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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Programming Committee
Annotated Agenda
October 10, 2007

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions 8:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2007
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

4.0 Metra New Starts, Locally Preferred Alternatives
Metra will present the Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) for two of their New Starts projects, the Union Pacific Northwest and West Lines.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend CMAP Board endorsement of the LPAs

5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment
A TIP amendment revising the I-355 from I-55 to I-80 project to a six-lane cross section from a four-lane cross section has been recommended for approval by the Transportation Committee. Rapid population and employment growth will bring the planned four-lane cross section to capacity sooner than anticipated. Rather than add the third lane later under traffic, it is beneficial to complete these improvements now while the road is traffic-free and contractors are mobilized on-site. The project includes adding lanes on portions of selected arterials with entrance/exit ramps to I-355. These projects are regionally significant and non-exempt, and thus require a TIP amendment with a conformity analysis. The results of the analysis indicate that the TIP with the proposed amendment conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The comment period on the proposed TIP amendment for I-355 and associated projects ended on September 23rd. No comments were received.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend CMAP Board Approval of TIP Amendment

6.0 Developments of Regional Importance

Senate Bill 1201 states that "The Board shall consider the regional and intergovernmental impacts of proposed major developments, infrastructure investments and major policies and actions by public and private entities on natural resources, neighboring communities, and residents." One of the first items to be addressed will be to define the scope of developments of regional importance and to create an efficient process for reviewing them. The Committee will be asked to continue discussions leading to the development of this process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Facility Planning Areas (FPAs)

Governor Blagojevich approved Senate Bill 1201 with an amendatory veto, deleting the language to create the Wastewater Committee. For the bill to become law, the General Assembly must either override the veto or accept the amendment. In the interim, at the direction of a resolution from NIPC – who is legally responsible for making FPA recommendations to the IEPA until Senate Bill 1201 becomes law - that the CMAP Board appoint the Wastewater Committee as specified in SB 1201 to serve as the NIPC Water Resources Committee. At the September Board meeting this action was taken. Staff will brief the Committee on the status of SB 1201.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Work of the Programming Coordinating Committee

It is anticipated that the region's approach to some of the issues addressed by the CMAP working committees will require a broader discussion at the Programming Coordinating Committee. Staff reports from each of the six CMAP working committees are currently provided at each Board meeting. The organizational relationship among the Board, the Programming Coordinating Committee and the Working Committees will be discussed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

9.0 Other Business

10.0 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.

11.0 Next Meeting – November 14, 2007

12.0 Adjournment 9:30 a.m.

CMAP Programming Committee Members:

____Rita Athas - chair
____Mark Avery
____Anthony Calderone
____Jack Darin
____Jack Groner
____John Grueling
____Calvin Jordan
____Marilyn Michelini
____Raul Raymundo
____Steve Schlickman
____Dan Shea
____Nigel Telman
____Beth Dever
____Holly Smith