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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
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Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Christopher Snyder, Chair – DuPage County, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Vice Chair – RTA, Chuck Abraham – IDOT DIPI, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Lynnette Ciavarella – Metra, Michael Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Aimee Lee – Tollway, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Jeremy Glover – MPC, Chris Hiebert – SEWRPC, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Erik Llewellyn – Pace, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Jessica Ortega – Bike/Ped Task Force, Heidy Persaud – CNT, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, David Seglin – CDOT, P.S. Sriraj – Academic and Research

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Lindsay Bayley, Nora Beck, Stephen Di Benedetto, Sarah Buchhorn, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Jenna Gonzales, Jane Grover, Quinn Kasal, Catherine Kemp, Leroy Kos, Stephanie Levine, Elliot Lewis, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Tim McMahan, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Lily Neppl, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Greta Ritzenthaler, Todd Schmidt, Jeff Schnobrich, Elizabeth Scott, Gordon Smith, Tina Smith, Emily Spangler, Ryan Thompto, Simone Weil, Beatrix Yan

Others Present: Karin Allen, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Len Cannata, Emily Daucher, Eva De Laurentiis, Emily Drexler, Garret Drexler, Mike Fricano, Paul Gregoire, Laura Heckel, Noah Jones, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Melissa Meyer, William Morgan, Jason Osborn, Ryan Peterson, Reed Panther, Kelsey Passi, Jonathan Rualo, Neline Sahagun, Hersh Singh, Joe Surdam, Holly Waters, Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Mr. Snyder.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Snyder gave an overview of meeting procedures. There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 26 meeting, made by Mr. Seglin, seconded by Mr. Connelly. A roll call vote was conducted with all in favor, the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

4.0 Committee Reports

The Coordinating Committee did not meet in July. There was no update.

5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ferguson reported on the 47 TIP changes included in TIP Amendment 20-08, as well as the 128 TIP changes contained in administrative amendments 20-08.1 and 20-08.2.

A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 20-08, made by Ms. Hector-Hsu and seconded by Mr. Seglin, carried. Mr. Glover inquired about I-80 reconstruction, regionally significant project 36, noting that ‘managed lanes’ had been removed from the project title. Mr. Carlson stated that the current proposal is to reconstruct the project with additional, free lanes. A roll call vote was conducted. With Mr. Hiebert abstaining, the motion carried (roll call results shown at the end of the minutes).

6.0 Regional Pavement Data

Mr. Schmidt discussed transportation performance management (TPM), which tracks national goals at a state and regional level for safety, system performance and air quality. He reviewed the pavement performance measures, noting that state DOTs set both two- and four- year targets while MPOs only set four-year targets. Staff is recommending updating CMAP’s four-year target as complete data is now available. CMAP will bring their recommendation to the Transportation Committee in December for approval. After approval, the recommendation will go the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Finally, IDOT will be notified of targets.

Mr. Schmidt clarified that targets are out to 2022 and that the analysis uses NHS pavement condition data. Mr. Carlson inquired whether the Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) conditions matrice has been considered. Mr. Schmidt clarified it has not been considered as staff is only looking at federal performance measures. Ms. Orbon clarified that the NHS data is a subset of the federal aid route system. Mr. Seglin suggested that if requirements are being exceeded, perhaps targets should be made stricter. Mr. Carlson followed-up, suggesting there be some uniformity between CMAP requirements and IDOT TAMP requirements. Mr. Sriraj asked via the chat function if there is visual representation of the poor pavement condition. He inquired whether there is any correlation with poor pavement condition and its proximity in the region. Mr. Schmidt stated staff could create a visualization.

7.0 IDOT Pavement Performance Targets and TAMP

Mr. Morgan discussed FHWA PM2 targets. He noted that the federal performance measures being discussed are strictly based off of the NHS system, which includes some minor arterial and collector roads. Mr. Morgan reminded members that IDOT is required to provide two and four-year targets based off of the NHS criteria. While setting targets, it is important to remember that the data is collected over a few years. Therefore, the data that will be presented in October of this year is based off of data collected in 2019. Mr. Morgan noted that the data for bridge and pavement gets submitted in March and April, respectively. FHWA then reviews and processes the data, removing the length of pavement on bridges. As a result, the two-year report will be finalized around the three-year mark. IDOT will receive final numbers on September 1 and then meet with bridge and pavement areas to review numbers and reassess four-year targets.

Mr. Snyder asked whether the delay in data overstates the poor condition ratings. Mr. Morgan replied yes, stating only projects that are completed receive a change in condition. However, FHWA does allow for up to 5% of missing data, which can capture some of these nuances. Additionally, Mr. Hiebert confirmed that IDOT collaborates with tollway. Ms. Orbon confirmed that no deterioration is taken into consideration. She suggested this potentially balances out the lag in capturing completed improvements. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the targets are based on a snapshot of the current data and is not managed to align to construction improvements as they're completed. These improvements, however, be captured in the second reporting period.

