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

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Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Chris Snyder, Chair – DuPage County, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Vice Chair – RTA, Darwin Burkhart – Illinois EPA, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra, Mike Connelly – CTA, Carrie Cooper – IDOT OIPI, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Tony Greep – FTA, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Scott Weber – NIRPC, Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway

Staff Present: Michelle Agunloye, Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Brian Daly, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Kate Evasic, Tina Fasset-Smith, James Gross, Jane Grover, Maggie Jarr, Sherry Kane, Leroy Kos, Timi Koyejo, Kathy Lane, Stephanie Levine, Ricardo Lopez, Jen Maddux, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tony Manno, Tim McMahon, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Matt Rogus, Todd Schmidt, Jeff Schnobrich, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Matthew Stern, Simone Weil, Mary Weber

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Elaine Bottomley, Len Cannata, Emily Daucher, Michael Fricano, Noemi Garcia, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, David Kralik, Anna Kutryn, Susan Massel, Melissa Meyer, Reed Panther, Matt Pasquini, Kelsey Passi, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Shane Schneider, Troy Simpson, Joe Surdam, Dave Tomzik, Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Snyder.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair Snyder welcomed the committee and gave an overview of meeting procedures. There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 21 meeting, made by Ms. Hector-Hsu, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, carried.

4.0 Committee Reports

There were no committee reports. The link to the committee update web pages are provided in the full agenda.

5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Ferguson reported that formal amendment 20-04 was published on March 27, 2020 for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments 20-04.1 and 20-04.2 were posted for information. A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 20-04, made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Mr. Seglin, carried.

5.2 Semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment

Mr. Ferguson gave an update on the conformity analysis and TIP amendment. Having been completed March 24, the conformity amendment will go out for public comment from April 10 through May 11 and will be recommended to the Transportation Committee for approval at the May 22 meeting.

6.0 ON TO 2050 Plan Amendments

Mr. Elam presented an overview of the evaluation memos (agenda items 6.1 and 6.2) for the Improvements to I-55 at Airport-Lockport Road and IL 26 project as well as the Improvements to I-55 from I-80 to US 52 and US 52 from River Road to Houbolt Road project. These will be presented to the CMAP Board and then they will go out for public comment. A summary of public comments will be available at the committee's May meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Seglin, Mr. Elam stated that these projects are not likely to financially affect any others projects or their ability to move forward. Chair Snyder confirmed that these projects will go out for public comment on Friday, April 10

7.0 FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Mr. Ferguson presented a memo describing the proposed FY2021 UWP. Ms. Hector-Hsu thanked CMAP for running a very intentional process. While it is bittersweet that the RTA community planning program will not be funded by UWP, she noted RTA's excitement over successful proposals by Metra and CDOT and looks forward to learning from them and their projects. Mr. Seglin mentioned that the CDOT and Metra proposals will synergize with each other, and CDOT is pleased to see that both projects were selected. Additionally, Mr. Seglin noted a 9% increase in CMAP's core operating budget in contrast to no increases to other core programs. A motion by Mr. Rickert to recommend approval to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, seconded by Ms. Ciavaralla, carried.

8.0 Supporting Safety Performance Targets

Mr. Elam provided a follow up on the Transportation Committee's previous conversations on improving traffic safety. Instead of a standing committee which could have difficulties with attendance due to the range of members, he recommends forming a more short-term

resource group of 10-15 people which would produce a safety action agenda. For the Transportation Committee, there is an opportunity to expand the amount of time that traffic safety gets in agendas. CMAP staff will be reaching out to individual agency representatives in order to talk in more detail.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the committee.

10.0 Public Comment

Mr. Armstrong commented on the crosswalks over the Northwest Highway at both the Des Plaines and Cumberland Metra Stations, noting a safety concern due to the lack of flashers. He also noted the necessity of a crosswalk on Milwaukee Avenue at the Jefferson Park Metra Station. Mr. Carlson noted that he will consult with the IDOT District 1 Bureau of Traffic about whether they have reviewed that area and respond to Mr. Armstrong.

11.0 Next meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2020.

12.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Zucchero, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gross