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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes MINUTES April 27, 2012

Cook County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower  
Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Gabrielle Biciunas-NIRPC, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1 (via phone), Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, Michael Connelly – CTA, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Tara Fifer– Cook County , Heidi Files – Kane County, Don Kopec – CMAP, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, David Seglin – CDOT, Peter Skosey – MPC, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County, Paula Trigg – Lake County, Rocco Zucchero - ISTHA

**Members Absent:** Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Maria Choca Urban – CNT, Wes Lujan – Class 1 Railroads, Arlene Mulder – Council of Mayors, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC

**Others Present:** Mike Albin, Marty Buehler, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Marty Buehler, Lenny Cannata, , Bud Fleming, Joshua McClusky, Luis Montgomery, Hugh O’Hara, Marta Perales, Mark Pitstick, Chad Riddle, Erin Slone, Chris Staron, Susan Stitt, Mike Walczak, Amy Welk, Tammy Wierciak

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Lindsay Banks, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Dolores Dowdle, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronskey, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Mr. Blankenhorn congratulated Mr. Buehler on his retirement from the Lake County Department of Transportation and thanked him for his years of service to the County and the region and for his work as a member of several CMAP committees.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2012**

On a motion by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Seglin the minutes were approved as presented.

## **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

There was no Local Coordinating or Regional Coordinating meeting since the last Transportation Committee meeting.

## **5.0 FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

On a motion by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Kopec, the TIP Amendments were approved as presented.

## **6.0 Proposed FY 2013 Unified Work Program –UWP**

Ms. Dowdle provided an overview of the proposed FY 2013 UWP and amendments to the FY 2012 UWP. On a motion by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Seglin, the committee recommends Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee approval of the FY 2013 UWP and amendments to the FY 2012 UWP.

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

Mr. Ferguson presented a summary of the CMAQ Project Selection Committee's recommended changes to the policies used in the development and management of the CMAQ program. Mr. Snyder asked if projects recently included in the 2012-2016 would automatically be updated to the proposed increased federal match percentages. Mr. Ferguson stated that sponsors will need to request changes to their funding for individual consideration. Mr. Seglin asked if the proposed obligation goal would be regionwide and if the goal would be a percentage of the annual allocation. Mr. Ferguson noted that the Project Selection Committee had not determined specific goals but had discussed setting goals to accomplish a spend-down of the unobligated balance within five years. The next call for projects, anticipated to begin in December 2012 for projects seeking funding in 2017 and 2018 was also discussed. On a motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Trigg, the committee recommends Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee approval of the updated CMAQ Programming and Management Polices.

## **8.0 Parking Strategies to Support Livable Communities (Lindsay Banks)**

Ms. Banks presented an overview of the step-by-step guide CMAP created to help municipal governments address their parking concerns with the end goal of making communities more livable.

## **9.0 Legislative Update**

Mr. Smith provided a brief overview of the status of CMAP's monitoring of state legislation and referred the committee to the 2012 State Legislative Summary contained in the agenda.

## **10.0 Reauthorization**

Mr. Kopec reported that Conference Committee meetings are scheduled to begin in Congress on May 8, 2012 and that Illinois has both a House and a Senate representative on the committee. He reported that the Senate's MAP-21 proposal is likely to be the starting point of the committee's discussion.

## **11.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance Program and Major Capital Projects**

Ms. Redden noted that updated status reports on the LTA program and GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects were included in the agenda. Mr. Zucchero added that I-80 interchanges and I-294 and I-57 interchange work is underway. Mr. Seglin asked when the call for new LTA projects would begin. Staff stated that the call would begin on May 9, with applications due in August.

## **12.0 Other Business**

Mr. Donovan reported that as a result of a request from the County Engineers, FHWA and IDOT would be examining the IDOT Agreement process during the next fiscal year.

## **13.0 Public Comment**

Mr. Armstrong commented that Ms. Banks report was true with regards to free parking causing traffic congestion and sited Elmwood Park and Oak Park as examples. Ms. Armstrong stated that Bus Rapid Transit should be considered on Routes 145, 146 and 147 on Lakeshore Drive, where buses are overcrowded. Ms. Redden noted that those routes are currently being studied for BRT consideration in the future.

## **14.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2012.

## **15.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Seglin the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Transportation Committee Members:

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Mike Rogers
_____ Reggie Arkell***	_____ Robert Hann	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ John Beissel	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Michael Bolton	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Bruce Carmitchel	_____ Wes Lujan	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ Maria Choca Urban	_____ Arlene J. Mulder	_____ Steve Strains
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ Michael Connelly**	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Larry Walsh
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Leanne Redden*	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Tom Rickert	_____ Rocco Zuccherro

\*Chair

\*\*Vice-Chair

\*\*\*Non-voting