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DRAFT Minutes

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Cook County Conference Room

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Members Present: Chair - Luann Hamilton, Vice Chair – Thomas Cuculich – DuPage County, Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, John Donovan – FHWA, John Fortmann - IDOT District One, Rupert Graham – Cook County, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Don Kopec - CMAP, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, Jan Metzger – CNT, Les Nunes – IDOT OP&P, Jason Osborn - McHenry County, Tom Rickert - Kane County, Mike Rogers - IEPA via phone, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University, David Simmons - CTA, Peter Skosey – Business Leaders for Transportation, Holly Smith - Kendall County, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC, Dave Tomzik – Pace, Paula Trigg - Lake County, David Werner – FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Sidney Weseman - RTA, Tom Zapler - Railroad Companies. Rocco Zuchero – Illinois Tollway

Members Absent: Jack Groner - Metra, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Ken Yunker - SEWRPC

Others Present: Kristen Anderson, Brian Plum, Darwin Burkhart, Leonard Cannata, Michael Connelly, Chalen Daigle, Chris Demroukas, Kama Dobbs, John Loper, Hugh O'Hara, Chad Riddle, Rachel Schem, Carl Schoedel, David Seglin, Joe Spidale, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Emily Tapia, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

Staff Present: Shana Alford, Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Tara Fifer, Tom Murtha, Roseann O'Laughlin, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Tom Cuculich, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There was a correction to the time of the IEPA public hearing from 11:00 am to 9:00 am. Mr. Rogers via phone gave the committee a brief update.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

With a correction to item 7.0 of the August minutes to include Mr. Christensen and Mr. Cuculich names in the motion for the item, the minutes were approved. On a motion by Mr. Seglin, seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the minutes as corrected were approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Mr. Cuculich reported on the Programming Committee. He stated that the DRI draft had been released for public comment by the committee. The public comment period deadline for DRIs will end December 1st. The committee also recommended approval of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and the Title VI programs to the CMAP board.

Ms. Hamilton reported on the Planning Committee. She stated that the draft of the indicators was endorsed and forwarded to the CMAP board, which will consider them at their December. The Interactive TIP map was also discussed and is published on the CMAP website.

5.0 RTA Update

Mr. Weseman updated the committee on RTA progress and stated that in an effort to increase public involvement in the budget process, RTA is holding two rounds of public hearings this year. The first round was in August and the 2nd round is currently underway. The development of system performance measures is continuing. Approval of a consultant contract to conduct transit travel market analysis is on the RTA board agenda for next week.

6.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6.1 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. She stated there were a large amount of revisions due to the end of the federal fiscal year. There was summary memo distributed in the committee packets, the four reports with revisions were posted on the web site for the seven day public comment period.

On a motion by Mr. Weseman, seconded by Mr. Nunes the not exempt and exempt project amendments, including the Bus Rapid Transit projects, were amended into the TIP. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6.2 Rescission Table

Ms. Ostdick explained that the rescission table included in the packet breaks down the various local funding sources, who programs those dollars, and when the dollars are safe from rescission. The table outlines which funding is eligible for rescission, she also reminded the committee that an \$8 billion rescission of unobligated balances is included in SAFETEA-LU. All programming agencies in the region have been made aware of this and are working to spend down the unobligated balances. With no unobligated balance there would be no rescissions. This table also explains when local funds are safe.

6.3 Attachment A

Staff developed a revised attachment A which officially updates the annual element of the TIP to federal fiscal year (FFY) to 2009. With this change and with no line items in FFY2008, FFY12 will now be considered part of the TIP and not informational.

On a motion by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Kopec, the revised Attachment A was approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

6.4 State/Regional Resources Table

Staff updated the State/Regional Resources Table, so that the TIP to reflect the most current information on funding available for programming. Staff worked with RTA and IDOT to update the table.

On a motion by Mr. Nunes, seconded by Mr. Weseman, the updated State/Regional resources table was approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

6.5 Proposed Meeting Dates for 2009

Staff worked with IDOT's Bureaus of Programming and Local Roads from District One to develop a schedule that will accommodate the letting schedule and TIP changes. The best dates for all parties were roughly the federal authorization dates. Due to this fact there are fewer meeting scheduled, although the meetings will still occur on Fridays, the Fridays will vary. The meeting dates have been coordinated with the semi-annual conformity amendments and the approval process of the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board.

