



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Regional Transportation Operations Coalition

Draft Minutes

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RTA Board Room  
175 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

**Present:** Claire Bozic Chair-CMAP, Phillip Bobitz – FHWA, Michael Bolton - Pace Bus, Chris DiPalma – FHWA, Abraham Emmanuel – CDOT, Christina Kupkowski - Will County Department of Highways, Matt Letourneau – URS, Jon Nelson - Lake County DOT, Chris Staron - Northwest Municipal Conference, David Tomzik (Phone) - Pace Bus, Steve Travia - IDOT Traffic, Gerry Tumbali – RTA, David Zattero – CDOT, David Ziesemer - DuPage DOT Traffic, Keith Privett - CDOT, Rich Jezierny – Cook County Highway Department, Chuck Sikaras (Phone) – IDOT ITS, Kristen Anderson – Metra, Ken Selvig - GTT, Jim LaMantia -

**Staff Present:** Tom Murtha, Todd Schmidt, Parry Frank

### 1.0 Call to Order

Claire Bozic, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

### 3.0 Presentation of CMAQ Operations Project Packages

Mr. Murtha presented several options of focused program packages that RTOC could support that advance GO TO 2040. RTOC has been tasked to recommend projects or a group of projects to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee that will have a coherent, identifiable achievement over the five year CMAQ programming schedule. The focused programming packages included:

- Congestion Management System Improvements
- Railroad Grade Separation Improvements
- Highway System Modernization (ITS)
- Transit Signal Priority and TSP Supportive Highway Improvements
- Roundabouts
- Arterial Corridors
- Operations Programs

Ms. Bozic presented an alternative way to rank all operations related project proposals submitted through the call for CMAQ projects. The initial project screening criteria was based on geography. If the proposed project was **not** located on the CMP system or

proposed TSP system or identified by a county as congested it was excluded from the ranking. Then all the projects that were located on a system were ranked based on high accident location, high travel time index, high vehicles per lane, and high crash severity locations.

The group discussed the project packages and agreed the Arterial Corridors and Highway System Modernization (ITS) packages were the two preferred packages. The group inquired if the project packages should be prioritized and each project within each package needs to be prioritized. CMAP staff responded that the group should focus on one or two project packages. CMAP staff was directed to add a column to the project screening spreadsheet for each package.

The group also discussed package 7 in more detail. Many other operations issues were brought up in this discussion including:

- Far side bus stops
- On-street parking management
- Incident management, specifically closing facilities for fatal accidents
- Regional data integration

The group would like staff to expand package 7 and include details about each priority. They would also like staff to draft memos of support for the priorities mentioned in package 7. CMAP staff responded they would add details for each priority and will have internal discussion on which operations issues CMAP.

CMAP staff requested that participants rank the proposed CMAQ projects and send them to Ms. Bozic by Tuesday June 21. The staff will compile the data and will present it at the next RTOC meeting. RTOC needs to decide on a package of projects to support at the next meeting.

#### **4.0 Other Business**

No other business discussed.

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **6.0 Next Meeting**

The RTOC meets next on Monday, June 27, 2011, 1:00 p.m. CST at CMAP offices.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted

Todd Schmidt  
Committee Liaison