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DRAFT Minutes

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Cook County Conference Room

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- Members Present:** Vice Chair – Thomas Cuculich – DuPage County, Chuck Abraham - IDOT- DPIT, Bill Brown – NIRPC, Bruce Christensen - Lake County, John Donovan – FHWA, Steven Coffinbargar - Kane County, John Fortmann - IDOT District One, Will Glassborg – CNT, Rupert Graham – Cook County, Jack Groner - Metra, Jacky Grimshaw – CNT, Henry Guerriero - Illinois Tollway, Chris Hiebert - SEWRPC via phone, Don Kopec - CMAP, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, , Arlene Mulder – Council of Mayors, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Jason Osborn - McHenry County, Joe Schofer - Northwestern University, Dave Seglin - CDOT, David Simmons - CTA, Dick Smith - IDOT, Holly Smith - Kendall County, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Sidney Weseman - RTA, Tom Zapler - Railroad Companies
- Members Absent:** Vanessa Adams – FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC
- Others Present:** Leonard Cannata, Lynnette Ciavarella, Anja Claus, Mike Connelly, Chalen Daigle, Kama Dobbs, Bud Fleming, Sheena Freve, Paul Heltne, Raghu Kowshik, Les Nunes, Chad Riddle, Peter Skosey, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak
- Staff Present:** Shana Alford, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Janet Bright, Andrew Williams Clark, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Tara Fifer, Jill Leary, Leroy Kos, Tom Murtha, Roseann O’Laughlin, Holly Ostlick, Russell Pietrowiak, Todd Schmidt, Gordon Smith, Ty Warner, Kermit Wies

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Tom Cuculich, Committee Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Annual Fall Planning Conference is being held October 2-3, 2008 at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center in Moline, Illinois.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Seglin, seconded by Mr. Guerriero, the minutes were approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Jack Groner reported on the Programming Committee meeting. He stated that the committee heard from the working committees regarding the draft DRI initiative. He stated that staff is going to draft a matrix of comments including which comments were overlapping and how the document will be revised to accommodate the comments. The committee is meeting on September 10, 2008 and at that time the document may be released for public comment.

There was no Planning Coordinating Committee report.

5.0 RTA Update

Mr. Weseman updated the committee on RTA progress on its update of the RTA strategic plan stating that staff has developed a schedule for a comprehensive amendment to the strategic plan, which would be considered by the RTA Board at the end of 2009.

6.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. She asked that the committee exclude the Atkinson Road from IL 120 to IL 83 project which is included in the amendment to be released for a 30 day public comment period. She stated that the amendments to the TIP were released one week before the committee for public comment and that no comments were received. She asked that the committee consider including phase one engineering for US 34 from Fairview Street to Chilton Way. Mr. Smith explained that the project was not received by CMAP staff in time due to members of IDOT district three staff being on sick leave.

On a motion by Mayor Mulder, seconded by Mr. Smith the not exempt and exempt project amendments, including the US 34 project, were approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6.2 Biannual TIP Amendment and RTP Update

Ms. Ostdick requested that the committee release the RTP Update, TIP Amendment and conformity analysis for a 30 day public comment period from August 22 to September 21.

On a motion by Mr. Christensen, seconded by Mr. Kopec, the RTP Update, TIP Amendment and conformity analysis was released for public comment. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

7.0 Complete Streets and Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Murtha presented information regarding complete streets and pedestrian safety. He focused his presentation on pedestrian safety, including a number of safety recommendations for IDOT to consider in the implementation of recently enacted complete streets legislation. The safety measures focused on controls on excessive vehicle speeds, pedestrian crossings, and sidewalks. The presentation also discussed providing accessible pedestrian facilities for people with disabilities.

Several committee members requested clarification on the law itself. Some questions included:

- What is required?
- What are the rules regarding urban versus rural?
- What are the requirements for shoulder work?

Mr. Smith responded that there were no clear definitions yet, since the bill has only been in effect one year. IDOT will consider the possibilities and follow up on the questions. Mr. Osborn commented that snow removal maintenance rules and maintenance of facilities would require greater clarification.

Mr. Seglin stated that the city of Chicago is working on the issue of bike and pedestrian safety. The city of Chicago is concerned about crash data specifically door-ing crashes. Mr. Smith felt that IDOT would be willing to attempt to accommodate this need and will check to see if the data may be obtained. Mayor Mulder felt that education would go a long way without legislation and suggested that CMAP work with IDOT, local officials and the bike federation to have an educational video to help promote biking safety. Mr. Osborn pointed

out this is also a funding issue and could STP funds be used for non-roadway projects. Mr. Riddle stated that is one of the purposes of STP funds.

8.0 Scenario Construction

Mr. Dean discussed scenario construction and elaborated on the scenarios which included a reference scenario, a preservation scenario, a reinvestment scenario and an innovation scenario. Mr. Dean acknowledged that major capital projects are not included in the scenarios and that more information regarding major capital projects would follow at a later date. Staff has presented these scenarios to the other CMAP working committees to receive buy-in. Mr. Cuculich stated that goals and objectives from the scenarios will influence where CMAP goes in the future. He commented that the scenarios are a tool for outreach to the general public as well.

