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Programming Coordinating Meeting Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
DuPage County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Joe Deal (City of Chicago-CMAP Board), Mark Avery (DuPage County-Land Use Committee), Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park-CMAP Board), Marilyn Michelini (Montgomery-CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project-CMAP Board), Dan Shea (McHenry County-CMAP Board), Leanne Redden (RTA-Transportation Committee), Steve Schlickman (Regional Transportation Authority-CMAP Board), Joe Schuessler (MWRD-Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Jan Ward (Kane/Kendall Council-Human Services Committee)

Members Absent: Nancy Firfer (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus-Housing Committee), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development-Economic and Community Development Committee), Russell Hartigan (Lyons Township-CMAP Board), Nigel Telman (Sidley-Austin LLP-CMAP Board)

Others Present: Leonary Cannata (WCMC), Chris Staron (North Shore Council), Mark O'Donnell (Metra)

Staff Present: Brett Baden, Patricia Berry, Annie Byrne Lee Deuben, Teri Dixon, Tom Murtha, Sef Okoth, Holly Ostdick, Todd Schmidt, Ty Warner

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. by Chairman Joe Deal.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or formal announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Mayor Michelini to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Programming Coordinating Committee meeting as presented was seconded by Mr. Avery. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program: Comments for HUD

Ms. Deuben explained the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. She stated it is not a stimulus program and is a new funding opportunity in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) budget as a result of an inter-agency agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development and US Department of Transportation (USDOT). HUD has \$150 million in this year's budget of which \$100 million will go toward the "Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Initiative" to support regional planning efforts. This grant is included in HUD's budget, with additional funding expected through USDOT and HUD in next year's budget. The money is to be used for integrating regional housing, transportation and environmental planning. The program is emphasizing partnerships including non-profits and the private sector, as well as multi-jurisdictional partnerships. As a region we are submitting comments to HUD. We are working with the RTA and other regional agencies to coordinate our comments. A highlight of the comments is that the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are well positioned as a lead agency applicant or partner applicant, and regions with completed comprehensive plans should pre-qualify for funding opportunities. Therefore CMAP and its *GO TO 2040* process should be well positioned for the Sustainable Communities Initiative. Mr. Shea questioned whether the capital portion of the grant program requires 20% match. Ms. Deuben explained that they do not specifically define leverage as local match but that it could mean other government, private, in-kind or philanthropic funds. Mr. Bennett requested the comments be distributed before the meeting for review.

5.0 Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3) Program

Ms. Byrne presented a summary of CMAP's Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3) proposal submitted to U.S. Department of Energy as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She stated CMAP applied for \$75 million and anticipate an announcement in March. Mr. Raymundo asked how the \$75 million would be divided between the three activities. Ms. Byrne stated approximately \$16 million would be used to for the information center, \$48 million for financing, and \$4 million for workforce development. Mr. Raymundo asked what the estimated job creation would be. Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that in the first three years, we project 6,218 jobs would be created or retained, and in the following three years an additional 9,549 jobs would be created or retained. The six year total is 15,767. Mr. Raymundo questioned how this program compares to existing ARRA funding for weatherization and other related programs. Ms. Byrne stated these funds would be used to invest in strategies to address the current fragmentation among the multitude of resources currently available and to foster market development so current and additional resources work more efficiently. Mr. Bennett suggested adding Community Colleges as a tool for workforce development. Mr. Avery questioned how the money is filtered down to local levels of government. Ms.

Byrne stated the program would not sub-grant funds to local governments, but rather be used to implement regional retrofit resources. Mr. Shea asked how resources would be secured for continuing the program once the funding source ends. Ms. Byrne stated the goal of the program is to invest in the needed start-up costs so that in the future the private sector provides the resources.

6.0 State Legislative Update

Ms. Berry distributed a list of legislation that CMAP is tracking and requested that any bills that committee members would like CMAP to consider be forwarded to Gordon Smith at CMAP. Mr. Bennett stated the report would be much more useful if it included a two to three sentence description. Ms. Michelini agreed with Mr. Bennett's statement. Ms. Berry stated she would forward those comments. Mr. Shea stated that some of the bills were in the rules committee – which means they will likely not come out of that committee.

7.0 Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (RTOC)

Mr. Schmidt described the proposed work plan for RTOC. He stated the coalition requires buy-in from all agencies. The work plan is currently being presented to CMAP committees for comments. Mr. Schmidt stated the coalition will participate in the CMAP Transportation Committee. He also stated there are no dedicated fund sources for operations. Mr. Deal asked if operations agencies are buying in to the process. Mr. Schmidt stated that operations staff from agencies, particularly the former members of the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee Intelligent Transportation Systems Corridor (GCM), had not only bought in but had initially suggested that the coalition be established as an alternative to GCM, which has refocused on Interstate highway operations. Mr. Bennett requested that operators and emergency responders be defined clearly in the work plan. Mr. Deal asked if there were similar organizations in other regions. Mr. Schmidt stated Portland and a few other regions have similar organizations but are mainly focused on one form of operations.

