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Regional Coordinating Committee

Annotated Agenda

Wednesday June 13, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order** 8:00 a.m.
- 2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2011**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 **Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding**
Over the last several meetings, the Regional Coordinating Committee has discussed this CMAP initiative, which proposes potential new approaches for programming State highway and regional transit dollars. At this meeting, staff will provide a brief update on this issue. In July, CMAP is hosting a peer exchange which will be conducted by the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Transportation Planning Capacity Building Peer Program. This program presents an opportunity to convene state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) officials from across the country to discuss their experiences with implementing performance-based funding systems.
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 5.0 **FY 13 Unified Work Program**
The Unified Work Program (UWP) lists the planning projects the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and other agencies undertake each year to enhance transportation in northeastern Illinois and to fulfill federal planning regulations. The UWP time frame is consistent with the State of Illinois fiscal year, which starts July 1. The final UWP document includes the transportation planning activities to be carried out in the region, detailing each project's description, products, costs and source of

funding. Staff will give an overview of the FY 13 program, which has been recommended for approval by the CMAP Transportation Committee.
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Approval to the CMAP Board

6.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming and Management Policies

CMAP programs the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for transportation capital and operating funds. Unfortunately, the region has approximately \$190 million, more than two years of funding that remains unspent (unobligated). A menu of options for addressing this issue was discussed by the Committee at their last meeting in February. At this meeting, CMAP staff will present the committee with a set of programming and management policies for the program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Approval to the CMAP Board

7.0 Millennium Reserve: Calumet Core Initiative

In December 2011, Gov. Quinn announced a conservation initiative to expand and improve open space in the Calumet area. Staff from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will provide an overview of the initiative, discuss its expected outcomes, and indicate how it relates to other planning efforts in the Calumet area.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

8.0 Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision Update

Chicago Wilderness is a regional alliance of conservation organizations. In 2004 it produced a planning document called the "Green Infrastructure Vision" that indicates the most important areas of the region to protect; the document ultimately became a major part of GO TO 2040. CMAP and Chicago Wilderness partnered to revise and update the analyses supporting this planning document. Staff will present an overview of the project and potential applications for the data.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

9.0 Connecting Transportation and Land Use through the Central Lake County Corridor: IL 53 and 120

In September 2011, the Illinois Tollway convened the 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC) with the intent to provide consensus on whether the Tollway should construct the 53/120 facility and, if so, what the design, scope and financing of the project should be. On May 18, 2012, the BRAC approved a consensus document that addressed roadway design, environmental performance standards, financing, and corridor-wide land use and transportation planning. The BRAC and consensus document represent a significant step forward for the project, representing

the first time the environmental groups, community leaders, transportation providers, economic development advocates, and other major stakeholders have agreed on the need and a design solution for the 53/120 project. During the BRAC process, CMAP staff provided significant assistance to the council. At today's meeting, staff will present detailed information on CMAP's role in the process, with a focus on future land use and value capture financing strategies.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

10.0 State Legislative Update

After the 2011 veto session and several January perfunctory sessions, during which more than 1,000 bills were introduced, the 97th General Assembly officially began its 2012 session on January 31. Staff will present initial bills which follow [CMAP's 2012 State Legislative Framework](#) or that are of interest to CMAP and its partners. Since the session is just getting underway, subsequent reports will include more relevant and appropriate information of these and other bills as they are introduced, including more detailed reviews, and if necessary CMAP's recommended position.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

11.0 Other Business

12.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The Chair will recognize non-committee members as appropriate. Non-committee members wishing to address the Committee should so signify by raising their hand in order to be recognized by the Chair. The Chair will have discretion to limit discussion.

13.0 Next Meeting- October 10, 2012

14.0 Adjournment

Committee Members:

___ Elliott Hartstein, chair
___ Frank Beal
___ Roger Claar
___ Sheri Cohen
___ Jack Darin

___ Michael Gorman
___ Christine Kolb
___ Al Larson
___ Andrew Madigan
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