9.0 Transportation Indicators

Mr. Murtha presented the existing indicators to the committee and asked the committee for feedback. He noted that the committee had been given the list for review in July, and that the current list in circulation is identical. He stated that the Freight Committee and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force have discussed the indicators. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee were primarily concerned about multi-modal issues, particularly for mode share; they requested that mode share data be collected for all trip purposes, not just work trips.. It was also stated that all inter-city trips need to be considered, not just aviation. Containers and truck counts were a consideration for the freight committee.

Mr. Cuculich expressed concern that transit was not fully represented. More information is needed on who has access to transit. There need to be more indicators for commuter traffic. Maintenance versus investments need to be considered. At grade highway delay and recovery time for traffic also needs to be examined, not from gate up and down time but to measure delay by level of service. For example, if the crossing is at a level of service C before the gates go down and at level of service F after the gates go down, we should determine the delay until it reaches level of service C again. Mr. Groner commented that transit was truly lost in the indicators, especially maintenance and upkeep. Auto ownership is needed as an indicator as well. Mr. Groner also pointed out that access to transit should be based on the total picture not individual service boards.

Mr. Groner and Mr. Cuculich were concerned that comments from the last meeting were not incorporated into these indicators before the committee. Mr.

Murtha indicated that the changes will be incorporated within the next two week and be sent to committee members. Mr. Murtha did state the concerns about walkable communities and how might that be measured.

Mr. Groner stated that Metra would be sending written comments. Mr. Weseman stated that there was no measure of pedestrians. Mayor Mulder was concerned about the intermodal connection throughout the region, city to suburb, suburb to suburb and access to O'Hare. Mayor Mulder asked if alternative energy research and usage is covered in another focus area. Mr. Williams-Clark stated that alternative energy is covered in Economic Development. Mr. Groner wanted to make sure that investment for transit was also included in the indicators.

Mr. Cuculich stated that regardless of how the limit 15 indicators was decided, if we need more, we should include more. We can move some to another focus area or combine some. Dr. Schofer stated that the dashboard concept is useful in other regions. With the dashboard there can be four main indicators shown on the dashboard and than you can click to see what other indicators feed into the main indicator. Dr. Schofer asked who is going to measure the data to determine the indicator. Dr. Schofer stated the Virginia DOT dashboard is an excellent example.

Mr. Seglin also felt that transit and Amtrak are underrepresented. Mr. Seglin questioned why departures are positive indicators. He asked if arrivals are better indicators because it is people arriving in the region. Mayor Mulder pointed out that with the amount of connecting flights through the airports the question might be how you keep the arrivals and their business in this region.

Mr. Osborn posed the question why the region desires for a bus to be filled to capacity but does not tolerate the interstate system to be the same. Mr. Osborn stated that there that there should be further discussion on reliability.

Mr. Neufeld stated that available data for mode share indicators does not cover all trips. He questioned what would be good multi-modal data. He noted that facilitating multi-modal planning is one of the reasons MPOs exist. He recommended that there be an on-going effort to a commitment by the MPO to collecting reliable mode share data on a local level and to examine all types of trip, as requested by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force.

A suggestion was made that highway operation are about mobility and accessibility and maybe accessibility should be aggregated to add other indicators. Mr. Heltne suggested that we look at trend lines, demand a reverse of the trend line in a positive direction and examine large planning issues.

Mr. Murtha asked that written comments be sent to him. He informed the committee that staff would look into the issues raised, prepare and distribute the revised information and the indicators by two weeks before the committee meets on September 25th.

10.0 The Stockholm Experience

Mr. McLaughlin discussed the trip that Metropolitan Planning Council and CMAP made to Stockholm. The presentation is available on the web at: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/transportation/minutes.aspx>.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Public Comment

No public comment.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room.

14.0 Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Teri Dixon
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Staff Liaison**

Transportation Committee Members:

___ Charles Abraham	___ Fran Klaas	___ Mike Rogers
___ Vanessa Adams ***	___ Don Kopec	___ Joe Schofer
___ Thomas Cuculich**	___ Paul Losos	___ Dick Smith
___ Chris DiPalma ***	___ Mike McLaughlin	___ David Simmons
___ Rocky Donahue	___ Jan Metzger	___ Steve Strains
___ John Fortmann	___ Arlene Mulder	___ Vonu Thakuriah
___ Bruce Gould	___ Randy Neufeld	___ Paula Trigg
___ Rupert Graham, Jr	___ Jason Osborn	___ Ken Yunker
___ Jack Groner	___ Leanne Redden	___ Tom Zapler
___ Luann Hamilton*	___ Thomas Rickert	___ Rocco Zucchero

*Chair

**Vice-Chair

***Non-voting