8.0 Semi-Annual TIP/RTP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments

Ms. Dixon reported that the CMAP Transportation Committee released the semi-annual conformity determination and amendments to the TIP for a 45 day public comment. No comments were received. The CMAP Transportation Committee recommended approval to the Programming Coordinating Committee at their March 5, 2010 meeting. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the Semi-Annual TIP/RTP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments. Mr. Schlickman seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds

Ms. Dixon stated the MPO endorses the allocation of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning funds between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and designates recipients on an annual basis. The RTA Board has negotiated splits of all funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin and anticipates approval of the FY 10 allocations to the service boards. The apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake

Beach/McHenry/Grayslake, IL/WI urbanized area are based on percentages. The sub-allocation between IN/IL is 4.280961% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to northwestern Indiana and 95.719039% will be sub-allocated to IL. The sub-allocation between WI/IL is 2.200891% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to southeastern Wisconsin and 97.799109% of the total amount will be sub-allocated to northeastern Illinois. The estimated Section 5307 and 5340 combined capital and planning funds for northeastern Illinois totals \$99,582,680. The funds will be distributed as follows: \$56,595,441 to the CTA; \$27,875,367 to Metra; and \$15,111,872 to Pace if approved by the appropriate committees. The CMAP Transportation Committee recommends the Programming Coordinating Committee approve the FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds. Ms. Micheline made a motion to approve the FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds. Mr. Shea seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

10.0 Full Circle

Mr. Okoth presented a summary of the Full Circle community mapping and planning project administered by CMAP. He stated that it began in 2004 as a way of collecting appropriate local data to be used by communities to support planning, investment, and policy work. He went on to say that for six years, the project was confined in the City of Chicago and south suburban Cook but last year CMAP initiated its expansion into the suburbs in the Collar Counties. CMAP issued a call for projects through the Council of Mayors and Council of Governments. Proposals from five municipalities were funded under the expansion initiative; Barrington, Yorkville, South Elgin, Carpentersville and Evanston. Mr. Okoth explained that CMAP's support for the project includes, providing data collection tools and survey equipment, training staff from the municipalities, sharing best practices and replicable models, providing free GIS mapping support, and providing money to hire interns to collect the data. Mr. Bennett asked if the project was on going. Mr. Okoth stated that because of the budget constraints, CMAP is unable to provide community mapping grants this year, however, the training and data collection tools would be available for municipality interested community mapping. He also stated that CMAP will be conducting GPS trainings for municipal staff who are interested in learning how to use GPS equipment to inventory assets and infrastructure in their community. CMAP will also be lending out GPS equipment to municipalities who are interested in mapping their infrastructure and utilities. Mr. Schlickman suggested CMAP could require a match to leverage more resources for the project.

11.0 CMAQ and STP Rescissions

Ms. Ostdick stated that when SAFETEA-LU expired (September 30, 2009) Congress implemented an \$8.7 billion rescission of contract authority nationwide. Illinois' portion was approximately \$290 million. Of that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program had \$83 million rescinded. The MPO Policy Committee approved the recommended approach of moving all CMAQ projects with 100% unobligated funding onto a CMAQ A list and out of the fiscally constrained

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As projects get ready they can move back into the fiscally constrained TIP and move forward. Ms. Ostdick stated that the City of Chicago has agreed to absorb the STP rescission and currently the number is being finalized between CMAP and IDOT. Any adjustments to the rescission number would occur in state fiscal year (SFY) 2012. Mr. Schlickman stated the rescission number for STP was discussed at the SAFETEA-LU sub-committee held on March 2, 2010. He stated that STP in Northeastern Illinois is taking 10% of the national STP rescission, which does not seem accurate.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Committee.

13.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

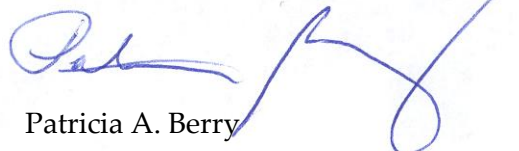
14.0 Next Meeting

The next Programming Coordinating Committee meeting was left on call.

15.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at approximately 8:30 a.m., by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Ms. Dever and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Berry
Principal Planner, Staff Liaison

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote, May 12, 2010