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Minutes **Programming Coordinating Committee** November 28, 2007 DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present: Rita Athas-Chair, Mark Avery, Martin Jaffee (representing Jack Darin), Jack Groner, John Grueling, Marilyn Michelini, Leanne Redden (representing Steve Schlickman), Dan Shea, Joanna Trotter (representing Beth Dever), Tammy Wierciak (representing Holly Smith)

Absent: Anthony Calderone, Calvin Jordon, Raul Raymundo, Nigel Telman

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2007

Mr. Groner requested that item 4.0 in the minutes include the relocation of the A-200 switch. Mayor Michelini moved that the meeting minutes of October 10, 2007 be approved as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Avery. Vote: All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development

Ms. Ostdick gave a brief explanation of how the TIP and its development correspond with the regional planning process. She also gave a status report on updating the public interface for the TIP. Mr. Groner asked when the update to the interface would be available. Ms. Ostdick stated CMAP staff is hopeful for a trial roll out in two months.

5.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)

Mr. Kopec stated that the DRI sub-group met on November 7th to start developing and defining Developments of Regional Importance. The group determined that the policy aspect should be handled first by defining criteria, thresholds, and types of projects. The group felt that a test project would be a good idea to develop the policy aspect. They chose to use the sale of the EJ&E railroad to CN as a pilot project. Mr. Greuling showed concern regarding the sub-group's status on developing a policy to be able to look at an individual project this early on. Mr. Kopec stated it would be an experience to tell us what types of measure and criteria will be useful information. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of the railroad. Mr. Kopec stated that another meeting of the DRI sub-group will be held in mid-December. He stated that comments regarding the sale of the railroad are due to the Surface Transportation Board in late January.

6.0 Community and Technical Assistance Plan

Ms. Delano stated that the Community and Technical Assistance work plan was developed based on recommendations prior to the merger of CATS and NIPC. She stated the main objective is to encourage coordination of the planning process. She discussed many tools for locals to use to assist with planning. There are a total of five tools and a brochure describing these tools was available to meeting attendees and are also available on the web at: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/assistance.aspx>. Ms. Delano stated that the community and technical assistance group is going on a road show to demonstrate the tools. She stated a schedule of the road show stops is available on the CMAP website.

7.0 Consultation

Mr. Patrosky gave a brief review of the Consultation process in Northeastern Illinois. He stated that staff from FHWA, FTA, USEPA, IEPA, IDOT, RTA, and CMAP meets to interpret and implement Federal Regulations. Mr. Patrosky stated that at the last Consultation meeting, the team reviewed an IDOT and FHWA developed draft Hot Spot Analysis and CREATE passenger rail screening process. The TIP change and project grouping procedures were discussed per the new Federal Regulations. The new procedures will need to be approved by the Programming Coordinating Committee and the Policy Committee.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2008.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am on a motion by Mayor Michelini, seconded by Ms. Trotter.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Berry

Staff Liaison

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Approved as presented February 13, 2008.