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Freight Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Via GoToMeeting:

Members Present: Joe Alonzo (CDOT), Elaine Bottomley (Council of Mayors), Colin Duesing (Will County), Eric Gallien (Illinois Trucking), Clark Kaericher (Illinois Chamber), Michael Kowalczyk (FHWA), Aimee Lee (ISTHA), John Loper (DuPage DOT), Libby Ogard (Consultant), Adam Rod (CDA), DeAnna Smith (IDOT), Herbert Smith (Class I Railroad), Sam Wright (Cook County), Erik Varela (Class I Railroad), Peter Wolff (TTX)

Staff Present: Michelle Agunloye, Erin Aleman, Nora Beck, Sarah Buckhorn, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Stephanie Levine, Patty Mangano, Martin Menninger, Jason Navota, Russell Pietrowiak, Elizabeth Scott, Ryan Thompto, Laura Wilkison

Others Present: Garland Armstrong (Access Living), Heather Armstrong (Access Living), Chrissy Breit (Metro Strategies), Noah Jones (Kane County), Adam Miliszewski (WSP)

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Eric Gallien, co-chair of the Freight Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2020

A motion made by Herbert Smith and seconded by DeAnna Smith to approve the minutes of the September 21 meeting carried with all in favor.

4.0 Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

CMAP staff proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2021. The proposed meeting dates were February 22, May 17, September 20, and December 6. A motion made by Aimee Lee and seconded by Elaine Bottomley to approve the 2021 meeting dates carried with all in favor.

5.0 Climate Agenda

Staff presented progress on climate challenges facing the region, the On To 2050 recommendations focused on climate mitigation and adaptation and CMAP's current resources for climate work. Staff provided updates on current work plan projects including climate multi-year implementation planning; transportation mitigation strategies; and greenhouse gas reporting and performance monitoring.

- Focus areas for CMAP. Responding to a question from Nora Beck regarding what areas of work present the best opportunities to advance change, committee members suggested CMAP could develop guides on incorporating climate mitigation and adaptation into zoning and building codes, collect and analyze regional greenhouse gas data, and estimate the cost of infrastructure needed for climate mitigation and adaptation.
- Impact of e-commerce. A committee member suggested location specific data could be used to determine if trips are being offset by e-commerce deliveries.
- Opportunities for CMAP to assist partners with implementation. A committee member explained how the requirements used in regional funding competitions are often used for sub-regional funding competitions. This practice could be reinforced if CMAP provided resources and guidance to assist with scoring and implementation.
- In response to a question from a committee member, staff clarified that CMAP's official results from air emissions modeling incorporates current regulations including mandates for improved fuel efficiency standards but does not make assumptions about future trends. Staff also clarified that data assumes a return to pre-pandemic conditions.
- Activity based model. A committee member suggested an activity based model could more accurately capture the effect of freight tours compared to the four-step model. Another committee member pointed out additional limitations of a four-step model and suggested staff should consider not limiting strategies to those that can be modeled. Staff clarified that CMAP's activity based model hasn't yet been approved by the board.
- Freight electrification incentives. A committee member explained that there are not many manufacturers of electric trucks because they are not cost effective for freight carriers. The committee member suggested financial incentives may need to be provided to accelerate the electrification of freight networks.

6.0 2021 Call for Transportation Projects

CMAP staff provided an overview of the 2021 call for projects for the regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). These federal programs fund multi-modal surface transportation projects, including improvements to highways, traffic control, highway-rail grade crossings, truck routes, and alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. The presentation included an overview of eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, project selection schedule, and examples of previous successful applications for freight-related projects.

7.0 2021 Committee Work Plan and Member Updates

Staff shared a list of proposed topics for the Freight Committee's 2021 work plan. Committee members discussed their priorities and shared updates on their organization's work. Committee members concurred with the list of topics provided by staff and discussed additional priorities, including LTA program updates, truck electrification, updates on planned environmental linkages (PEL) projects, emerging transportation technologies, best practices for managing curbside space for deliveries, CREATE project updates, lessons learned from truck routing studies, and, if possible, a presentation from a member of President-elect Biden's DOT transition team.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business presented.

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong importance of considering the safety of persons with disabilities, especially those with impaired vision or hearing, when determining where trucks are routed. He stressed the importance of improving communication between the trucking industry and disability advocates to ensure the needs of people with disabilities are met. Heather Armstrong suggested vehicles should run on unleaded gasoline and utilize hybrid technology.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

11.0 Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Thompto, Committee liaison