



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item 3.0

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### **MPO Policy Committee**

**Draft Minutes**

**June 12, 2014**

**Cook County Conference Room**

**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**

**Chicago, Illinois**

#### **MPO Policy Committee Members Present:**

Ann Schneider, MPO Policy Committee Chair-representing the Illinois Department of Transportation, Aaron Lawlor MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair-representing Lake County, Michael Connelly-representing the Chicago Transit Authority, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Alicia Hanlon-representing Will County, Chris Lauzen-representing Kane County, Aimee Lee-representing the Illinois Tollway, John McCarthy-representing the Private Providers, Don Orseno-representing Metra, Leanne Redden-representing the Regional Transportation Authority, Rebekah Scheinfeld-representing the Chicago Department of Transportation, T.J. Ross-representing Pace, John Yonan-representing Cook County and non-voting members Kay Batey-representing the Federal Highway Administration, Sheila Clements-representing the Federal Transit Administration.

#### **MPO Policy Committee Members Absent:**

Frank Beal-representing the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Elliott Hartstein-representing the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Tina Hill-representing McHenry County, John Shaw-representing Kendall County, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, and Wes Lujan-representing the Class I Railroads.

#### **Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Patricia Berry, Jesse Elam, Andrew Williams-Clark, Lindsay Hollander, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patrosky, Arthur Prokosch, and Todd Schmidt.

#### **Others Present:**

Lynette Ciavarella-Metra, Tony Greep-Federal Transit Administration, Luann Hamilton-Chicago Department of Transportation, Charles Ingersoll-Illinois Department of Transportation, Dan Johnson-Midwest High Speed Rail Association, Mike Klemens-Will County Governmental League, Clairi Manley-Citizen, Mark Pitstick-Regional Transportation Authority, Tom Rickert-Kane County Division of Transportation, Chris Schmidt-Illinois Department of Transportation, David Seglin-Chicago Department of Transportation, Karen Shoup-Illinois Department of Transportation, Paula Trigg-Lake County Division of Transportation, Thomas Vander Woude-South Suburban Mayors and

Managers Association, Mike Walczak–Northwest Municipal Conference, and David Werner–Federal Transit Administration.

## **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

MPO Policy Committee Chair, Secretary Ann Schneider, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and asked MPO Policy Committee members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Lawlor was seconded by Mr. Oseno to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting of the MPO Policy Committee as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Agency Reports**

### **4.1 Council of Mayors' Report**

Ms. Berry reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on May 20. They discussed most of the items on today's agenda, particularly the GO TO 2040 plan update. The mayors also discussed the current Local Technical Assistance program call for projects and were asked for input on the LTA program as it has been implemented. The response was very positive.

They considered and approved advanced STP funding, facilitating addressing the region's transportation needs and spending the federal money programmed by the local elected officials.

The Mayors heard presentations on current major capital projects from IDOT and the Illinois Tollway. The RTA discussed the agencies' current responsibilities, what the future may hold for transit in the region, and what the mayors can do to help.

With MAP-21 expiring and the dire needs of the region, it was agreed that a letter to our federal delegation on behalf of the Council of Mayors is in order. That letter, citing CMAP's reauthorization principles on today's agenda, will be sent this week.

### **4.2 CMAP Board Report**

Ms. Redden said there have been three CMAP board meetings she would report on. The April CMAP Board meeting included the final report from the Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force. The Board considered a revised MOU to allow for an alternate representative from the MPO Policy Committee, and discussed the Regional Tax Policy Principles.

In May, the CMAP Board approved the revised MOU allowing the MPO Policy Committee to appoint one of its members to serve as an alternate to the non-voting member they appoint to the CMAP Board, discussed the USDOT Certification Review, and the GO TO 2040 update.

In June, the CMAP Board discussed the budget, the GO TO 2040 update, transportation reauthorization principles, and the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force final report.

#### 4.3 CMAP Staff Report

Mr. Kopec reported that on June 2, 2014 USDOT published the proposed statewide and metropolitan planning regulations in the Federal Register. The MAP-21 continues many provisions related to transportation planning from prior laws, but also introduces some significant changes. These proposed rules implement those changes. Mr. Kopec stated there are two significant changes addressed by these regulations, one of which the region already complies with and the other we have been advocating and working on for several years. The latter addresses the issue of Performance-Based Planning and Programming, which you have heard about at CMAP for some time now. MAP-21 transformed the federal-aid highway program and the federal transit program by requiring a transition to a performance-driven, outcome-based program that provides for a greater level of transparency and accountability, improved project decision-making, and more efficient investment of federal transportation funds. The other change is a requirement that public transit providers be represented on the MPO – which we have done for decades. June 2, 2014 began a 90-day comment period on the proposed rules. He encouraged the committee to review these proposed regulations and provide comments as appropriate.