Ms. Heckel presented on the TAMP, IDOT's first Transportation Asset Management Plan. Mr. Carlson commented that IDOT District 1 has projects in the TIP that are programmed on pavement that may still be considered in good conditions in order to stave off more expensive rehabilitation projects. Ms. Heckel agreed it's important to be strategic with financial resources to avoid more costly reconstruction projects. Mr. Seglin inquired whether the State TAMP includes the toll way system. Ms. Heckel stated federal rules require it, with each state DOT responsible for reporting on all NHS miles regardless of jurisdiction.

8.0 CTA Coronavirus Pandemic Customer Survey

Ms. Drexler discussed the survey Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) conducted of customers riding the bus and rail systems during the Illinois Stay at Home Order. The purpose was to understand who was riding the system, the purpose of their trips, and their perception of the safety measures CTA was implementing.

Mr. Seglin asked whether CTA would be implementing any changes based on the survey results. Ms. Drexler stated the purpose of the survey was to test ridership assumptions. Mr. Connelly added that CTA has shifted cleaning times to be more visible to patrons and moved larger vehicles to high capacity areas He also highlighted that CTA had rear door boarding on buses from April 9 – June 2. This received mixed results from riders as some busses do not have automatic rear doors.

9.0 CMAP's Climate Agenda Development

Mr. Navota introduced the climate area focused work plan for FY 2021. Mr. Snyder inquired whether staff has modeled for the long-term impacts of COVID if there's a permanent shift to work from home. Mr. Menninger stated staff will be looking into mode shift; however, work trips represent a small percentage of overall trips. Mr. Navota said staff did model emissions on a typical work weekday as compared to the same day last year. The results indicate remote work alone will not make a big enough impact to reach the 2050 goals. Ms. Ortega commented that people should be able to go to the school in their neighborhood to help reduce emissions from commuting. Ms. Lee clarified that the goal of these projects is reduction of emissions. Mr. Menninger stated that some of the projects deal with monitoring. Staff will be refining what data to use, and future analysis should also include an opportunity cost measure. Mr. Snyder inquired whether, within the transportation sector, staff had identified which activities are the highest transmitters. Mr. Menninger replied that, based on the literature review, staff plan to consider all activities. The travel model, however, does indicate trip type. Mr. Glover suggested staff try to understand emissions that are coming from trips that could have been taken using a low or zero emission mode. Mr. Seglin suggested staff look into mode shift, technological solutions and land use. For example, CDOT has a clean fuel fleet program. Mr. Navota said staff will look into all of those option, noting land use will take the longest to implement.

10.0 Legislative Update

There was no legislative update.

11.0 Other Business

Mr. Seglin inquired whether staff had formed a safety task force and suggested it be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Snyder suggested the agencies discuss how they incorporated COVID-19 into their FY 21 budgets.

12.0 Public Comment

Ms. Bayley presented the public comments. Ms. Sahagun commented that some busses in New York that use rear door boarding have fare boxes on the sidewalk. She suggested this may be an option for CTA. Ms. Armstrong commented on the need for more railroad separations and better bridges. Mr. Carlson followed up with Mr. Armstrong regarding the status of the City of Des Plaines River Road project. The project will be mostly completed by Labor Day weekend with land scaping scheduled for late September.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2020.

14.0 Adjournment

With no other business before the committee, Mr. Snyder adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Roll Call Votes

Member	Agency	3.0 6/26/20 Minutes		5.0 TIP Amendment 20-08	
		Y	N	Y	N
Chuck Abraham	IDOT DIPI	X		X	
Mike Klemens	Lake Co	X		X	
Brian Carlson	IDOT D1	X		X	
Lynnette Ciavarella	Metra	X		X	
Michael Connelly	CTA	X		X	
Doug Ferguson	CMAP	X		X	
Jackie Forbes	Kendall Co	X		X	
Jeremy Glover	MPC	X		X	
Jessica Hector-Hsu	RTA	X		X	
Scott Hennings	McHenry Co	X		X	
Chris Hiebert	SEWRPC	X		Abstain	
Christina Kupkowski	Will Co	X		X	
Aimee Lee	Tollway	X		X	
Erik Lewellyn	Pace	X		X	
Tara Orbon	Cook Co	X		X	
Jessica Ortega	Bike/Ped TF	X		X	
Heidy Persaud	CNT	X		X	
David Seglin	CDOT	X		X	
Chris Snyder	DuPage Co	X		X	
P.S. Sriraj	University	X		X	
Eugene Williams	Council of Mayors	X		X	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Weber