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Regional Transportation Operations Coalition
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DuPage County Conference Room
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Present: Claire Bozic Chair-CMAP, Michael Bolton - Pace Bus, John Benda – ISHTA, Chris DiPalma – FHWA, Jon Nelson - Lake County DOT, Steve Travia - IDOT, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT, Gerry Tumbali – RTA, David Zavattero – CDOT, David Ziesemer (phone) - DuPage DOT, Rich Jezierny – Cook County Highway Department, Christina Kupkowski – WCHD, Kevin Price – IDOT ITS, Ken Selvig - GTT, Jim LaMantia, Sue Rhomberg, Mark Pistick – RTA, Thomas Szabo – Kane County DOT, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Bill Baer – Traffic Control Corporation, Mitch Bright – Traffic Control Corporation

Staff Present: Parry Frank, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Jose Rodriguez, Todd Schmidt

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

2.0   Agenda changes and announcements
No agenda changes or announcements at this time

3.0   Approval of Minutes
The minutes were approved.

4.0   Review CMAQ Project Package
Todd Schmidt provided an overview of the projects selected for the 5 year CMAQ Program and CMAQ Multi-Year B program. RTOC developed a program of projects consisting of the following four key groups: System modernization and ITS, corridor recommendations, special projects, and operations program. The operations program group did not have any proposed CMAQ projects this year, but the priorities identified in this section should be used as a basis for operations program development in the next several years.

Only three out of the 72 RTOC recommended proposed projects were not selected for either the 5 year CMAQ Program or the CMAQ Multi-Year B program. Overall, 53 of the RTOC recommended projects were selected for the multi-year CMAQ program with a total of $136,197,700 in CMAQ funding. There were 15 of the RTOC recommended

projects selected for the multi-year B (MYB) CMAQ program with a total of $37,076,730 in CMAQ funding.

The group wanted to know how projects moved from the CMAQ MYB list to the CMAQ A list. Ms. Ostdick told the group that the number one priority of the CMAQ program is to accomplish CMAQ A list projects. However project implementers can request funding for their project to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee (CMAQ PSC) if significant progress is made. Significant progress is project specific, in the one case where a CMAQ MYB project was included in the program is when PHI was completed with local funds and PHII was to be funded by local funding if Construction was moved off the CMAQ MYB list into the CMAQ A list. Numerous factors will be considered if a request to move a project off the MYB list is made; those include but are not limited to funding availability and the status of implementers projects on the CMAQ A list. In no way is accomplishing pre construction activities with local funds guarantee movement from the CMAQ MYB list to the CMAQ A list.

Chris DiPalma commended the RTOC and CMAP on all its hard work and felt this was a step forward in the federal perspective. He believes the next federal transportation bill will focus on accountability and would really like for the project sponsors awarded with projects to do before and after studies. The group discussed the possibility of doing before and after studies and what performance measures would be used. The issue of data availability post project implementation was also discussed. Steve Travia shared that reports are available after projects. Mark Pistick agreed that staff should do a small study to analyze if true benefits are realized after project implementation. CMAP staff will pick a small selection of completed CMAQ funded projects and see what data is available. If post project data is available staff will look towards RTOC for direction.

5.0   CMAP ADUS Update

Ms. Bozic shared with the group CMAP plans to update the regional data archive in the coming year. The current data archive demonstration is lacking real analysis capabilities and CMAP would like to add useful analysis capabilities that our partners will find useful. Notecards were passed out to the group and asked to fill it out
"User should be able to _____ because _____"

The group discussed and provided example user stories. A list of the archive user stories provided can be found online (http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/regional-transportation-operations-coalition/minutes). CMAP will be reaching out to members of RTOC to create a committee to help develop a 5 year archive work plan.

6.0   Data for Programming Decisions

Mr. Murtha provided a brief overview of this new project CMAP will be working on. CMAP is implementing GO TO 2040, which calls for decision making models to evaluate potential transportation investments in the region. The project will initially

focus on the examination of what data is available for the region and how that data can be used to support programming decisions.

7.0   ITS Architecture Update

Tom Murtha noted that CMAP staff has identified some deficiencies in the current architecture and would like to make an update. Some of the deficiencies include dealing with major incidents and travel management. The update will also help clarify how some projects will fit into the ITS architecture. Claire Bozic said that the regional ITS Architecture was missing individual project architectures. A date will be set for the ATTF to meet and discuss the update.

8.0   Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Self-Assessment (SA)

Mr. DiPalma shared the regions TIM self-assessment results with the group. The results were good, but there was a lack of formal agreements between the agencies (ISHTA, ISOT, and CDOT). The TIM SA is designed to be a tool to for measuring TIM program performance in urban areas. The performance measures that the TIM SA uses include roadway clearance time, incident clearance time, and number of secondary crashes. John told the group that the region did a great job, but it falls short the further from the city. Steve Travia said that communications between operating agencies have improved and continue to improve.

9.0   PSAP

Tom Murtha would like to identify the top PSAP centers in the region and see if they are communicating with transportation operators in the region. David Zavattero asked if anyone knew what kind of data these centers collect and are they willing to share the data. Jon Nelson told the group that Lake County is currently connected to 3 PSAP centers and are working on connecting to 5 more. John Benda also mentioned that there is a group of PSAP operators that meet and that CMAP staff should contact them.

10.0   Other Business

Steve Travia provided a brief update on a proposed extension of the IDOT Minutemen program. The program would be extended down I-55 and I-80 and will cost 4-5 million a year. It would be ideal to have the extension of the IDOT Minutemen program coincide with Pace's new bus on shoulder program.

11.0   Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12.0   Next Meeting

Next RTOC meeting will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011, 9:30 a.m. CST at CMAP offices.

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

Respectfully submitted

Todd Schmidt
Committee Liaison