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Unified Work Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

10:00 AM

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
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Committee Members Present:

*Alternate Member

Matt Maloney (CMAP), Jim Stack*
(IDOT), Beth McCluskey (Metra),
David Simmons (CTA), Mark Pitstick*
(RTA), John Donovan* (FWHA), Brian
Giblin* (CTA), Sid Weseman (RTA)

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Dolores Dowdle,
Annie Byrne

Others Present:

Kama Dobbs (DMMC), Tammy
Wiercak (WCMC), David Raso (Metra),
Jan Ward (Counties), Dave Tomzik
(Pace)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Jim Stack.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-March 10, 2009

The April 7th meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the
Committee.

4.0 FY 2010 UWP Program and Public Comment

There was no public comment and no additional comments on the program. Mr. Maloney requested the committee members review the program a final time to ensure its accuracy.

5.0 RTA Re-Programming of FY 2008 and FY 2008 UWP Funds

The RTA provided the committee with a memo requesting unobligated 2007 and 2008 funds be reprogrammed. The funds were originally programmed for the “Cook-DuPage Corridor Systems Alternatives Analysis” project. Mr. Pitstick explained this project is no longer moving forward at this point, and the 2009 project “Regional Travel Markets and System Assessment” has insufficient funds for completion. It was requested the funds be reprogrammed from the Cook DuPage Corridor Study to the Regional Travel Markets project.

The committee and others present discussed this request at length. The WCMC expressed significant concern over the reprogramming request. The WCMC believes completing the Cook DuPage Corridor Study, under RTA’s leadership, is critical. There is concern that important elements of the study will be lost or underutilized without RTA’s continued participation.

Mr. Maloney mentioned that the projects identified so far in the study would be considered in CMAP’s evaluation of major capital projects in the *GO TO 2040* Plan. From CMAP’s point of view, the Cook DuPage Corridor Study, while unfinished, has still produced findings of value for input to the long range planning process.

The Committee ultimately decided that given the concerns voiced by the WCMC and in the absence of the Council of Mayor representation on the Committee at this meeting, that this decision should be tabled until the next meeting.

6.0 Agency Progress Reports and Expenditure Reports for FY ’08 and FY ’09 Projects (Progress for 3rd Quarter FY’09)

6.1 Overview of Expenditures to Date

Mr. Maloney explained that now that this process has been in place for over a year, expenditure and progress reports should be used in awarding future UWP funds. Mr. Maloney explained that the FHWA/FTA MPO certification is particularly interested in how the Committee is using past progress to determine future awards. Mr. Maloney said that developing metrics for this process is something the Committee should begin discussing at the next meeting.

6.2 Agency Presentations on UWP Project Progress

Mr. Maloney explained that similar to CMAP’s presentation at the last meeting, this is an opportunity for each committee to present the progress made on UWP projects in the current and previous fiscal year. The City of Chicago and the

Counties were unrepresented at this meeting. They will be responsible for discussing their project progress at the next UWP meeting.

Each committee member gave a brief presentation noting where significant funds have not been expended. A common issue is based in the administration and accounting; committee members explained often funds are expended but due to the lengthy processing time, it appears they are not. Mr. Maloney stressed the importance in resolving this issue.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

It was confirmed the committee will have a special meeting after June 9 to discuss RTA's reprogramming request and for the City of Chicago to present its progress. Mr. Maloney will email the date once it has been decided.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Maloney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Maloney
CMAP

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