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# MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2008

**1.0** Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The following persons were in attendance:

# **Executive Committee and Elected Officials**

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman

Batavia, Kane

Mayor Nick Churnovick

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**President Kerry Cummings** 

Glenview, North Shore

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Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin

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Riverside, Central

Mayor Eugene Williams

Lynwood, South

# <u>Transportation Operators and Planning Officials</u>

Leonard Cannata Liaison, North Central Bruce Christensen Liaison, Lake Council

Chris DiPalma FHWA

Kama Dobbs Liaison, DuPage Mayors and Managers Heidi Files Liaison, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Bud Fleming Liaison, South Suburban Mayors and Managers

Pat Higgins West Central Municipal Conference
Chalen Hunter Liaison, McHenry Council of Mayors
Tam Kutzmark Liaison, DuPage Mayors and Managers
Hugh O'Hara Liaison, Will County Gov. League
Ed Paesel South Suburban Mayors and Managers

Chad Riddle IDOT, Local Roads Al Rigoni Village of Skokie

Holly Smith

Vicky Smith

Chris Staron

Mike Walczak

Liaison, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Liaison, Southwest Conference of Mayors

Liaison, North Shore Council of Mayors

Liaison, Northwest Council of Mayors

## **CMAP Staff**

Patricia Berry Programming

Claire Bozic Research & Analysis
Janet Bright Council of Mayors Liaison

Bob Dean Planning Parry Frank Programming

Don Kopec Deputy Director for Programming

Tom Murtha Programming
Tim Loftus Programming
Holly Ostdick Programming

Gordon Smith Deputy Director for External Affairs

# 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

An advanced funding request for Lake Council of Mayors was added.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

The November 6, 2007 minutes were approved on a motion by President Larson and second by Mayor Mulder.

#### 4.0 Surface Transportation Program (STP)

4.1 Mr. Chad Riddle gave a summary of the November, January and March state and local lettings. He said the November letting had 2 projects valued at \$3.2 million, the January letting had 10 projects with \$10.7 million and it is expected the March letting will have 8 projects with a total of \$7.8 million in STP funds. Mr. Riddle reported that monies are being spent and projects are getting done. He also stated that there should be enough appropriations left for the April letting and that mechanisms are in place to borrow from other sources if necessary.

## 4.2 Active Program Management

The committee was informed of meetings held with members to familiarize them on the process of Active Program Management. They were also told of the importance of spending allocated funds to meet critical transportation needs and to enter federal reauthorization with zero balances so they would not be subject to rescissions if they were to occur.

# 4.3 Advanced Funding North Shore Advanced Funding Lake

The committee approved an advanced funding request of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the North Shore Council in the amount of \$780,740 for 2 projects. Morton Grove requested \$601,520 for their Austin Avenue LAPP project and Skokie requested \$179,220 for right-of-way needed for their Golf/Skokie project. The committee also approved an advanced funding request for the Lake Council of Mayors in the amount of \$6,730,163 for the City of North Chicago's Martin Luther King Drive project.

# 4.4 City/Suburban STP Distribution

The committee was given an update on the STP negotiation meeting held with representatives from the City of Chicago and the Executive Committee STP Subcommittee members. Chairman Schielke reported that both sides agreed to talk to their leadership about the proposed new STP split formula, which includes 5% off the top to City of Chicago projects of regional significance. The balance would be split 55% to suburban areas and 45% to the City of Chicago. The mayors asked for an explanation on the process for determining "City of Chicago projects of regional significance." The chairman replied that the city would develop criteria for identifying those projects and propose an initial list. He said the committee would have an opportunity to review the list to ensure it was comprised of projects that are mutually agreed upon. Committee members determined that a larger share of the state's transportation program should be allocated to northeastern Illinois. They decided that representatives from the 7 counties be solicited to ask them to request a larger percentage of those funds. The committee then approved the proposed funding split, which is subject to concurrence by the City of Chicago.

Mr. Don Kopec gave an overview of the report from the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. He informed the committee that the current administration is not in favor of all the recommendations from the report in which 108 federal programs will be reduced to 10. He said that performance standards are advocated to implement the funding in those 10 program categories. The report indicated a need for an increase in the gas tax between 25 to 40 cents per gallon over a five year period. The report indicated that eventually a replacement of the gas tax would be necessary. Also called for were a streamlining of the project delivery process, noting that it oftentimes takes 20 years to implement a project; the deployment of congestion pricing, and a greater use of public-private partnerships. He noted that the administration did not agree with all the elements of the report, particularly the need to significantly increase the gas tax.

# **5.0 FY2009 UWP (Transportation Planning Funds)**

Mayor Podgorski presented the two Unified Work Program proposals for the FY2009 cycle that were submitted for the Council of Mayors Planning Liaison program. He said a 5% increase in funding for the Planning Liaison program core project requested a matched amount of \$1,343,015. He also explained a second proposal requesting a 5% increase for a discretionary project to assist CMAP with the comprehensive planning activities throughout the region for a matched amount of \$191,859. He then reviewed the Planning Liaison Scope of Services which includes the work to assist CMAP. The committee approved the submittal of the UWP proposals and the Planning Liaison Scope of Services.

## 6.0 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Update

Mr. Gordon Smith informed the committee that a Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) subcommittee was formed to develop a process for addressing DRIs. He stated that as the process moves forward, the committee will be given an opportunity to comment on criteria and indicators that are developed for determining how DRIs will be handled.

## 7.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Bob Dean stated that the current initiative for the Regional Comprehensive Plan is the development of a description of where we want the region to be in 2040. He said that there will also be indicators developed that can be used to measure the region's progress toward the regional vision. He said the Plan has to incorporate land use and housing and will also look for models that can give freight indicators. He urged the committee to continue to be involved in the process.

## 8.0 Regional Water Supply Planning Update

Mr. Tim Loftus gave an overview of the Regional Water-Supply planning effort that calls for a comprehensive program for state and regional water supply planning and management. He informed the committee that CMAP has been commissioned by the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources to facilitate a process for an 11-county planning area in northeastern Illinois. He then told the committee that if conservation is to take root, the message will need to come from the political level. He stated that the plan is due on July 1, 2009 and urged the committee to follow the process as it develops. Chairman Schielke noted the great interest in the water planning effort, reflected by the discussion, and stated that it was an indication of the other aspects of what CMAP is about.

## 9.0 Safety Data Update

Mr. Tom Murtha told the committee there is an increased level of focus on safety. He said it is helpful to have data available to make the highway system work better. He stated that fewer crashes can reduce congestion. Mr. Parry Frank asked the committee to have their city engineers' look at areas where there is a high volume of crashes. He informed the committee that he is currently developing a tool that municipalities can use to determine where the problem areas are. Mr. Frank said there could possibly be funding available to improve problem areas.

# 10.0 Congestion Reduction Demonstration

Mr. Tom Murtha informed the committee that on behalf of the Illinois Tollway, IDOT, RTA and Pace, CMAP submitted the region's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for consideration in its Congestion Reduction Demonstration. He stated that USDOT is continuing to pursue programs aimed at reducing congestion within metropolitan regions. He further stated that the proposal contains a number of elements, but its focus is on a demonstration in the Northwest Corridor on roadway pricing and supporting strategies to reduce congestion. President Cummings said the Northwest Municipal Conference will put together a position paper on this demonstration project and submit it to CMAP.

#### 11.0 Other Business

There was none.

# 12.0 Public Comment

There was none.

#### 13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is "On Call"

## 14.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.