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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

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Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Chris Snyder, Chair – DuPage County, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Vice Chair – RTA, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Michael Connelly – CTA, Emily Daucher – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Jeremy Glover – MPC, Chris Heibert - SEWRPC, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Jessica Ortega – Bike/Ped Task Force, Heidy Persaud – CNT, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway

Staff Present: Lindsay Bayley, Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, James Gross, Jane Grover, Kathleen Lane, Stephanie Levine, Tim McMahon, Martin Menninger, Jared Patton, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Todd Schmidt, Jeff Schnobrich, Tina Smith, Simone Weil

Others Present: Brenda Alicea, Elaine Bottomley, Len Cannata, Jessica Feliciano, Michael Fricano, Paul Gregoire, Sara Hage, Kendra Johnson, Mike Klemens, Victor Korzen, Anna Kutryn, Edith Makra, Melissa Meyer, Kimberly Murphy, Reed Panther, Matt Pasquini, Kelsey Passi, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Steve Schilke, Shane Schneider, Troy Simpson, Anthony Speciale, Joe Surdam, Emily Tapia-Lopez, David 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, introduced new committee member Heidy Persaud, and gave an overview of meeting procedures. There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 3 meeting, made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Mr. Rickert, carried.

4.0 Committee Reports

Ms. Hector-Hsu gave a report on the Coordinating Committee's May 13 meeting, in which CMAP staff shared a report on their recent pandemic-related activities and the committee discussed the impacts of the pandemic and how CMAP can best support communities. The link to the committee update web pages is provided in the full agenda.

5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that formal amendment 20-05 was published on May 15, 2020 for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendment 20-05.1 was posted for information. A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 20-05, made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Ms. Orbon, carried.

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

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the semi-annual Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment 20-06 went out for public comment from April 10 through May 11 and no public comment was received. A motion to approve and recommend formal TIP amendment 20-06 and the semi-annual Conformity Analysis to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, made by Mr. Rickert and seconded by Mr. Carrier, carried.

6.0 ON TO 2050 Regionally Significant Project Plan Amendments

6.1 Summary of Public Comments

Ms. Grover presented an overview of comments received on 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. All responses received were attached to the meeting agenda. Mr. Glover made a statement echoing the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) comments concerning emissions analysis for the projects. In response to a question from Mr. Glover, Mr. Elam and Chair Snyder stated that IDOT and CMAP are preparing responses to all comments received, including a question from the CNT about modeling emissions impacts for the projects.

6.2 ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 20-03.1

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the semi-annual Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment 20-03.1 went out for public comment from April 10 through May 11 and no public comment was received. A motion to approve and recommend formal TIP amendment 20-03.1 and the semi-annual Conformity Analysis to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, made by Mayor Rockingham and seconded by Ms. Hector-Hsu, carried.

7.0 STP Programming Update

Ms. Dobbs gave an update on the status of the STP-Shared Fund (STP-SF) active program. To-date $15.6 million has been transferred from FHWA to FTA for transit projects. CMAP expects an additional $900,000 to be transferred by September. On the highway side, $2.8 million in agreements are under IDOT review and an additional $21 million in agreements are expected to be submitted to IDOT for review by June. A few adjustments have been made to the program through the Active Program Management procedures, including four cost changes and active reprogramming of a little over $900,000 from an active project requesting to be shifted to the contingency program to the highest ranked contingency project that was ready to obligate funds within federal fiscal year 2020. Individual status reports are available on CMAP's STP web page. In response to a question from Mr. Seglin, Ms. Dobbs explained that when funds become available for reprogramming in the current year, those funds are offered to the highest ranked contingency project seeking funds in that year that is ready to obligate those funds. Higher ranked projects which are not ready to obligate in the current year cannot receive current year funds.

Ms. Dobbs also reported that the next call for STP-SF projects will be in January 2021 along with the CMAQ and TAP-L programs. Ms. Dobbs also provided an update on local STP program development. Individual councils and the City of Chicago are developing their draft FFY 2021-2025 programs which will be available for public comment in June and July. Specific dates and links to provide comments will be posted on CMAP's STP web page. The councils and CDOT would appreciate transportation committee members' comments and help in getting the word out on those comment periods.

8.0 Regional Climate Planning

Ms. Makra provided a presentation on the joint development of a regional climate action plan between the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus and CMAP, and Mr. Patton discussed preliminary findings, draft targets, and next steps. In response to a question from Chair Snyder, Mr. Patton noted that the emissions from asphalt plants are included in the manufacturing category and not in the transportation category. In response to a question from Mr. Seglin, Ms. Makra and Chair Snyder noted the emissions benefits of warm-mix asphalt compared to hot-mix asphalt. Mr. Zucchero noted that cold-patch asphalt is not used by the Illinois Tollway due to longevity issues and added that GHG reductions were part of the Tollway's motivation to test warm mix. Ms. Orbon noted that municipalities tend to use IDOT-approved pavement design, and that warm-mix asphalt warrants additional discussion around its implementation at the county and municipal level. In response to a question from Mr. Glover, Mr. Patton noted that while there is a general target for emissions reductions in the plan, more precise yearly recommended targets will require more modeling.

9.0 Legislative Updates

Mr. Schnobrich gave an update on federal legislation in response to the pandemic, as well as mentioning a forthcoming CMAP weekly update with information on regional travel movements. In response to a question from Chair Snyder, Mr. Schnobrich clarified that

there is currently no information on when a potential Stimulus IV might be forthcoming. No update was provided on state legislative issues.

10.0 Other Business

In response to a question from Mr. Seglin, Mr. Elam stated that the Safety Task Force is anticipated to be starting in the late summer of this year.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment received.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2020.

13.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Forbes, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gross