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# MPO Policy Committee

**Agenda**

**March 12, 2009—10:00 a.m.**

**Cook County Conference Room**
**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower**
**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 8, 2009**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**4.0 Agency Reports**
4.1 Council of Mayors' Report
4.2 CMAP Report

**5.0 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**
Significant activity has taken place regarding the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act since President Obama signed the legislation on February 17, 2009. On February 27, 2009 House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Oberstar issued a letter (attached) requiring MPO reporting on these funds. Initial information is required to be submitted by April 4, 2009. Roles and responsibilities for providing this information will be discussed and defined.

Both the State and local officials have received a distribution of funding under the Highways and Bridges allotment. And the Service Boards, through the RTA have received an allocation under the Transit Capital allotment.

CMAP staff has issued a number of memoranda and statements concerning the implementation of the Act, including a restatement of the *CMAP Principles for Infrastructure Investment in a Federal Economic Recovery Package*, December 10, 2008.

While the federal legislation creates funding for states, transit agencies and local agencies, MPOs have some discretion in how the programs are implemented. Given the relatively short time frame under which this program will exist, local agencies have been preparing programs based upon the structure of the STP program. The Policy Committee will finalize mechanisms to implement the local element of the program, including the distribution of funds to the Councils and the city of Chicago. A draft marks table is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and approval of reporting procedures and approval of ARRA marks for local agencies.

**6.0 TIP/RTP Conformity Determination and TIP Amendment**

The Transportation Committee will consider approval of the TIP/RTP Conformity Determination and TIP amendment at their March 6 meeting. It is anticipated that they will recommend Policy Committee approval. The conformity determination and TIP amendment were released for public comment for 30 days. The amendment and conformity documentation is attached. No comments were received.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the TIP/RTP Conformity Determination and TIP Amendment

**7.0 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* (attached) reaffirmed 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

**8.0 Federally Required Planning Agreements**

With the creation of CMAP and the associated dissolution of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, a number of federally required agreements (attached) need to be updated.

**8.1 Planning Agreement between the MPO, State and Transit Agencies**

Federal regulations require an agreement among the MPO, the State and the public transportation operators determining their mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Agreement

**8.2 Transportation/Air Quality Planning Agreement for Goose Lake Township**

Federal regulations require an agreement among IDOT, IEPA, affected local agencies and the MPO describing the process for cooperative planning and analysis of all projects outside the Metropolitan Planning Area within the nonattainment area.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Agreement

**8.3 CMAP and IEPA Intergovernmental Agreement for Coordination of Air Quality Related Transportation Planning**

Federal regulations require an agreement between the MPO and the IEPA describing their respective roles and responsibilities for air quality related transportation planning.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Agreement

**8.4 Cooperative Agreement for Coordination of Land Use-Transportation Planning in the Chicago/Gary/Lake County, IL-IN Urbanized Area**

Federal regulations require an agreement between the MPOs, the States, and the pubic transportation operators describing how the metropolitan transportation planning process will be coordinated to assure the development of consistent metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs across the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Agreement

**8.5 Cooperative Agreement for Coordination of Land Use-Transportation Planning in the Round Lake Beach-McHenry-Grayslake, IL-WI Urbanized Area**

Federal regulations require an agreement between the MPOs, the States, and the pubic transportation operators describing how the metropolitan transportation planning process will be coordinated to assure the development of consistent metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs across the Metropolitan Planning Area boundaries.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Agreement

**9.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program**

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee has discussed many strategies for creating a more effective programming process to assure that the region realizes the congestion reduction and air quality improvements of projects more quickly and does not have a large amount of unobligated funding in danger of being lost to the region. The recommended programming revisions were presented as an informational item at the Policy Committee's January meeting. The recommended programming revisions as considered at the Transportation Committee's March 6 meeting are attached.

The Transportation Committee has also considered changes to the programming policies and project ranking methodologies for bicycle and pedestrian facility applications. A memo prepared for the CMAQ Project Selection Committee outlining the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force's proposal is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**10.0 FTA Subarea Allocation Between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds**

It is anticipated that the CMAP Transportation Committee will recommend approval of the allocation of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois,

Indiana and Wisconsin, and designate the Service Boards as recipients of such funds. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds are also being split with Indiana and Wisconsin. The RTA has negotiated splits of all funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin and approved the FY09 allocations to the Service Boards. The 5307/5340 apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake Beach/McHenry/Grayslake, IL/WI urbanized area are based on percentages. The sub-allocation between IN/IL is 4.386984% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to northwestern Indiana and 95.613016% will be sub-allocated to IL. The sub-allocation between WI/IL is 2.202415% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to southeastern Wisconsin and 97.797585% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to northeastern Illinois. The estimated Section 5307 and 5340 combined capital and planning funds for northeastern Illinois totals $244,600,000. The funds have been distributed as follows: $141,800,000 to the CTA; $69,900,000 to Metra; and $32,900,000 to Pace. The ARRA funds which include 5307/5340 and 5309 funds for northeastern Illinois totals $414,192,957. The funds have been distributed as follows: $ $240,231,915 to the CTA; $140,825,605 to Metra; and $33,135,437 to Pace.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolutions 09-01 through 09-10.

**11.0 Legislative Status**

Staff and member agencies will update the Committee on the status of various legislative initiatives at the federal and state level.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**12.0 *GO TO 2040* Plan Development**

There will be a major emphasis on public involvement this summer to obtain input on the various proposed scenarios. Staff will update the Committee on the status of this effort including the coordinated effort with the Burnham 100th Anniversary celebration.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**13.0 Other Business**

**14.0 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.

**15.0 Next Meeting – June 11, 2009**

**16.0 Adjournment**

**MPO Policy Committee Members:**

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