



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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MPO Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Frank Beal – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Representing Joe Deal), John Biessel – Cook County (Representing Rupert Graham), Lynette Ciavarella – Metra (Representing Alexander Clifford), Don Gismondi – Chicago Transit Authority, Henry Guerriero – Illinois Tollway (Representing Kristi Lafleur), Luann Hamilton – Chicago Department of Transportation, Ken Koehler – McHenry County, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration (Representing Norman Stoner), Jamy Lyne – Will County (Representing Larry Walsh), John McCarthy – Private Providers, Arlene Mulder – Council of Mayors (Representing Jeffery Schielke), Leanne Redden – Regional Transportation Authority, Tom Rickert - Kane County (Representing Karen McConnaughay), T.J. Ross – Pace (Representing R.A. Kwasneski, Keith Sherman – Illinois Department of Transportation (Representing Secretary Gary Hannig), Chris Snyder – DuPage County (Representing Tom Cuculich), Paula Trigg – Lake County (Representing Marty Buehler)

Absent:

Elliott Hartstein - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Michael Payette – Class I Railroads, John Purcell – Kendall County, Marisol Simon - FTA

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Ylda Capriccioso, Bob Dean, Kama Dobbs, Lindsay Hollander, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patrosky,

Others Present:

Bruce Carmitchel – Illinois Department of Transportation, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County Council of Mayors, John Donovan – Federal Highway Administration, Joe Korpalski – McHenry County Department of Transportation, Jim LaBelle – Metropolis Strategies, Jason Osborn – McHenry County Department of Transportation, Mark Pitstick – Regional Transportation Authority, David Seglin – Chicago Department of Transportation, Tammy Wierciak – West Central Municipal Conference

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Kopec announced that Secretary Hannig was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions. He has asked Mayor Mulder to chair the meeting.

At 10:05 a.m., Mayor Mulder called the meeting to order. Introductions of those present for the meeting were made.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Rickert, the minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting of the Policy Committee were approved.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Council of Mayors' Report

Mayor Mulder reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had met on May 24th. The Committee discussed the lack of implementation of both the STP and CMAQ programs and what might be done to accomplish more projects. Finally, the committee discussed the implementation of GO TO 2040 and identified how GO TO 2040 could be addressed through each council's STP project evaluation methodology.

4.2 CMAP Board Report

Ms. Redden reported that the CMAP Board had met three times since the last Policy Committee meeting. She described the formation and initial meeting of the Regional Tax Policy Task Force which was created by the CMAP Board to evaluate policy issues such as existing state and local revenue sharing arrangements, the connection between the sales tax and development decisions, the property and state income taxes, and the wide divergences in local tax capacity across northeastern Illinois.

Ms. Redden also noted that the CMAP Board approved their FY 2012 Comprehensive Budget and Work Plan at their meeting on Wednesday. CMAP receives most of its funding from federal and state grants including \$11 million in federal transportation planning funds, \$0.5 million from USEPA, \$3.5 million from IDOT and nearly \$1 million from other sources. The focus of the work plan is on implementation of GO TO 2040.

Finally, staff is making a recommendation that the two year trial period for the Developments of Regional Importance, which is expiring soon, be extended for another two year period. Given the state of the economy, there have been no applications for review under this program.

4.3 CMAP Staff Report

Mr. Kopec informed the Committee of a newly release TIP mapping product which is available on the CMAP website. It is a significant improvement over the previous version and he encouraged everyone to try it out.

He also noted that two major notices recently appeared in the Federal Register. The first was a Notice of Intent to prepare a Tier Two Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Elgin-O'Hare/West Bypass project. The second was a Notice of Intent to prepare a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement for the Illiana Corridor. CMAP is encouraged by the progress these projects are making.

Finally, he noted that the recently completed state legislative session had a couple of impacts on CMAP. The first was legislation that swept the funds within the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund and then dissolved the fund. While CMAP finances are not affected since IDOT has, and continues to provide these funds, dissolving the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund is considered a step backwards in CMAP's and other MPO's effort to secure consistent, flexible planning funds. The second issued deals with the failure of the legislature to fund the capital bill which provides funding for IDOT and highway projects throughout the state. A shutdown of the capital program would have serious negative consequences for Illinois.

