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DRAFT Minutes

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Cook County Conference Room

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Chicago, Illinois

- Members Present:** Chair – Luann Hamilton - CDOT, Vice Chair – Thomas Cuculich – DuPage County, Bruce Christensen - Lake County, Roger Craig – Council of Mayors, John Donovan – FHWA, Steven Coffinbargar - Kane County, Ted Georgas – Cook County, Henry Guerriero - Illinois Tollway, Bob Hann – Private Providers, Don Kopec - CMAP, David Kralik - Metra, Christina Kupkowski - Will County, Steve Mastny - IDOT District One, Randy Neufeld - Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Jason Osborn - McHenry County. David Simmons - CTA, Dick Smith - IDOT, Holly Smith - Kendall County, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Sidney Weseman - RTA, Tom Zapler - Railroad Companies
- Members Absent:** Chuck Abraham – IDOT-DPIT, Vanessa Adams– FTA - USDOT Chicago Metro Office, Bill Brown – NIRPC, Rocky Donahue – Pace, Will Glassborg – CNT, Chris Hiebert – SEWRPC, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Sofer – Northwestern University, Vonu Thakuriah - UIC-UTC
- Others Present:** Kristen Bennett, Leonard Cannata, Jay Ciavarella, Ashley Collins, Mike Connelly, Chalen Daigle, Kama Dobbs, Sheena Freve, Marc Garcia, Tam Kutzmark, Joe Moriarity, Chad Riddle, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan, Emily Tapia, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak
- Staff Present:** Shana Alford, Patricia Berry, Andrew Williams Clark, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Tom Murtha, Roseann O’Laughlin, Holly Ostidick, Russell Pietrowiak, Ylda Pinero, Joy Schaad, Todd Schmidt

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Luanne Hamilton, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There will be a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation and CMAP to discuss a regional construction calendar.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

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

### **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Ms. Hamilton reported that at the Planning Coordinating Committee scenario construction and regional indicators were the main point of discussion. Both items are scheduled to be presented to the transportation committee.

Mr. Cuculich reported on the Programming Committee meeting. He stated that the committee discussed and agreed to release the draft document on the DRI initiative. The staff completed a summary and analysis of comments by the working committees. The summary included suggestions on how to revise the language. Staff was then directed to make the changes to the document and distribute to the committee for final release to the stakeholders. Staff was also commended on the presentation of the comments for the draft DRI document.

### **5.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

#### **5.1 Transportation Improvement Program**

Ms. Ostdick requested committee approval of amendments to not exempt and exempt TIP projects that exceed amendment thresholds. She stated that the amendments to the TIP were released one week before the committee for public comment and that no comments were received. Ms. Ostdick stated that at the next Transportation Committee there will be numerous changes because FFY08 will be over and projects will be moved or awarded.

On a motion by Mr. Wesemen seconded by Mr. Christensen the not exempt and exempt project amendments were approved. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **5.2 Semi-annual TIP Amendment and RTP Update**

Ms. Ostdick stated that the public comment period ended September 21. There were three comments received. All comments received a reply. Ms. Ostdick stated that four CTA Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects for the Congestion Reduction Initiative will need to be removed from the amendment pending approval by the RTA Board. Ms. Ostdick requested that the committee recommend the RTP Update, TIP Amendment and conformity analysis without the four BRT projects to the Programming Coordinating Committee and MPO

Policy Committee for approval and asked that the MPO Policy Committee delegate approval of the BRT projects to the next Transportation Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Wesemen, seconded by Mr. Cuculich, the RTP Update, TIP Amendment and conformity analysis was recommended to the MPO Policy Committee for approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

## **6.0 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)**

### **6.1 FFY 2009 CMAQ Proposed Program**

Mr. Ferguson stated that the public comment period for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Multi-Year CMAQ proposed program closed August 26, 2008. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee approved the staff responses to the comments and recommended approval of a revised proposed program to the Transportation Committee. The comments and staff responses along with the revised proposed program are attached. There were some questions on specific projects. One specific concern was about railroad switcher engines retrofits and guarantees that those switcher engines would remain in northeastern Illinois region. Mr. Zapler stated that the railroad companies had agreed that those engines using CMAQ funding would remain in this region at minimum 10 years.

On a motion by Mr. Kopec, seconded by Mr. Christensen, the committee concurred with the responses to comments and recommend approval of the revised proposed FY 2009 Multi-Year CMAQ Program to the Programming Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **6.2 Consideration of Withdrawal of Funds from CMAQ Projects**

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee has recommended withdrawing CMAQ funding from three projects; Oak Forest Police Bicycle Patrol Program, Glenview Tech Trail-Golf Rd Overpass and Lake Street at Lathrop Intersection Improvement in River Forest. A question arose about these projects and if the withdrawal of funding from projects in the future must go to MPO Policy Committee or can they be handled through the TIP modification and amendment process. Staff will be examining the possibility.

