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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Minutes MINUTES June 15, 2012

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

Members Present: Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Michael Bolton – Pace, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, John Donovan – FHWA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Jennifer Killen – Cook County, Don Kopec – CMAP, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Mike McLaughlin – CTA, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Payette – Class 1 Railroads, Chad Riddle – IDOT District 1, P.S. Siriaj - UIC, Mike Sullivan – Kendall County, Paula Trigg – Lake County, Maria Choca Urban – CNT, Jan Ward, Kane County, Eugene Williams – Council of Mayors, Rocco Zuccherro – ISTHA

Members Absent: Jason Osborn – McHenry County, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Northwestern University, Peter Skosey – MPC, Steve Strains- NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC

Others Present: Mike Albin, Claudia Ayala, John Beissel, Allison Bos, Lenny Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Bud Fleming, Jamy Lyne, Mark Pitstick, Abraham Ramirez, Flora Ramirez, Adam Rod, David Seglin, Randy Simes, Chris Staron, Joanna Trotter, Brian Umbright, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

Staff Present: Hala Ahmed, Patricia Berry, Claire Bozic, Randy DeShazo, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Ricardo Lopez, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Joy Schaad, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Kendra Smith

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were none.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2012

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Riddle the minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Ms. Redden reported the Regional Coordinating Committee met June 13 and discussed the Performance Based Programming Peer Exchange to be held at CMAP on July 10 and 11. She further reported that action was taken on the amended FFY 2012 UWP and the proposed FFY 2013 UWP and that the CMAQ Programming and Management Policies were recommended to the CMAP Board and MPO Committee for approval. She also stated that presentations were given on the Green Infrastructure Vision and the Central Lake County Corridor. In the absence of Vice-Chair Connelly, Mr. Dean reported on the Local Coordinating Committee, which met on May 9. The LCC discussed the Local Technical Assistance Program, specifically projects in Joliet and Fairmont.

5.0 FY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos stated that no public comment was received on the TIP amendments. He reported that an updated state/regional resources table has been prepared to reflect new allotments in federal funding and that IDOT and RTA have concurred in the update. Mr. Kos also reported that all TIP programmers have received notice from CMAP on their non-exempt and exempt tested TIP projects. The deadline for the next semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis is July 9. Action on that conformity analysis and associated TIP amendments is expected to be considered by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee in October 2012. On a motion by Mr. Kopec, seconded by Mr. Christensen, the TIP Amendments were approved as presented and the updated state/regional resources table was accepted.

6.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program

Mr. Patrosky indicated that the CMAQ Programming and Management policies had been adopted by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. He briefly summarized the main points of the policies: an accomplishment sunset will be enforced; in most cases phase 1 engineering will be the sponsor's responsibility; other phases programmed will be at 100% federal share; an annual obligation goals will be created and contingency projects will be implemented if the goal is not met. Concern was expressed that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) will need to carefully track project status as deferred projects may be moving in and out depending on when the sponsor can overcome hurdles delaying the project. Mr. Patrosky noted that all project sponsors are required to provide updates on projects regularly and agreed that the PSC will have to scrutinize project movement as well as cost increases. He also noted that a call for projects for CMAQ funding for FFY 2017 and 2018 is expected to begin in December of 2012 with applications due in late January 2013 with approval in October 2013. The work of the focus groups has

already begun to assist in our goals of assuring that the CMAQ program supports the region as it strives to realize the vision of GO TO 2040.

7.0 Supportive Land Use for Expressway-Based Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Ms. Schuh presented a toolkit for implementing supportive land use for expressway-based BRT systems. Mr. Siriaj asked if value capture was considered in the study. Ms. Schuh stated that it was discussed with developers whether or not there would be any interest in value capture regarding a bus stop. Mr. Bolton asked if Ms. Schuh had researched Ottawa. Ms. Schuh stated that Ottawa was included. Ms. Choca Urban suggested CMAP research Bishop Ranch, California. Mr. Zuccherro stated ISTHA looks forward to working with CMAP on the I-90 corridor transit component.

8.0 Community Planning Program

Ms. Ahmed stated that CMAP began accepting applications for two local planning programs. First, in collaboration with the Regional Transportation Authority, CMAP will launch the 2013 Community Planning program, which provides grant funds and consulting assistance for local projects that link land use, transportation, and related issues. Second, CMAP will launch the second year of its Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, which provides staff and consulting assistance for a broad range of local planning projects that address land use, transportation, housing, economic competitiveness, the natural environment, community development, and similar issues. The deadline for receipt of applications is August 1 before 3:00 pm CST. Application materials and further information are available on the CMAP and RTA websites.

9.0 Red Line South

Ms. Smith presented on the Redline Extension Livability project and interim progress report. Mr. Bolton asked if the technical analysis considered more frequent service. Mr. Dean stated that was a good suggestion. Mr. McLaughlin asked if CMAP was working with CTA. Ms. Smith responded affirmatively.

10.0 Public Participation Plan Update

Mr. Lopez stated that the Public Participation Plan had a minor update in August of 2011 but CMAP staff is currently working with the Citizens Advisory Committee to complete a comprehensive update to accurately represent the outreach CMAP conducts. He stated that other updates will include the removal of references to CATS and NIPC, an updated CMAP organizational chart, and updated to MPO Policy Committee members to reflect the current composition. He stated the plan is anticipated to be approved at the joint meeting of the CMAP board and MPO Policy Committee in October of 2012. Ms. Redden stated that the RTA and service boards use this plan to meet federal requirements and look

forward to working with CMAP to update it. The Committee requested the plan be brought back to the committee before being considered by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

11.0 Reauthorization

Mr. Kopec reported that not much action has occurred regarding Reauthorization and that CMAP's main concerns are regarding funding levels and transit. The committee agreed that not much has occurred.

12.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith provided a summary of the legislative update included in the packet. He stated that the state did pass a budget and IDOT's budget included funding for CMAP. Mr. Bolton asked if CMAP is following legislation that may reduce funding for school transportation. Mr. Smith stated CMAP would look into it.

13.0 USDOT Certification Review of the Metropolitan Planning Process

Ms. Berry briefly reported on the five recommendations included in the most recent USDOT Certification Review. Mr. Donovan suggested that at the point in time, midway between the last review and the next, this is a good time for an assessment of efforts. He also mentioned that in addition to the five recommendations cited, the Certification Review includes suggestions throughout. Ms. Berry agreed, and highlighted efforts focusing on implementation of GO TO 2040 through products being developed and policies being adopted in all areas of the CMAP region.

14.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and Major Capital Projects (MCPs)

The chairman stated that the June Major Capital Projects report was available.

15.0 Other Business

Ms. Choca-Urban stated that June 15, 2012 is her last day at the Center for Neighborhood Technology and she will be joining Cook County.

16.0 Public Comment

Ms. Claudia Ayala of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization stated they attended the meeting to research if CMAP was available to assist in re-instating a bus route on 31st Street from Cicero to Lake Shore Drive. Ms. Redden stated that Mr. Dean of CMAP is the person to contact. Mr. Dean stated that he would meet with Ms. Ayala to discuss the concerns.

17.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2012.

18.0 Adjournment

On a motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 10:46 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 Zucchero

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

***Non-voting