for its UWP request and that the incremental funding to fund CMAP should come from unexpended balances. Mr. Hazlett agreed that unexpended balances should be examined, particularly ones previous to 2008. Mr. Connelly also expressed concern that awarding so much new money to CMAP would set a precedent for future years.

Mr. Maloney said unexpended balances would be addressed at the next meeting.

**5.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is February 16, 2010.

**7.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Maloney", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Matt Maloney  
CMAP