



MPO Policy Committee

Minutes

May 12, 2014

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Kay Batey – Federal Highway Administration, Frank Beal – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Michael Connelly - Chicago Transit Authority, Tom Cuculich – DuPage County, Elliott Hartstein – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Charles Ingersoll - Illinois Department of Transportation, Joe Korpalski – McHenry County, Rich Kwasneski – Pace, , Chris Lauzen - Kane County, Aaron Lawlor - Lake County, Don Orseno – Metra, Leanne Redden – Regional Transportation Authority, Rebekah Scheinfeld – Chicago Department of Transportation, Jeffery Schielke - Council of Mayors, Marisol Simon – Federal Transit Administration, Larry Walsh – Will County, Jeff Wilkins – Kendall County, John Yonan - Cook County, Rocco Zuccherro – Illinois Tollway

MPO Policy Committee Members Absent:

Wes Lujan – Class I Railroads, John McCarthy – Private Providers

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Jesse Elam, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostidick, Ross Patronsky, Todd Schmidt, Andrew Williams – Clark, Lindsay Hollander

Others Present:

Brian Carlson – Illinois Department of Transportation, Bruce Carmitchel – Illinois Department of Transportation, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra, Shelia Clements – Federal Transit Administration, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County Council of Mayors, John Donovan, Federal Highway Administration, Tony Greep – Federal Transit Administration, Alicia Hanlon – Will County Executive’s Office, Pete Harmet – Illinois Department of Transportation, Jessica Hecter-Hsu – Regional Transportation Authority, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration, Dean Mentjes – Federal Highway Administration, Nick Palmer – Will County Executive’s Office, Mark Pitstick – Regional Transportation Authority, David Seglin - Chicago Department of Transportation, Karen Shoup - Illinois Department of Transportation, Chris Staron – Northwest Municipal Conference, Paula Trigg – Lake County, Mike Walczak – North West Municipal Conference,

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Vice-Chairman Lawlor called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Kopec announced that the CMAP Board will be considering a change to the bylaws to allow alternates at their meeting on May 14, 2014.

Mr. Blankenhorn announced that Matthew Maloney, Deputy Chief of Staff is moving on and thanked him for his service.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2014

Mr. Kopec stated that item 6.0 should be revised to state that changes to the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board would be addressed. A motion was made by Mr. Zucchero seconded by Mr. Ingersoll. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried approving the minutes of March 13, 2014 as amended.

4.0 USDOT Certification

Ms. Simon stated she and Ms. Batey and their staff participated in the quadrennial certification review of the regional planning process in the Chicago urban area. She stated there was a leadership change in the USDOT with a new Secretary who is a former Mayor and was involved with MPOs. She also stated that planning emphasis areas were sent to each MPO from the USDOT and that more information such as that should be anticipated. She introduced Mr. Donovan to give an overview of the certification process and recommendations for the regional planning process in the Chicago urban area. Mr. Cuculich congratulated Mr. Kopec and Mr. Blankenhorn for putting together a great staff.

5.0 Smoothed Urbanized Area Boundaries

Ms. Berry stated the urbanized boundaries for the census designated urban areas within CMAP's planning area were adjusted to smoothed lines. She stated the CMAP Transportation Committee recommended approval to the MPO Policy Committee at their March 2014 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Mayor Schielke with a vote of all ayes, the smoothed urbanized area boundaries were approved.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Update

Mr. Williams-Clark stated that staff is moving forward with the GO TO 2040 update and the latest product includes the plan summary, which is available at the member's seats. He requested comments by May 23, 2014. He continued by introducing Lindsay Hollander to report on the financial plan.

6.1 Financial Plan

Ms. Hollander reported that the financial plan estimates were updated after discussions with regional stakeholders, including IDOT. She stated the roadway capital maintenance forecast was decreased based on new information. She continued to say that the regional registration fee that was considered as a reasonably expected revenue was removed from the financial plan. This led to a positive balance of approximately \$3.4 billion for anticipated costs to achieve a state of good repair and implement systematic enhancements. She continued by stating that the allocation of funding to achieve the state of good repair and

systematic enhancements is 8% and 3% for the accomplishment of major capital projects.

6.2 Major Capital Projects

Mr. Elam stated that the proposed major capital projects are the same as those in GO TO 2040 with the exception of the three already completed and two that were amended into GO TO 2040 after its adoption. He stated the non-reconstruction elements are approximately \$12.3 billion and with the reconstruction elements, the costs are similar to the amount allotted in GO TO 2040.

7.0 Other Business

Mr. Schielke stated that municipalities in the CMAP region are in deep financial trouble and adjustments to receiving funding from CMAP makes it more difficult to meet the needs of their communities. Mr. Hartstein echoed that funding is limited and it is important to support the reasonably expected revenues included in the financial plan. Vice-Chairman Lawlor stated that in Lake County it is evident that there is a cost shift to locals for operating and public safety services. Mr. Kwasneski stated that legislation expanding the I-55 Bus-On-Shoulder program is moving forward and thanked the members for their support.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Closed Session – IOMA Section 2 (c)(11)

On a motion by Mr. Korpalski and seconded by Mr. Lauzen the committee entered into a closed session under IOMA Section 2 (c)(11). On a motion by Mayor Schielke seconded by Mr. Lauzen, the closed session ended.

10.0 Next Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Korpalski, seconded by Mr. Zucchero, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.