5.0 Modifications to the National Highway System Intermodal Freight Connectors

Mr. Murtha directed the committee to the memo describing the proposed changes to the intermodal freight connectors of the National Highway System. He described the changes at the BNSF Logistics Park, the BNSF Auto Transload facility, the CN Gateway Intermodal Terminal and at Water Terminal 2 at Lake Calumet. He noted that the Transportation Committee has recommended Policy Committee approval. On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Trigg, the changes to the system were endorsed.

6.0 Authorize the Transportation Committee to Approve the Community Planning Program

Mr. Dean briefly revisited the Community Planning Program and its development timeline. Because of its timing and the meeting schedule of the Policy Committee, he asked that the Policy Committee authorize the Transportation Committee to review, and if appropriate authorize the proposed projects. On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Beal, the Transportation Committee was authorized to act on behalf of the Policy Committee regarding the Community Planning Program.

7.0 Nominating Committee for the Office of Vice Chairman

Mr. Kopec explained that the Secretary makes the appointments for the Nominating Committee. Mr. Kopec announced that the Secretary is appointing Ms. Hamilton, Mr. Rickert, Mr. Ross, Ms. Redden and Mr. Koehler. On a motion by Mr. Biesel, seconded by Ms. Lyne, the appointments were approved.

8.0 Updated 5307/5340 Capital and Planning Funds for Designated Recipients

Ms. Berry explained that with Congress passing appropriation legislation for the rest of the fiscal year, new totals are available for the 5307 and 5340 Capital and Planning Funds provided to CTA, Metra and Pace. This requires amending Resolutions 11-03 through 11-05. On a motion by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Ms. Redden the amended resolutions were approved.

9.0 Title VI Plan

Ms. Berry provided some background on the Agency's Title VI Plan including why it is required and when it needs to be updated. Changes to the plan include an update of where the agency is in addressing comments from the last certification review, along with a revised description of the public outreach process. On a motion by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Rickert, the updated Title VI Plan was approved.

10.0 Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Work Program

Mr. Maloney presented the FY 2012 Unified Work Program to the Committee. He explained that program was developed based upon the priorities established in GO TO 2040. He referred the members to the attachment which provides total funding and the projects each agency will be pursuing. On a motion by Ms. Redden, seconded by Mr. Ross, the FY 2012 Unified Work Program was approved.

11.0 Legislative Update

Ms. Capriccioso provided an update of the State's legislative session for the committee. Highlights of the session included passage of bills dealing with public-private partnerships, a bus on shoulder pilot program and IDOT's protection of land for future road corridors. The elimination of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund was also discussed. Mayor Mulder expressed her appreciation that the state legislature did not change the distribution of funds for municipalities as had been proposed.

12.0 CMAQ Program Status

Ms. Berry described the development of the CMAQ Program which is going to be a full five year program. The focus will be on implementing the policies and projects contained within GO TO 2040. Four focus groups were established, using existing committees where possible. These focus groups will be making recommendations to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee. It is anticipated that the implementation of a five-year program, along with the policies currently in place to encourage timely implementation of projects will lower the amount of unobligated funds in the CMAQ Program.

The CMAQ Project Selection Committee is also considering the programming of "contingency" projects which are high cost yet could be implemented before a potential lapse of CMAQ funding.

Ms. Berry then highlighted several CMAQ funded projects that were recently implemented and mentioned in the media. Mayor Mulder remarked that right-of-way acquisition has always been an obstacle in getting projects accomplished.

13.0 Stearns Road Bridge Corridor: A Fox River Bridge at the Center of an Environmental Corridor

Mr. Rickert provided the Committee with an overview of the process leading to the construction of the Stearns Road Bridge over the Fox River. Kane County was recently awarded the "Project Excellence Award" by the American Public Works Association. Information about the project is available [here](#).

14.0 Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee.

15.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment from the meeting attendees.

16.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. However, a joint meeting with the CMAP is under consideration which would move the meeting to Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

17.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Trigg, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 12, 2011