



Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower
Chicago, IL 60606

Committee Members Present: Matt Maloney (CMAP), Keith Sherman (IDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Beth McCluskey (Metra), Brian Giblin (CTA)*, David Seglin (City of Chicago), Lorraine Snorden (Pace), Leon Rockingham (Council of Mayors), Jim Fiorito (CTA), Tom Rickert (Counties), Reginald Arkell (FTA)*

*Alternate Member

Staff Present: Dolores Dowdle, Joey Silberhorn

Others Present: Bruce Christensen (Lake Co), Jan Ward (Kane/Kendall COM), Steve Lazzara (Will Co), David Raso (Metra), Tammy Wierciak (WCMC), Kevin O'Malley (CTA), Mike Connelly (CTA), Jason Ciavarella (RTA), Jamy Lyne (Will County)

1.0 Call to Order

Keith Sherman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

The CTA announced that the funds from their '08 project, Optimize Customer Access to Real-Time Info, can be added to the FY12 amount, which will increase the mark to \$15.9 million total for programming.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-January 11, 2010

The minutes were approved, with one change: Reginald Arkell listed as being present instead of David Werner.

4.0 FY 2012 Competitive Program

Each of the submitting agencies – CTA, City of Chicago, Will County, and RTA – summarized their project proposals. CTA submitted two proposals (Red Line extension EIS and Red Line modernization EIS). Mr. Connelly said that these have the same level of priority. Concerns were raised about whether work related to Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) is eligible for planning funds. Mr. Connelly stated that they would need to have a draft EIS approved before moving on to the preliminary engineering phase of the two projects. Mr. Sherman said that the committee should review the rules set by FTA/FHWA to determine eligibility. Some members raised concern about whether this would set a precedent for the UWP process. For now, the committee can assume the projects are eligible for these funds. More information will be given to the committee before the next meeting.

The City submitted six proposals. For the Union Station Master Plan Phase III, concerns were raised regarding whether this was planning or more design. Mr. Seglin replied that the project entailed doing track simulations etc to determine if the West Loop Center was needed or if Union Station could be expanded. Mr. Maloney pointed out that Phase II hasn't started expending funds. Mr. Seglin said that Phase I & III need to be done concurrently – Phase II needs info from Phase III to move forward.

Will County submitted two projects. There were concerns raised over whether or not the Eastern Will County Coordinated Comprehensive Plan should be funded with UWP money, because there is a large land use component and whether there are other funding sources that would be better suited for this project. Ms. Lyne said that they had talked to both CMAP and RTA about project; in terms of CMAP's Local Assistance program Mr. Maloney said that scalability might be an issue. Both the Plan and the IL Route 53 Corridor Plan are of equal importance to the county; Mr. Lazzara said that they are open to adjusting amounts if necessary.

RTA submitted four projects. For the Operating Cost Impacts of Capital Projects, concerns were raised about whether this was duplicating work that other service boards were already doing. Mr. Pitstick replied that it would be formalized across all agencies. For the Regional Interagency Fare Model project, it would align with work the CTA is doing and the reason for the high cost is due to survey work.

For the scoring process, each agency votes on all projects except their own submissions. Projects are scored 1,2 or 3 and they are due Friday, March 18th.

5.0 Next Meeting – March, 22, 2011 at 10 a.m.

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Maloney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Matt Maloney
CMAP