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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) DRAFT STP Project Selection Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2021  
Via GoToMeeting

**Committee Members Present:** Kama Dobbs, Chairman, CMAP, Dan Burke – CDOT, Grant Davis – CDOT, John Donovan – FHWA, Michael Horsting – RTA, Chad Riddle – IDOT, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Jeffery Schielke – Council of Mayors, Jeffrey Sriver – CDOT

**Others Present:** Elaine Bottomley, Lenny Cannata, Emily Daucher, Mary Donner, Jesse Elam, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Jeremy Glover, Tony Greep, Scott Hennings, Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Mike Klemens, Matthew Pasquini, Jon Paul Diipla, Leslie Phemister, Tom Rickert, David Seglin, Troy Simpson, David Tomzik, Gina Trimarco, Vicky Smith, Antero Group

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Alison Case, Daniel Comeaux, Stephen Di Benedetto, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Jane Grover, Elliott Lewis, Amy McEwan, Elizabeth Scott, Mary Weber, Simone Weil

### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Chairman Dobbs. Chairman Dobbs took a roll call of the committee members on the call.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Dobbs reminded members and other attendees of best practices for participating in a virtual format. She stated that as permitted in the Governor's Disaster Declaration from January 8, 2021, the determination has been made that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent for this committee. To ensure as transparent and open a meeting as possible, staff posted the meeting materials one week in advance, will provide a recording of this meeting linked on the CMAP website, and will take all votes by roll call. Chairman Dobbs announced that Sis Killen from Cook County's Department of Transportation and Highways will be the new advisory member representing the Counties.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 29, 2020**

A motion was made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Mr. Sriver, to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was conducted:

Dan Burke	Aye	Mayor Schielke	Aye
Kama Dobbs	Aye	Jeff Sriver	Aye
Grant Davis	Aye		
Mayor Rockingham	Aye		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

**4.0 Summary of Shared Fund Applications**

Ms. Weber provided a summary of the 2021 Call for Projects. In total, 121 applications were received. These applications have a combined total cost of over \$3 billion and are requesting a total of over \$1.7 billion in federal CMAQ, STP, and/or TAP funds. 61 applications were received from projects requesting STP-Shared funds. These applications have a combined total for all phases and fund sources of \$1.4 billion, and are requesting a total of \$534 million, which includes \$3.5 million in requested Transportation Development Credits.

Ms. Weber then reviewed project locations and sponsors, noting that over 75% of the sponsors are municipalities. Road reconstruction was the most frequent application type, with 36 applications, however at least three applications were received for every project type. In fact, 16 applicants requested consideration under 3 or more application types. Finally, Ms. Weber discussed funding levels as spread across all five fiscal years and by phase. As expected, most of the requested funding is for construction, but all phases had some level of request.

Chairman Dobbs thanked applicants for their submittals and the Planning Liaisons for their assistance. Staff will distribute a list of eligible projects to CDOT and the councils for their use in identifying subregional priorities. At the next committee meeting in July, staff will recommend a program of projects to the committee.

**5.0 Shared Fund Status Update**

Mr. Lewis stated that status reports for the Active and Contingency program have been posted to the Surface Transportation Program (STP) web page following processing of quarterly status updates. Because March quarterly updates are still in progress, January reports have been provided. Mr. Lewis then reviewed highlights of the January reports, which included details on reprogramming actions and projects with extended obligation deadlines.

**6.0 Regional Accounting Update**

Chairman Dobbs walked through a summary of the status of the region's STP programs. The summary reflects the Active Program Management (APM) policies and actions that are focused on timely obligation of the region's federal funds and continuous review and adjustments of programs to accomplish this. Staff continuously monitors and tracks programming and project implementation including funding available and programmed at the beginning of each FFY, obligation of funds and APM actions throughout the year, and potential end-of-year carryover and redistribution actions. Chairman Dobbs noted that updates will be posted on the STP webpage as changes are made and will continue to be presented as a standing agenda item for this committee.

**7.0 Other Business**

Chairman Dobbs stated that, as the STP program has evolved to include more transit partners, staff would like to include the FTA as an advisory member on the committee, with Tony Greep as the representative. Formal approval will be at the next meeting.

Chairman Dobbs also reported that the Village of Posen had intended to submit an application for the Shared Fund, but due to a misunderstanding the application was not submitted by the deadline. The village reached out to committee members requesting consideration for a late application. At this time, CMAP staff would like additional time to review the request and determine whether this violates the provisions of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Mayor Schielke stated the project would be a safety improvement to the region and that he hopes, when eligible, the project will be given consideration. Ms. Aleman stated that while the project may not be able to be part of this year's program, staff should still review the application and provide additional assistance where they can. Mayor Schielke agreed with staff's approach in order to stay consistent with guidelines and processes. Mr. Donovan asked that staff provide more information about the GATA provision that's applicable to this situation.

**8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.


**9.0 Next Meeting**

Chairman Dobbs announced that the next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, July 1 at 9:30am.

**10.0 Adjournment**

There being no other business, Chairman Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Weber