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MPO Policy Committee

Annotated Agenda

January 12, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions **10:00 a.m.**

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Council of Mayors' Report

4.2 CMAP Board Report

4.3 CMAP Report

5.0 FY 2013 Unified Work Program

The UWP lists the planning projects that CMAP and other agencies undertake each year to enhance transportation in northeastern Illinois and to fulfill federal planning regulations. For FY 2012, agencies worked to align the planning projects with the regional priorities described in GO TO 2040. It is not anticipated that changes to these priorities will be necessary until the plan is updated in 2015. However, additional funding has become available for FY 2013. Staff will update the Policy Committee on the status of the development of the FY 2013 UWP.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

6.0 Performance-Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding

GO TO 2040 recommends that transportation funding decisions be based on transparent evaluation criteria rather than arbitrary formulas. The attached memorandum reviews recent CMAP staff efforts in researching performance-based evaluation criteria for transportation funding, both in response to the plan's recommendation and from subsequent direction by the Regional Coordinating Committee, CMAP Board, and MPO Policy Committee. It summarizes the use of performance measures for highways

and transit, both among peer states and in northeastern Illinois, and then suggests potential ways forward on this issue. This was discussed at the December Regional Coordinating Committee and the committee comments are reflected in this updated memo.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and direction to staff

7.0 CMAP's State Legislative Principles & Agenda

Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, the state legislative framework highlights policy priorities for CMAP during the 2012 legislative session. Generally speaking, CMAP is most interested in issues with a regional or statewide impact or those that could serve as precursors to broader, more comprehensive legislation. The document includes priority issues and *Legislative Principles* based on GO TO 2040's recommendations. The principles were developed to guide staff and inform our partners, the Governor, legislators, state agency directors, and others about CMAP's policy positions regarding legislative initiatives being discussed or introduced in the General Assembly. Staff will also present a State Legislative Agenda, which contains a short list of major agency legislative priorities for 2012.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

8.0 Federal Legislative Principles & Agenda

Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, the staff has developed a set of principles to inform federal legislators and other national policy makers about CMAP's positions on national policy issues. This agenda focuses on principles that will help direct CMAP support or opposition to specific pieces of legislation over the course of the federal legislative calendar.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

9.0 Bus Rapid Transit in Northeastern Illinois

There are a number of initiatives furthering the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit in the Chicago region covering both urban arterials and suburban interstates. Staff from several agencies will present the status of their efforts related to BRT.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

12.0 Next Meeting – Thursday, March 8, 2012

13.0 Adjournment

MPO Policy Committee Members:

	Frank Beal		Gabe Klein		John Purcell
	Martin G. Buehler		Kenneth Koehler		Leanne Redden
	Alexander D. Clifford		R.A. Kwasneski		Jeffery Schielke
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