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

September 9, 2021

Via GoToMeeting

Committee Members Present: Kama Dobbs, Chair, CMAP, Dan Burke – CDOT, John Donovan – FHWA, President Alice Gallagher – Council of Mayors, Jennifer “Sis” Killen – Counties, Heather Mullins – RTA, Kevin O’Malley – CDOT, Chad Riddle – IDOT, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Mayor Jeffery Schielke – Council of Mayors, Jeffrey Sriver – CDOT

Others Present: Lenny Cannata, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Jeremy Glover, Kendra Johnson, Thomas Kelso, Andrew Kiefaber, Heidi Lichtenberger, Brittany Matyas, Tara Orbon, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Tom Rickert, Troy Simpson, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Curtis Witek, Michael Vanderhoof

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Daniel Comeaux, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Jonathan Haadsma, Elliott Lewis, Tim McMahon, Cole Neder, Russell Pietrowiak, Yousef Salama, Mary Weber, Simone Weil, Laura Wilkison

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by Chair Dobbs. Ms. Weber took a roll call of the committee members on the call.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chair 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 of August 20, 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. There were no agenda changes. Chair Dobbs introduced President Gallagher, the newest member of the committee representing the Council of Mayors. President

Gallagher leads the Central Council of Mayors and has been a member of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee for several years.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – July 1, 2021

A motion was made by Dan Burke, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2021 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was conducted:

Dan Burke	Aye	Mayor Rockingham	Aye
Kama Dobbs	Aye	Mayor Schielke	Aye
Kevin O'Malley	Aye	Jeffrey Sriver	Aye
President Gallagher	Aye		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment Summary and Recommended FFY 2022 – 2026 STP Shared Fund Active and Contingency Programs

Chair Dobbs noted that as detailed in the public comment memo in the agenda packet, three comments were received during the public comment period. None of the comments involved specific projects. Rather, the comments received focused on the types of projects recommended for funding and the scoring methodology. Given the nature of these comments, staff is suggesting no changes to the program. However, staff recommends that this committee revisit the public comments during its review of the methodology over the next year. She noted that upon approval by the project selection committee, staff will prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment incorporating the program for consideration by the CMAP Transportation Committee and the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Following that action, award letters will be issued and sponsors of projects on the contingency list will be requested to confirm their commitment to keeping projects active.

A motion to approve the FFY 2022 – 2026 STP Shared Fund program was made by Mayor Schielke and seconded by Mayor Rockingham. A roll call vote was conducted:

Dan Burke	Aye	Mayor Rockingham	Aye
Kama Dobbs	Aye	Mayor Schielke	Aye
Kevin O'Malley	Aye	Jeffrey Sriver	Aye
President Gallagher	Aye		

With all in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Shared Fund Status Update

Mr. Lewis stated that, as noted in the agenda, September quarterly project status updates are in progress. Significant changes to active program projects are shown in red text in the report included with the meeting materials. Mr. Lewis then highlighted

significant changes to active program projects. These included the addition of the “IDOT East Ave Improvements” project to the active program, reprogramming of the construction and construction engineering phases of Plainfield’s 143rd St Extension project, the pending authorization of \$11.8M for CDOT’s Milwaukee Ave project, and a change to the target letting for Streamwood’s Irving Park at Bartlett project. He then explained that, within the contingency program status report, red text indicates changes that have occurred or will occur at the end of this month when this contingency program expires, and blue text indicates project phases that will be removed from the contingency program because they have been selected for inclusion in the active program or have been funded with a source other than the STP shared fund.

6.0 Regional Accounting Update

Included in the agenda packet was an updated regional accounting summary through August 31, 2021. Mr. Lewis stated that, due to active reprogramming, the shared fund has a balance of \$0 in unprogrammed funds. Of the funds programmed in the shared fund, 52% have been obligated and an additional \$22.5M is still expected to be obligated within the next week. If these obligations do occur, the shared fund obligation rate will be over 80% of what was programmed in FFY 2021 and extended from FFY 2020.

Mr. Lewis then provided an overview of the local programs. So far, just under 50% of the programmed funds have been obligated, with additional obligations expected within the next week. As a result, up to \$8.6M in funding may be transferred out of the local programs and into the redistribution fund. This is due to individual councils being slightly under programmed or due to project phases that “proceeded at their own risk” and were not able to meet the September 30 obligation deadline. Mr. Lewis reminded the committee that the redistribution funds are available to the entire region, including the shared fund, to be used on a “first ready, first funded” basis.

7.0 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)

As noted in the agenda and detailed in the marks memo issued on August 18, 2021, the region has received \$42.6M in CRRSAA funding. Chair Dobbs stated that each Council, CDOT, and this committee has received an allocation of this funding according to the STP distribution formula.

In order to maximize the impact of these funds on the region’s recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic and to ensure that the funds are obligated prior to lapsing, staff has developed guidance for the programming and active program management of these funds. Staff is encouraging the selection of projects from current STP active and contingency programs that can have a meaningful innovation, equity, and safety impact on the region’s ongoing recovery efforts while also considering the amount of funds available and project readiness. Chair Dobbs explained that CRRSAA funds will only be programmed in FFY 2022, with an obligation deadline of September 30, 2022. One 6-

month extension will be permitted under the same conditions as STP funding. If funds are not obligated by the initial or extended deadline, CMAP staff will direct the funds to any project, from the shared fund, a council, or CDOT, that is ready for obligation and supports the goal of having a meaningful innovation, equity, and safety impact on the region. The guidance also established a schedule for developing a CRRSAA program. With this schedule in mind, staff will be prepared to make a recommendation for the use of the \$5.3M in CRRSAA funding allocated to the committee for programming at the committee's next meeting on October 28, 2021.

8.0 Other Business

Ms. Aleman thanked the committee for its commitment to investing the region's transportation dollars wisely and keeping the region's funding obligated in a timely manner.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.


10.0 Next Meeting

Chair Dobbs announced that the next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 9:30 am. Staff is closely monitoring actions in Springfield to ensure that the format of that next meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act.

11.0 Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Weber

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