



WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 19, 2007

The meeting was held in the Cook County Conference Room at the CMAP office at 233 South Wacker Driver, Chicago, Illinois.

1. Call to Order

Work Program Committee Chairman Groner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Work Program Committee Members Present:

Jack Groner, Chairman, Metra
LuAnn Hamilton, Vice-Chairman, CDOT
Rodney Bettenhausen, Cook County
George Catalano, representing Bruce Gould, Will County
Bruce Christensen, representing Marty Buehler, Lake County
John DeLaurentiis, RTA
Rocky Donahue, Pace
Neil Ferrari, representing Jason Tai, IDOT-DPIT
Benet Haller, CDOP
Don Kopec, CATS
Clarita Lao, IDOT-District One
John Loper, representing Chuck Tokarski, DuPage County
Arlene Mulder, Council of Mayors
Jason Osborn, McHenry County
Thomas Rickert, Kane County
Mike Rogers, IEPA
David Simmons, representing Jeffrey Sriver, CTA
Les Nunes, IDOT-OP&P
Steve Strains, NIRPC
Mary Wells, ISTHA

Work Program Committee Members Absent:

Vanessa Adams, FTA, USDOT Chicago Metro Office
Chris DiPalma, FHWA, USDOT Chicago Metro Office
Fran Klaas, Kendall County
Paul Losos, Private Transportation Providers

John Rita, MTDs
Tom Zapler, Class 1 Railroad Companies

Others Present

Jim Allen
Pete Harmet
Joe Heinrich
Chalen Hunter
Mike Klemens
Tam Kutzmark
Matt Maloney
Beth McCluskey
Carl Mikyska
Hugh O'Hara
Holly Osttick
Mark Pitstick

Chad Riddle
Bill Reynolds
Adam Rod
Joel Stauber
Dave Seglin
Holly Smith
Vicky Smith
Marie Choca Urban
Mike Walczak
Tammy Wierciak
Erin Willrett

CMAP Staff

Patricia Berry
Randy Blankenhorn
Teri Dixon
Doug Ferguson
Jill Leary
Ross Patronskey

Joy Schaad
Gordon Smith
Pat Tinnelle
Tom Vick
Ty Warner

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2. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2006

After correction of misspelled name Mike Rogers not Roger, on a motion by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the minutes of the November 17, 2006 meeting were approved.

3. Updates and Status Reports

a. Committee and Task Force Meetings

There were no questions or comments on the committee and task force meeting summary report.

b. Status Report on the Implementation of Projects

Ms. Lao reported on recent IDOT lettings. There was no status update from RTA. Mr. Seglin stated that the City of Chicago has obligated three STP-L projects for a total of \$1.576 million. The projects are the Clark Street Viaduct Improvement, City-wide Bridge Painting and the Chicago Ave Viaduct Improvement. No CMAQ projects have been obligated since the last WPC meeting. Mr. Patronsky advised the Committee that no new obligation information had been received since the last Work Program Committee meeting. He noted that three projects are on the January letting for \$747,000.

Mr. Patronsky also noted that the FY 2008 CMAQ call for proposals is underway; the submission deadline is Friday, February second.

c. Council of Mayors Update

Mayor Mulder stated that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee has not met since last August. A meeting is being scheduled for early February. Major topics will be advanced funding issues and the Council's role in accomplishing the vision of CMAP. The Council wants to make sure that all available funding for this year is spent and will be looking for some flexibility to move ready projects.

A related issue is the new flexible funding policy permitting a greater range of local match options. Each of the councils is reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of this policy and hopefully arrives at a consistent application of this policy.

Finally, regarding STP accomplishments, the Council of Mayors had 3 projects on the November 17 letting for \$2.3 million in federal funds. The January 19 letting had 7 projects with STP involvement totaling \$6,086,140 in federal funds. The March 9 letting is targeting 11 projects with STP involvement totaling \$14.1 million in federal funds.

4. FY 07-12 TIP Changes

Ms. Dixon requested Work Program Committee approval of the TIP changes. On a motion by Mayor Mulder, seconded by Mr. Rickert the TIP changes were approved.

5. Household Travel Inventory

Mr. Wies distributed a press release announcing the launch of CMAP's Household Travel Inventory effort. After an extensive design phase which included a two-day independent peer review in November, the "Travel Tracker Survey" will run through 2007 and reach over 13,000 households. Special efforts are being undertaken to ensure that African-American, Latino, Low Income and Youth (age 18-24) households interviewed represent the region's proportions of these difficult-to-reach populations. In addition, the interview is designed and the sample is being drawn in such a way as to ensure that public transit usage patterns are properly captured. Mr. Strains added that the Northwestern Indiana

Regional Planning Commission is also participating in the survey effort using the same design. This will ensure the compatibility of data resources between the two regions. The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission participated in the design of the survey.

