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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAQ)**  
**DRAFT**  
**CMAQ Project Selection Committee Minutes**

Minutes – July 16, 2020

Via GoToMeeting

**Members Present:** Doug Ferguson (Chair, CMAP), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Mayor Jeff Schielke (Council of Mayors), Chris Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties), Jeff Sriver (CDOT)

**Staff Present:** Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Austen Edwards, Jesse Elam, James Gross, Stephanie Levine, Elizabeth Scott, Tina Smith, Ryan Thompto, Simone Weil

**Others Present:** David Block, Elaine Bottomley, Brian Carlson, Daniel Coumeaux, Emily Daucher, John Donovan, Cliff Ganek, Jacque Henrikson, Kendra Johnson, Scott Kasper, Anna Kesler, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Timothy McMahon, Matt Pasquini, Kelsey Passi, Mehul Patel, Leslie Phemister, Keith Privett, Thomas Rickert, Troy Simpson, Brian Stepp, Joe Surdam

**1.0 Call to Order**

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Mr. Ferguson reminded the committee that all votes would be taken via role call in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. He also notified the committee that James Gross will be leaving his position at CMAP, so all future CMAQ correspondence should be with Mr. Ferguson.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes—April 30, 2020**

A motion was made by Mr. Pitstick, seconded by Mr. Sriver, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2020 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was conducted:

\_\_\_\_\_ Darwin Burkhart  
  Aye   Douglas Ferguson  
  Aye   Mark Pitstick  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jeffery Schielke

Aye Chris Schmidt  
     Aye Chris Snyder  
     Aye Jeffrey Sriver

With all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **4.0 Program Monitoring**

##### **4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets**

Mr. Ferguson presented the program status sheets for active and deferred CMAQ and TAP-L funded projects.

##### **4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal**

Mr. Ferguson presented the CMAQ programming summary and obligation goal for 2020. The region's cumulative CMAQ obligations stand at approximately \$47.3 million in the current year. It was shared that there is a possibility that the region will fall short of obligation goals for the current year, but there is also \$81 million in advanced construction.

#### **5.0 Project Changes**

Mr. Gross presented the project change requests for 18 segments of 15 projects which can be found in the project change request memo.

In response to a question from Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Ferguson confirmed that the committee attempts to avoid considering cost change requests for out years, instead preferring to wait until closer to the intended fiscal year.

In response to a question by Mr. Pitstick about the Mundelein project, Mr. Ferguson responded that there were no further cost increases anticipated for construction.

Mr. Ferguson noted that the Schaumburg project was recommended by CMAP staff for consideration only. While the project would drop below two projects which were not funded in the same programming cycle, those projects were funded by other sources in later years. Mr. Carlson noted that IDOT has been supportive of the project and has committed to the non-federal match, as well as increasing the non-federal match should the project receive cost increase approval. Mr. Carlson also noted that the cost increase came in response to received bids rather than estimates. Mr. Ferguson stated that there would be sufficient funds to cover Schaumburg's requested increase due to the large amounts in advanced construction. In response to a question from Mr. Snyder, Mr. Kasper and Mr. Block explained that the cost changes for the Schaumburg were in response to bids 15% over the original estimate, but there were several other factors that also necessitated the cost increase.

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the project change requests. A roll call vote was conducted:

Darwin Burkhart  
Aye Douglas Ferguson  
Aye Mark Pitstick  
Aye Jeffery Schielke  
Aye Chris Schmidt  
Aye Chris Snyder  
Aye Jeffrey Sriver

With all in favor, the motion carried.

## **6.0 FY 2022-2026 Program Development**

Mr. Ferguson presented potential changes that staff is recommending for the next call for projects for information as detailed in the memo included in the packet.

In response to Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Ferguson discussed the Inclusive Growth scoring of project applications. The inclusive growth scoring used the regional transportation model to estimate the percentage of transportation facility users that are people of color below the poverty line.

In response to Mr. Tomzik, Mr. Ferguson indicated that transit service applications may not score well under the transit supportive land-use Transportation Impact Criteria. While transit service projects may not score well under the transit supportive land use criteria, they should score well with the ridership criteria. The transit supportive land-use criteria takes into account both the existing land use around a facility and the zoning potential.

In response to questions from Mr. Snyder and Mr. Sriver, Mr. Ferguson provided additional details on the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) being proposed for inclusion in the bicycle connectivity score. LTS uses lane width, number of lanes, speed, traffic volumes to score roadway links. The purpose of the LTS scoring is to evaluate the road networks at the termini of bicycle facilities applications. The LTS score will be used in conjuncture with the connection to existing bikeways score to score bicycle facility projects. Project applications will receive whichever metric scores higher for them.

Mr. Ferguson clarified that attached memo did have a typo for the Direct Emissions Reduction projects and the Benefits to Sensitive Population scoring which read 15 points and should have been 25.

Mr. Snyder asked if the local match for high need communities would change the phase I engineering funding exemption. Mr. Ferguson stated that cohort 4 communities that qualify for the phase I exemption and apply for phase I engineering funding would only be eligible for that project phase. Applicants would still need to apply for future phases, phase II engineering, ROW, and construction, in a later application cycle.

Mr. Schmidt appreciated the inclusion of the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) benefits in the reporting of project benefits as GHG is likely to become a federal performance target in the future.

Additional feedback on these proposed changes is requested between this meeting and the September meeting. At the September meeting, the committee will be asked to vote on the project evaluation changes.

**7.0 Other Business**

There were no comments or other business.

**8.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Gross