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Teleconference & Cook County Conference Room

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Present: Claire Bozic Chair-CMAP, Phillip Bobitz – FHWA, Michael Bolton - Pace Bus, Bruce Carmitchell – IDOT, Chris DiPalma – FHWA, Abraham Emmanuel – CDOT, Christina Kupkowski - Will County Department of Highways, Matt Letourneau – URS, Jon Nelson - Lake County DOT, Sue Rhomberg - Private Citizen, Chris Staron - Northwest Municipal Conference, Tom Szabo - Kane County DOT, David Tomzik - Pace Bus, Steve Travia - IDOT Traffic, Gerry Tumbali – RTA, Thomas Weaver – Metra, David Zattero – CDOT, David Ziesemer - DuPage DOT Traffic

Staff Present: Tom Murtha, Todd Schmidt, Patricia Berry

1.0 Call to Order

Claire Bozic, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Thomas Murtha was added as a presenter to the agenda.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with a correction suggested by Chuck Sikaras.

4.0 Presentation of Operations Strategies and CMAQ Direct Programming

Mr. Murtha gave a presentation on congestion and operations strategies (posted on website). At the conclusion the group discussed whether it would be appropriate to “direct program” a CMAQ application for any of the strategies he had presented, or whether he had missed any. Congestion detection, PSAPS integration, and traveler information were added. The group agreed that PSAPS integration would improve incident management and traveler information and was a realistic direct programming project to pursue. CMAP staff agreed to work on an application for this project.

5.0 Presentation of CMAQ Application Information and Project Screening Data

Ms. Bozic presented a spreadsheet which included the bottleneck elimination, intersection improvement, signal interconnect and the two “other” projects which were adaptive signal control applications. She explained what the fields on the sheet were, and what the entered codes meant. She noted that “safety” had not yet been filled in and

would include information on accident frequencies the various location taken from the IDOT reports.

On a purely geographic basis, she had assigned priorities 0 (low) to 4 (highest) to the projects based on whether the projects were on the Congestion Management System (CMP) facilities, whether the project was on the Transit Signal Priority plan roadways, and whether they had been identified as congested locations by the county DOT staff. The list included 152 projects. 66 were not on the CMP system (priority 0), with nine of these being identified as congested locations. 40 were on both CMP and TSP system (priority 4), 20 of these were identified as congested. 9 applications were on CMP only and also identified as congested (priority 3). 35 applications were only on CMP (priority 2), not identified as congested and not on the TSP system. No projects had been assigned to priority 1 yet.

These were intended to be a starting point for the discussion as they reflected the geographic aspect of criteria the group had agreed upon earlier. The group discussed the prioritization system and also that the other project types would still be reviewed by the committee. Staff agreed to add the safety data to the spreadsheet and include a code sheet describing what the various fields represented. This will be completed and sent to the group, who should review the categorization and think about additional prioritizing/reprioritizing that should take place.

6.0 Other Business

Gerry Tumbali reminded the group of the upcoming NTI course hosted by RTA. The topic is Systems Engineering for Technology Projects at and is scheduled for May 24-25. It will not be at the Midland Hotel.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

The RTOC meets next on Thursday, June 9, 2011, 9:30 a.m. CST at the Regional Transportation Authority offices.

9.0 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Claire Bozic

Acting, Committee Liaison