6. Regional Planning Act

Ms. Leary reported on the following items:

CMAP Board Meeting. The Board met on Wednesday, January 10. Agenda items of note included:

- Legislative Update. Staff received guidance from the Board to take a proactive approach in guiding our legislative agenda particularly with regard to our funding needs. We are also continuing to pursue a legislative hearing in Chicago on our strategic report.
- Joint Memorandum of Understanding. Both the Board and the Policy Committee discussed this document this week. The Policy Committee agreed to accept two members of the CMAP Board to the MPO and both entities are in agreement that they want to evaluate the MPO designation issue. We will have a joint meeting of the CMAP Board and the Policy Committee on February 14 to discuss, among other things, a logical progression, major issues and coordination with partner agencies. In addition, a sub-committee with members of both policy boards will convene to write a joint resolution on the steps and procedure for potential MPO re-designation.
- Committee Structure and Meeting Dates. Based on the proposed list we presented at last month's Board meeting on working committee membership, staff is inviting prospective members and scheduling meetings in the next 4 weeks. The Planning and Programming Committees will meet prior to the Board meeting next month. The chairs and vice-chairs of the working committees will comprise the planning and programming committees along with Board members. The following Board members were assigned to the committees:

Planning Committee (Chair: Mike Smith. Members: Frank Beal, Zenovia Evans, Elliott Hartstein, Al Larson, Andre Rice, Ed Paesel, Rae Rupp Srch)

Programming Committee (Chair: Rita Athas. Members: Anthony Caldorone, Calvin Jordan, Marilyn Michelini, Raul Raymundo, Dan Shea, Nigel Telman, Steve Schlickman)

FY 2008 Work Program and Funding. We are working on developing our work program for UWP submittal and to pursue other sources of funding. A proposed budget presentation is expected at next month's meeting.

Projects of Regional Significance. Based on the presentations at the last two board meetings, we are exploring a process to review projects of regional significance. The Board agreed with our recommendation to explore "demonstration" projects involving willing partners. We have been in contact with Rolling Meadows that is

willing to be a test case as we examine this process.

Innovation and Integration Summit. The agenda is set for February 6, 2007 at UIC and features local and national speakers to discuss economic development, housing and transportation policies to explore ways for the region and its communities to take an integrated approach to planning. See the summit program on the CMAP web (http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/innovation/summit_program.pdf).

DRAFT Regional Snapshot. Also on February 6, we will distribute our *Regional Snapshot* report, which will help us to frame the issues and depict where the region stands in measurable terms by comparing the Chicago region to national and international cities in: Population & Demographics; Land Use and Natural Resources; Transportation System; Economy and Housing; and Public safety and health. Please have a look at the draft (<http://www.chicagoareaplanning.org/region/>), but be aware that this is so far only for **internal discussion** and not public consumption. If you have comments, send them to Tom Garritano no later than next Friday, January 19.

Water Supply Planning. Nearly all of the delegates have been selected in anticipation for the RWSPG's first meeting on January 23, 2007 at 10.00 in our offices. We are still awaiting a few municipal and county appointments.

7. Committee and Subcommittee/Task Force Structure

There was discussion on committees and subcommittee structures. There was also dialogue on the make-up of all the new CMAP committee and the entities that will be represented. WPC members expressed interest in the charge of each of the new CMAP committees.

Representation on each committee was discussed and what groups were perceived as missing in the make-up of committees. The fact that the process and the committee might overlap was a point of discussion. It was explained that there was a very determined attempt to make sure that there was not over or under representation – the goal is balance.

Concerns on the role of the Transportation Committee which will replace the WPC were discussed. These concerns were discussed and Mr. Kopec and Ms. Leary stated that the transportation committee would have input into the transportation concerns and by adding advocacy groups and academia we will have a broader perspective on the issues. It was acknowledged that the new committee structures are a work in progress and tuning and refining the tasks of the committees will occur.

It was agreed that Mr. Groner will represent the Transportation Committee on the Programming Coordinating Committee and Ms. Hamilton will serve on the Planning Coordinating Committee

8. FY 08 UWP

Mr. Nunes gave a brief update on the Unified Work Program (UWP). The entire budget of the FY 08 UWP will be approximately \$18.1 million. The CMAP staff has compiled applications for the Core and Supplemental categories that were due on Jan 10. CMAP submitted a total of 13 projects at \$12.5 million and the partner agencies submitted 9 projects at \$2.7 million. The UWP committee will be finalizing the Core and Supplemental elements at the Jan 30th meeting. The discretionary category applications will be due on Feb 9. Everything was still on schedule to submit a final program at the May WPC meeting.

9. SAFETEA-LU Compliant RTP

Ms. Schaad reported on the current efforts to meet SAFETEA-LU requirements in updating the 2030 RTP. She pointed out that the capital element update of the 2030 RTP was approved last October and the full development of an Integrated Land Use and Transportation Plan will be completed by autumn of 2010. The new regulations for SAFETEA-LU have not been finalized, but it is known that there will be three new planning factors to address: safety, security and consistency with planned growth and economic development patterns. Several other factors have been expanded. The major focus of staff work and stakeholder outreach is on the new requirements as we have interpreted them. Ms. Schaad also laid out the schedule for committee and public review which anticipates CMAP, Policy Committee and Federal approvals in June of this year. She outlined the review steps both committee and public, necessary to meet the June deadline.

10. Active Management of Local Programs

Ms. Dixon stated that the agency is currently concentrating on the local STP and CMAQ programs. Particular attention will be devoted to the spend-down balance with the goal being to exhaust this year's appropriations and identify project that are ready to go in the event other regions do not use all of their appropriations. In the past working groups have identified many reasons for project delay but with input from all stakeholders we will be attempting to put mechanisms in place to improve tracking and hopefully find solutions. This is an evolutionary process. Working with our partners to track program levels and document individual project accomplishments and delays, we will have a more realistic look at the problems and the success within the region. Monitoring letting and integrating this information into the TIP will be part of this process.

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Loper, seconded by Mr. Simmons the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Berry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Patricia A. Berry
Secretary