On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kopec, the committee recommended approval of the withdrawal of funds from three CMAQ projects for approval by the MPO Policy Committee. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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## **7.0 Transportation Indicators**

Mr. Williams Clark discussed the transportation indicators. He reiterated that there are several components related to indicators, including the regional vision, an on-line "data warehouse," the tracking indicators themselves, and scenario development. The indicators have been vetted through community meetings, experts in various fields and the various CMAP committees. Staff has refined the indicators based on the input. Because of the nature of most indicators, the staff has made a diligent effort to recognize the overlapping nature of many of the indicators. Mr. Williams Clark noted that many transportation indicators were relevant for other themes. Mr. Smith asked if the data warehouse would be available on-line. The response was yes. Mr. Smith stated that this is a issue of confidentiality; there is some information that IDOT is legally bound not to publish such as accident data. Staff responded that this is an important consideration, and that care would be taken with confidential information. Mr. Wesemen inquired about the status of various RTA suggestions submitted after the agenda was distributed. Mr. Murtha noted that the suggestions were addressed in the revised proposal at the members' places. In response to further comment, staff also agreed to revise items regarding pavement and bridge condition indicators. Metra felt that 3.2, 2.2, 5.2 and 9.7 should be looked at closely.

On a motion by Mr. , seconded by Mr. , the transportation indicators were recommended for MPO Policy Committee approval. Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried

## **8.0 Scenario Construction**

Mr. Dean stated that the Planning Coordinating Committee had discussed the identities of the scenarios at their September meeting. Mr. Cuculich inquired about scenario development and how priorities would be assigned. Mr. Dean said that scenarios were to be operational and systematic, without major capital projects explicitly included. The next step will be working on specific details and doing quantitative evaluation. In the spring, there will be ample opportunity for public discussion and comment, and the committee will be asked for additional input over the upcoming months.

## **9.0 Major Capital Projects in *GO TO 2040***

Mr. Patronskey gave a brief introduction to the Major Capital Projects for *GO TO 2040*. He explained existing projects would be examined, an evaluation measure will be developed and there is a financial component. In the upcoming months there will be more information and discussion on major capital projects.

#### **10.0 Trust Fund Solvency (John Donovan and Dick Smith)**

Mr. Donovan explained that an \$8 billion short fall had been projected based on fuel tax revenue estimates. In response \$8 billion was transferred from the General Fund. Mr. Smith stated IDOT has received all payments from the trust fund but that this problem is not going away. No one is sure how this will all play out. Ms. Hamilton asked about the transit trust fund. Mr. Donovan stated that the transit fund is planned to be in balance through 2011 but is based off the same estimates as the Highway Trust Fund. Mr. Wesemen commented that there will be discussion on funding the highway trust fund. Mr. Donovan conveyed that the next bill passed would need to look at new revenue source. Mr. Johnson asked if it was possible that FHWA will not obligate projects. Mr. Smith replied not at this time. Mr. Osborn asked if this is a discussion that should be at the state/regional level.

#### **11.0 Freight Snapshot**

Ms. O'Laughlin presented a draft outline for Freight Snapshot. Strategies and scenarios are being developed for the 2040 plan. Mr. Cuculich wanted to know how snapshots are initiated. Mr. Dean and Ms. O'Laughlin acknowledged that the snapshots are staff driven. Mr. Cuculich was concerned that public resources are being spent on private data and that the information that railroad currently have should not be duplicated but shared by the railroad. Mr. Zapler stated that this is being worked on by staff and railroads. Ms. Hamilton inquired if the snapshot will address short and long term freight issues. Ms. O'Laughlin explained that yes, the snapshot will attempt to do so. Ms. O'Laughlin will be coming to the committee again after more work has been completed on this snapshot

#### **12.0 RTA Update**

Mr. Weseman stated the RTA Plan update remains the same.

#### **13.0 Preliminary RTA Funding Program of Projects**

The call for projects for four funding programs at the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) occurred in late June and was due in August. On September 15 the RTA board reviewed the projects and they are currently out for public comment. The programs are the Community Planning Program, the Subregional

Planning Program, the Job Access Reverse Commute/New Freedom (JARC/NF) Program and the Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE) Program.

**14.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**15.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cook County Room.

**16.0 Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



**Teri Dixon  
Senior Planner  
Staff Liaison**

**Transportation Committee Members:**

___ Charles Abraham	___ Fran Klaas	___ Mike Rogers
___ Vanessa Adams ***	___ Don Kopec	___ Joe Schofer
___ Thomas Cuculich**	___ Paul Losos	___ Dick Smith
___ Rocky Donahue	___ Mike McLaughlin	___ David Simmons
___ John Donovan ***	___ 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