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## Transportation Committee

April 26, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

### MINUTES

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower

Chicago Illinois

**Members Present:** Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Michael Bolton – Pace (via phone), Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, Mike Connelly – CTA, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Tara Fifer – Cook County, Henry Guerriero – ISTHA, Scott Gryder – Kendall County, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Emily Karry – Lake County, Don Kopec – CMAP, John Loper – DuPage County, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Ryan Richter – Metra, David Seglin – CDOT, Peter Skosey – MPC, Kyle Smith – CNT, P.S. Sriraj - UIC, Mike Sullivan - Kane County.

**Members Absent:** Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, John Fortmann – IDOT District 1, Wes Lujan – Class 1 Railroads, Arlene Mulder – Council of Mayors, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC.

**Others Present:** Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata, Jacky Grimshaw, Mike Klemens, Valbona Kokoshi, Christina Kupkowski, Aimee Lee, Emily Moser, Marissa Novara, Mark Pitstick, Brian Plum, Christopher Schmidt, Ron Shimizu, Herbert Smith, Chris Staron, Emily Tapia-Lopez, Thomas VanderWoude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak.

**Staff Present:** Lindsay Bayley, Alex Beata, Ylda Capriccioso, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Dolores Dowdle, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Jill Leary, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patrosky, Kermit Wies.

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Connelly, the minutes of March 8, 2013 were approved as presented.

#### 4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Ms. Redden reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee met on March 14 and recommended approval of the GO TO 2040 Amendment and modifications to the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary to the CMAP Board. The committee also received updates on the Green Infrastructure Vision and freight policy. Mr. Connelly noted that the Local Coordinating Committee has not met since the last Transportation Committee meeting; it is scheduled to meet on May 8.

## **5.0 FFY 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **5.1 FFY10-15 TIP Amendments and Administration Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested and the state/regional resources table has been updated. Mr. Connelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seglin, to approve the FFY10-15 TIP Amendments and accept the updated state/regional resources table. The motion carried.

### **5.2 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the agenda contained a new CMAQ Obligation Report and that report illustrates progress for FFY 2013, \$58 million has been obligated through March of the \$123 million obligation goal.

## **6.0 Plan Amendment Process**

Mr. Wies provided an overview of the process and timeline staff will use to evaluate requests for GO TO 2040 amendments outside of the quadrennial update cycle. He also summarized IDOT's request for consideration of amending GO TO 2040 to include the Illiana Expressway and explained how the process and timeline related to that request. He noted that staff expected to present the status of the evaluation to the Transportation Committee at their June meeting. In response to questions from Mr. Skosey, Mr. Wies noted that proposed amendments would be compared to projects included in the plan and to unconstrained projects of similar scope or in a similar state of readiness. In response to questions from Ms. Redden and Mr. Carmitchel, Mr. Wies explained that the intent of the process memo was to clarify expectations from both staff and applicants and includes review by the Transportation Committee prior to the release of the evaluation for public comment. Mr. Kopec added, in response to concerns expressed by Mr. Neufeld, that likely requests are not entirely unexpected and that in addition to the quadrennial full scale update, CMAP continuously monitors progress on all Major Capital Projects and fiscally unconstrained projects, participates in the planning activities for those projects and provides that information to the committee regularly on the CMAP web site. Mr. Donovan reminded all of the Major Capital Project update report included with each Transportation Committee agenda.

## **7.0 Self-Certification**

Ms. Ostdick reported that as described in the agenda, at least every four years the MPO must self-certify that it is implementing the metropolitan planning process defined in MAP-21, the Clean Air Act, the Civil Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is anticipated that the MPO Policy Committee will self-certify at its

next meeting, scheduled for June 13. She also reported that the quadrennial certification review by USDOT is likely to begin this fall.

#### **8.0 Proposed SFY 2014 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Ms. Dowdle reported that the UWP Committee is recommending a proposed SFY 2014 program totaling \$21,810,019 of which \$16,837,254 is federal funding. The proposed program includes eight core projects and seven competitive projects. Mr. Connelly made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hanlon to recommend the proposed program for approval to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **9.0 State Legislative Activities**

Ms. Capriccioso distributed a summary of fifteen transportation-related bills that are being monitored by CMAP, of which five are currently active.

#### **10.0 Priority Development Areas**

Mr. Smith of the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) presented an overview of CNT's proposal to establish Priority Development Areas (PDAs) to align investments in transportation, housing, and jobs across agencies. The presentation included similar best practices from other regions around the country, a voluntary process for establishing them in northeastern Illinois, and resources in transportation, housing, and jobs that could be targeted.

#### **11.0 Green Infrastructure Vision**

Mr. Elam provided an overview of CMAP's continuing collaboration with Chicago Wilderness to identify a regional green infrastructure network. He described potential avenues for consideration of this open space network in transportation and other decision-making processes, including impact evaluations during environmental review at the project level and consideration of green infrastructure indicators during transportation programming.

#### **12.0 Parking Management Studies**

Ms. Bayley presented background information on parking management strategies that can have a significant impact on the livability and design of communities in this region and described the status of two LTA program parking management projects that are in the data collection phase in the Village of Hinsdale and in the Wicker Park/Bucktown Special Service Area in Chicago.

#### **13.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program**

An updated status report on the LTA program was included in the agenda packet.

#### **14.0 Other Business**

None.

#### **15.0 Public Comment**

Mr. Armstrong asked if CTA, Metra and Pace were preparing for future flooding impacts on the transit system. Ms. Redden responded that CTA and Pace effectively

reroute buses based on road closures. Mr. Richter responded that Metra cannot reroute trains but that they utilize social media and their website to notify the public of impacts.

**16.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2013.

**17.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Ms. Hanlon, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.

Transportation Committee Members:

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Robert Hann	_____ Mike Rogers
_____ Reggie Arkell***	_____ Jennifer (Sis) Killen	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ Michael Bolton	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Bruce Carmitchel	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	_____ Wes Lujan	_____ Kyle Smith
_____ Michael Connelly**	_____ Arlene J. Mulder	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Steve Strains
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Leanne Redden*	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Alicia Hanlon	_____ Tom Rickert	_____ Rocco Zucchero

\*Chair

\*\*Vice-Chair

\*\*\*Non-voting