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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

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Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, President Len Austin, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Thomas Hayes, Major Jim Holland, President Glenn Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, President Mary Werner

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Anthony Cefali, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Tina Fassett Smith, Doug Ferguson, Jenna Gonzales, Caitlin Goodspeed, Stephanie Levine, Diana Martinez, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahon, Annie, Parker, Jared Patton, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Ryan Thompto, Mary Weber, Simone Weil

Others Present: Annie Botsford, Lenny Cannata, Emily Daucher, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Scott Hennings, , Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Daniel Knickelbein, Matt Pasquini, Kelsey Passi, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Claire Serdiuk, Troy Simpson, Joe Surdam,

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Schielke.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman provided an update on CMAP's remote work policy and ongoing move to the Old Post Office. Movers will be relocating CMAP furniture and equipment to the new office this weekend, but most work will continue to be done remotely for the foreseeable future. Beginning in September, some staff will have access to the office for essential work, though the office will remain closed for meetings and any work that can be completed off site. Executive Director Aleman also discussed CMAP's plans to study the long-term impacts of remote work, transportation shifts, and budget shortfalls in the Chicago

region. President Einhorn asked if CMAP would be looking at the impact remote work might have on the central business districts and the transit agencies that serve them. CMAP and others will continue to study this topic.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Holland, and seconded by President Ryback. Following a roll call vote, the motion carried.

4.0 STP – L Funding

Ms. Dobbs presented highlights of proposed updates and modifications to the evaluation process for the FFY 2022-2026 STP Shared Fund Call for Projects that will occur next year. Ms. Dobbs also noted that full details of the proposals and meeting recordings are available on the committee's website. President Einhorn asked if long-term maintenance costs are considered during the project evaluation process. They are not.

5.0 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle provided a brief update on recent work by Local Roads. The Bureau had five lettings in July and will have three in September, 18 in November, and are on track to have 22 in January. Local Roads will continue working from home for the foreseeable future.

6.0 FY 2021-2025 STP Local Programs

The Planning Liaison for each Council of Governments provided a brief overview of their local program, including the number and total value of applications received, the number and value of projects recommended for funding, and any notable projects included in the program.

7.0 Local Government Network and COVID-19 Response Survey

Mr. Day provided an overview of CMAP's new Local Government Network, and detailed the results of the Network's first initiative: a COVID-19 Response Survey. Through the Local Government Network, every municipality in the region has been matched with a CMAP staff member who will serve as a liaison between CMAP and the community. CMAP used this new network to learn about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected local governments in the region. Roughly 67 percent of municipalities responded to the survey. The results of the survey showed that the most popular responses to COVID-19 related budgetary challenges were delaying capital projects, instituting hiring freezes, and tapping into reserve funds. Service sharing and outsourcing/privatizing services were less popular. The survey also found that many

communities in the region are supporting businesses by waiving late fees and suspending utility shutoffs. President Einhorn asked how communities were verifying the degree to which business applying for local relief have been affected by COVID-19-related shutdowns. The survey did not consider this question.

8.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith explained that the General Assembly will not reconvene until the veto session following the general election in November. Because of the election, there is not much work happening in Springfield at the moment. Chairman Schielke expressed concern for the future of the Local Government Distributive Fund, and encouraged members to speak with their representatives about the importance of supporting the program. President Einhorn noted that the Local Government Distributive Fund seems to be easier to change than pension liabilities, though both theoretically have the same level of constitutional support. Mr. Smith concluded his remarks by encouraging members to reach out to their local Council of Governments, which are currently drafting legislative agendas for the coming year. Once completed, CMAP will compile these agendas for distribution to the General Assembly.

9.0 Other Business

The STP Selection Committee has had the same leadership since it was formed a few years ago. Leadership would like to begin rotating its membership. Mayor Schielke will be stepping down in the near future, and would like someone from the central region to serve as his replacement.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2020.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Spande, at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Dixon