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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2019

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** 

IDOT D1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra, Michael Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Tony Greep – FTA, Jessica Hector-Hsu – RTA, Chris Hiebert – SEWRPC, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Elizabeth Irvin – CNT, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Tom Rickert –

Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway, Chair, Brian Carlson (via phone) –

Kane County, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Dave Tomzik – Pace, Trey Wadsworth – NIRPC, Audrey Wennink – MPC

**Staff Present:** 

Kyle Acevedo, Damilare Balogun, Sarah Buchhorn, Anthony Cefali, Brian Daly, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Jesse Elam, Jane Grover, Lindsay Hollander, Kristin Ihnchak, Leroy Kos, Stephanie Levine, Jen Maddux, Patty Mangano, Tim McMahon, Heidy Persaud, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Jeff Schnobrich, Aseal Tineh, Tun Truong, Ian

Warren, Simone Weil, Rebecca Yae

**Others Present:** 

Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Noel Basquin, Elaine Bottomley, Baird Bream, Stephanie Brown, Maria Choco Urban, Jack Cruikshank, Chalen Daigle, Emily Daucher, Michael Fricano, Noah Jones, Emily Karry, Sis Killen, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Christina Kupkowski, Wayne Miczek, Adam Miliszewski,

Knickelbein, Christina Kupkowski, Wayne Miczek, Adam Miliszewski, Kelsey Mulhausen, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Troy

Simpson, Jeffrey Sriver, David Tomzik

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Zucchero.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2019 meeting, as presented, made by

Mr. Seglin, and seconded by Mr. Snyder carried.

### 4.0 Committee Reports

A written summary of recent CMAP committee meetings was included in the packet. The next meeting of the Coordinating Committee is scheduled for June 12, 2019. Ms. Phifer discussed upcoming committee activities which include discussions about the next LTA call for projects, policy papers, and ON TO 2050 implementation.

### 5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 19-06 was published to the eTIP website on May 31, 2019 for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendment 19-06.1 was posted for information. A memo summarizing the formal TIP amendment 19-06 and administrative amendment 19-06.1 was included in the packet. The formal amendment includes 16 IDOT projects using toll credits. Five of the projects, along with 11 projects on the administrative amendment and the four amended last meeting, will be going to a special state letting in July.

A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 19-06, made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Mr. Connelly carried.

### 6.0 Public Participation Plan

Ms. Grover provided an update on the final CMAP Public Participation Plan which is CMAP's documented plan for meaningful, inclusive, proactive, and compliant public engagement to support the development of long-range plans and amendments, the TIP, and other public engagement initiatives. A motion to recommend approval of the CMAP Public Participation Plan to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee made by Ms. Hector-Hsu and seconded by Ms. Irvin, carried.

### 7.0 McHenry County Coordinated Investment Study

Mr. Daly presented an overview of the McHenry County Coordinated Investment Study, a capacity building project that CMAP is assisting through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Mr. Snyder asked if the study considers consolidating units of government. Mr. Daly stated that consolidation part of the conversation but is not the focus of the study. Mr. Snyder noted that DuPage has successfully consolidated six or seven units of government, such as mosquito abatement districts, modeled after Glenview's municipal partnering initiative. Chair Zucchero asked how receptive the 140 units of government have been. Mr. Daly stated some are wary, but there have been good conversations about decreasing funds and increasing needs. Mr. Rickert stated that coordinated investment is an interest of many and wants to be included while the plan is being developed. Mr. Daly stated the committee will be updated as the project progresses and there will be more public events, which will be announced on the project web page.

### 8.0 Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) Budget and Capital Program

Mr. Rickert presented an overview of the KDOT Budget and Capital program. Mr. Snyder asked why the non-recurring revenue streams are significantly higher than the recurring items. Mr. Rickert stated that KDOT relies a lot on state and federal funding streams and that the current program includes significant funds for Longmeadow Parkway and bond reimbursements for capital projects. He added that these revenues will start to dip in three to four years as Longmeadow nears completion. Chairman Zucchero asked about the population of Kane County, and if the development impact fees are dedicated to anything specific. Mr. Rickert stated the county's population is near 540,000 and that under state law the impact fee funds have to be designated ahead of time for system improvement projects that increase highway capacity, with some "discounts" for bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements.

## 9.0 Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DOTH) Budget and Capital Program

Ms. Orbon presented an overview of the DOTH Budget and Capital Program. Mr. Snyder and Chari Zucchero thanked Cook County for advancing many projects that benefit the entire region. Mr. Tomzik stated that it is refreshing to see the support from Cook and Kane County for transit through pedestrian infrastructure.

### 10.0 Conformity Status Update

Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the region's attainment status, hot-spot analysis requirements, and preparation for the upcoming semi-annual ON TO 2050/FFY 2019-2024 TIP conformity analysis. Mr. Snyder asked if the CMAQ program will go in a certain direction based upon the air quality status. Mr. Pietrowiak stated the region is in attainment for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and as a result, hot spot analyses are no longer applicable to the CMAP region. CMAP staff is working with IDOT to update the IDOT BDE manual to remove the PM<sub>2.5</sub> hot spot analysis requirement. Mr. Ferguson stated that there are still unobligated funds for projects from prior programming cycles that targeted PM2.5 which are stalled because of Buy America waiver issues. Ms. Wennink asked about what types of strategies are being modeled to reach attainment. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that IEPA modeling is complex and there are various factors such as permitting for power plants, technological improvements, fleet age, and travel behavior. Mr. Seglin noted that it would be helpful if IEPA staff participation in the Transportation Committee was more frequent. Mr. Connelly asked what percent of emissions are on road vehicles emissions. Mr. Pietrowiak stated it is roughly 30% for NOx and a little less for VOC, but it changes year to year. He also noted that more emissions reductions are possible from on road sources than other sources. In response to a question from Mr. Connelly, Mr. Ferguson stated that for CMAQ project evaluations, both NOx and VOC reductions are modeled, and that VOC reductions are used for ranking project applications.

#### 11.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Cefali stated that staff is still sorting through the state budget and capital plan. He stated that the budget includes CMAP's traditional appropriation for planning activities.

He highlighted major parts of the capital plan including a 19 cent increase in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) which is also indexed to inflation, a five cent increase to the diesel differential, a \$50 increase to the passenger vehicle registration fee, and a \$100 increase to the truck registration fee.

### 12.0 Status of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program

The LTA program status report was included in the meeting materials.

### 13.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Transportation Committee.

### 14.0 Public Comment

Ms. Armstrong thanked the Illinois General Assembly for passing the capital plan and thanked the committee and stakeholders that helped get it passed.

### 15.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2019.

### 16.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Hennings, seconded by Ms. Forbes, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Zubek