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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Transportation Committee Agenda Draft Minutes May 15, 2009

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
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Members Present: Chair - Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, John Biessel – Cook County, John Donovan – FHWA, John Fortmann - IDOT District One, Don Kopec - CMAP, David Kralik-Metra, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, Sarah Lutz - McHenry County, Olympia Moy – CNT , Arlene J. Mulder – Council of Mayors, Heidi Files - Kane/Kendall County, David Simmons - CTA, Peter Skosey – Metropolitan Planning Council, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Paula Trigg – Lake County, Sidney Weseman – RTA, Rocco Zuccherò– Illinois Tollway

Members Absent: Bill Brown – NIRPC, Rocky Donahue – Pace, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Rogers - IEPA, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC, David Werner – FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Tom Zapler – Class 1 Railroad Companies

Others Present: Kristen Bennett, Bruce Christensen, Kama Dobbs, Bud Fleming, Colleen Gannon, Henry Guerriero, Darlene Hale, Niki Nutter, Hugh O’Hara, David Palia, Chad Riddle, David Seglin, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Emily Tapia-Lopez, Mike Walczak, Jan Ward

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, George Johnson, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Luann Hamilton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There was a reminder that the next meeting is scheduled June 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Argonne National Laboratory Transportation Research and Analysis Computing Center (TRACC), 2700 International Drive, West Chicago, IL 60185.

Mr. Cuculich is stepping down from the Transportation Committee. While Mr. Cuculich will continue his participation in the MPO Policy Committee, Chris Snyder will serve as representative of DuPage County and Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Weseman recognized Mr. Neufeld's service. Mr. Neufeld stated that he would still be serving on the Transportation committee. Mr. Beissel informed the committee that Ted Georgas is retiring at the end of May after 30+ years of service.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion, Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Weseman the April 24, 2009 minutes were approved.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Mr. Weseman briefed the TC on the May 13, 2009 Planning Committee meeting. Items included the capital project evaluation and definition of what constitutes a major project. The committee was informed that the CMAP Board tabled the discussion on DRI and will consider it at their June meeting.

5.0 RTA Update

Mr. Weseman stated that on May 21st the RTA would be amending its 2009 financial budget and marks would be revised. Since then the service boards have taken action to reduce their programs as appropriate.

All the service boards ARRA applications have been filed with the FTA.

6.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Holly Ostdick

6.1 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP Revisions)

Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. The four reports with

amendments and revisions were posted on the web site for a seven day public comment period and no comments were received.

On a motion by Ms. Trigg seconded by Mr. Kopec, the not exempt and exempt project amendments were amended into the TIP. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

7.0 GO TO 2040

7.1 Evaluation Measures for Major Transportation Capital Projects

Mr. Dean reviewed the recommended evaluation measures for major capital projects. He identified those that had been modified since the last committee meeting which included measures for safety, travel times, stream quality within environmental features, and facility condition. Mr. Dean also clarified that cost effectiveness would be addressed as the projects are evaluated for fiscal constraint, and that there would be basic identifying information presented for each project as well as analytical evaluation measures. He also noted that staff was developing a written definition of major capital projects, which used facility type to identify which projects were major capital projects; expressway extensions or lane additions, or similar projects on the rail system, were generally considered to be major capital projects.

Mr. Neufeld and Mayor Mulder asked that bicycle and pedestrian safety be explicitly considered, and staff noted that this could be done either within the safety or the bicycle and pedestrian accommodation measure. Mr. Zucchero asked about the use of stream quality within the environmental features measure. Staff stated that watersheds of streams of A or B quality according to the IEPA were proposed to be included in the definition of sensitive environmental features, because preserving higher-quality streams was more effective than trying to restore lower-quality streams to a higher quality. The committee also asked about the definition of major capital projects, specifically HOT lanes and CREATE. Staff responded that if HOT lanes required construction of a new lane, they would be considered a major capital project; if they used an existing lane they would not. Staff also noted that CREATE had not been considered a major capital project in the 2030 RTP, because it was a series of projects rather than a single one, and that this treatment was recommended for this analysis as well. Mr. Kralik asked whether these measures and the RTA's proposed major capital project measures were consistent, and CMAP and RTA staff responded that they were generally consistent.

On a motion from Mr. Neufeld, second by Mr. Abraham, the committee recommended approval of the major capital project evaluation measures.

7.2 Financial Plan

Mr. Maloney provided a short report on the outline of the financial plan which would help determine the financial constraints to be used for transportation projects. He stated that work on both costs and revenues was underway, and that CMAP was coordinating with the RTA on transit components. The committee will receive more detailed updates at future transportation committee meetings.

7.3 Public Engagement

Ms. Aleman walked the committee through the different alternatives and the options available to the public for participation in the *GO TO 2040* process through the kiosks, the CMAP web site and/or participating in the public outreach sessions. Ms. Aleman demonstrated the interactive software tool that will be used during the public outreach process and encouraged all to contact CMAP staff if they would like to host a workshop.

7.4 Scenario Evaluation

Mr. Dean reviewed the ongoing evaluation of alternative scenarios, each of which is a combination of transportation and non-transportation policies and investments. The committee was invited to make further comments after the meeting, as time for discussion was limited. Committee members asked questions or suggested changes to strategies involving parking policy, off-peak transit service improvements, transit wait time, and transit oriented development, and also suggested presenting results in terms of per capita change to account for the region's growth.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Next Meeting

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11.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Don Kopec	_____ Dick Smith
_____ Rocky Donahue	_____ Christina Kupkowski	_____ David Simmons
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Jan Metzger	_____ Steve Strains
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Arlene J. Mulder	_____ Chris Synder**
_____ Bruce Gould	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Vonu Thakuriah
_____ Rupert Graham, Jr	_____ Jason Osborn	_____ Paula Trigg
_____ Jack Groner	_____ Leanne Redden	_____ David Werner***
_____ Luann Hamilton*	_____ Mike Rogers	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Robert Hann	_____ Joe Schofer	_____ Tom Zapler
_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Peter Skosey	

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

***Non-voting

Transportation Committee Members