Mr. Riddle and Mr. Donovan were not sure that the dates would work with the Chicago Metro Office of the FHWA/FTA. DuPage County offered to host an off-site meeting at the Argonne National Laboratory Transportation Research and Analysis Computing Center (TRACC) located at the DuPage airport. Ms. Hamilton and the committee agreed to defer the approval of the meeting dates for 2009 until the December TC meeting.

7.0 GO TO 2004 Update

7.1 Strategy Research and Scenario Modeling

Mr. Dean informed the committee that a series of meetings would be held over the winter and early spring to discuss the strategies being investigated by CMAP for *GO TO 2040*. The purpose of these meetings is to receive feedback on the analysis conducted by CMAP staff to determine the costs and benefits of these strategies. These will be held as “webinars” and all CMAP committee members will be invited to participate. In addition, the Transportation committee will receive updates on relevant topics as they are analyzed.

7.2 Public – Private Partnership Research

Mr. Dean stated that CMAP had contracted with the Volpe Center to produce reports on several topics, including the use of public-private partnerships, and that a report on that subject was included in the meeting materials. He noted that the report was not meant to make specific recommendations for action, but to identify potential roles that CMAP could play, based on the experience of other MPOs. Ms. Hamilton stated that in reviewing the report she found the CREATE information was not accurate. The CREATE program moves forward as a joint venture between the railroads, IDOT, and the City of Chicago Department of Transportation.

The committee expressed interest in discussing the topic at length at a future meeting.

7.3 Air Quality Snapshot

Ms. Heery presented an overview of the progress on the Regional Air Quality Snapshot, focusing on the analysis of existing conditions. This included regional trends of ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter concentrations, as well as source categories. It was noted that on-road mobile sources have seen significant downward trends in the last 15 years. A member asked whether the analysis had looked at fleet make-up as a cause for this downward trend in mobile source emissions, and recommended evaluating the work done in the

Texas Transportation Institute's Urban Mobility Report. Another question was whether the analysis included a study of the potential air quality benefits of high-speed rail. The response was that this Snapshot is focusing on current conditions in the region, but that this may be included in one of the strategy papers, such as the forthcoming paper on alternative fuels.

7.4 Financial Plan

Mr. Maloney discussed having members of the committee assist CMAP staff with assumptions about transportation unit costs for the financial section of the *GO TO 2040* plan. A number of members of the committee voiced their interest in meeting with CMAP staff to review these costs in early December, including RTA, City of Chicago, IDOT, CTA and Pace.

Mr. Cuculich asked if the transportation committee was the parent committee for the financial plan. Mr. Maloney said no and commented that every working committee would have a voice. Mr. Cuculich stated that everyone should be able to comment on the assumptions being used for the plan. CMAP staff will be following up with members of the committee regarding meetings to review costs assumptions in the next few weeks.

8.0 A National Evaluation of User Outcomes of Employment Transportation Service Funded by the JARC Program

Ms. Thakuriah discussed research done to evaluate user outcomes funded by the JARC program. The presentation may be found at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=11694>

9.0 DuPage County Web-based Crash Analysis Application

Mr. Loper gave a demonstration and presentation on DuPage County's UWP-funded traffic crash data analysis system. The DuPage system uses IDOT processed police crash reports. The system is available to communities throughout the county for police, engineering and safety program activities. It was asked if the software was specially developed or if it is available for other agency use. Mr. Loper replied that several other agencies were using this software.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Other Business

Mr. Zucchero shared with the committee that the Tollway hosted a public hearing on Friday (November 7, 2008) on the proposed Congestion-Relief Program Phase Two – *Tomorrow's Transportation Today* and its accompanying funding plan. He stated the public comment period was ending today (November 14th), and asked if there were any comments.

Members were reminded that following the TC meeting, the CMAQ project selection committee would meet in the DuPage room.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teri Dixon", is written over a faint circular stamp.

**Teri Dixon
Senior Planner
Staff Liaison**

Transportation Committee Members:

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___ Vanessa Adams ***	___ Don Kopec	___ Peter Skosey
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