Mr. Kopec said staff is currently conducting a process review and evaluation of the CMAQ program and will be making some recommendations for improvements to the programming process. This work is being done in anticipation of the call for projects in January 2015.

The active program management policies for the CMAQ program that were put in place by the MPO Policy Committee in 2012 are proving quite effective. For the second year in a row we will likely exceed the region's obligation goal. The amount of unobligated funds in this program has been substantially reduced. Since the adoption of the policies, the unobligated balance has decreased from \$300 million to less than \$150 million.

In conclusion, Mr. Kopec reviewed some of the statistics associated with the LTA program. Currently, CMAP has:

- 137 projects funded
- 73 projects completed
- 53 projects fully underway
- 11 projects will be initiated in the near future

Among the projects are six bicycle and pedestrian projects, three parking studies, two transportation plans and a transit plan. Additionally, many of the comprehensive plans have a strong transportation component.

CMAP is currently accepting proposals for new projects in conjunction with the RTA and its Community Planning Program. A single application is used for both programs. Applications are due Thursday, June 26.

CMAP Executive Director Blankenhorn announced that this was Mr. Kopec’s last MPO Policy Committee meeting as Kopec is retiring in mid-July. Blankenhorn thanked Kopec for his many years of service to CATS and to CMAP and noted that Kopec is a national leader in the field. The MPO Policy Committee and audience recognized Mr. Kopec with a standing ovation. Mr. Kopec thanked all for the good wishes.

**5.0 Nominating Committee for the Office of Vice Chairman**

MPO Policy Committee Chair Secretary Schneider appointed the following to serve as the nominating committee to make a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee at its next meeting naming the vice chair:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Mayor Schielke	Municipal Government or Municipal Corporation
John Yonan	Highway or Roads Administration
Rich Kwasneski	Public Transportation Agency or Other Transportation Provider
Frank Beal	Regional Planning Agency
Tom Cuculich	County Government

**6.0 Fiscal Year 2015 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

CMAP staff Dolores Dowdle summarized the 2015 Unified Work Program and stated that the UWP Committee and Transportation Committee recommend approval by the MPO Policy Committee. A motion by Ms. Redden was seconded by Mr. Connelly to approve the FY 2015 Unified Work Program (UWP) as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

**7.0 Legislative Update**

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that there was a capital bill passed in the Illinois Legislature that contained \$100 million for local governments that was to be distributed through the motor fuel tax formula. Smith said the capital bill included \$1 billion for repairs to the state system. The legislature has added two amendments regarding the Illiana corridor to pending legislation. In response to a question from Mr. Cuculich, Smith said that last year CMAP received \$3.5 million for operations from IDOT and this year CMAP has received \$3 million. Cuculich asked about the shortfall. Mr. Blankenhorn stated that options to address the gap are being discussed and that CMAP budgeted without the gap.

## **8.0 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds**

A motion to approve resolutions 14-02 and 14-03 outlining the 5307/5340 apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake Beach/McHenry/Grayslake IL/WI urbanized area was made by Ms. Redden and seconded by Mr. Yonan. All in favor, the motion carried. The approved split between Indiana and Illinois allocates 4.627932% of the total amount to northwestern Indiana and 95.372068% to northeastern Illinois. The approved split between Wisconsin and Illinois is 3.942349% of the total amount allocated to southeastern Wisconsin and 96.057651% of the total amount allocated to northeastern Illinois.

The estimated Section 5307 and 5340 combined Capital and Planning funds for northeastern Illinois totals \$241,364,054. The recommended distribution to the Service Boards will be: \$125,579,499 to the CTA; \$80,590,151 to Metra; and \$35,194,404 to Pace.

## **9.0 Title VI Plan**

CMAP staff Patricia Berry reported that CMAP has updated its Title VI Plan and is required to do so every three years. A motion to approve the updated Title VI Plan was made by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Ms. Hanlon. All in favor, the motion carried. In response to a question by MPO Policy Committee Chair Schneider, Berry reported that she is the Title VI officer.

## **10.0 GO TO 2040 Plan Update**

CMAP staff Andrew Williams-Clark reported that the GO TO 2040 plan update is in final draft form and is available with the committee packet. Williams-Clark said the plan update will be released for public comment from June 13, 2014 to August 1, 2014 with 12 open house public meetings being held over the region. Comments can be made during those meetings, online, or in person. In response to a question from Mr. Ross, the Chair stated that Illinois is a donor state in that it collects more revenue into the highway trust fund than it receives, although Illinois' portion increased in MAP-21. The donor/donee issue is included in IDOT's reauthorization principles. Mr. Cuculich stated the committee might want to add that as a reauthorization principle, too.

## **11.0 Proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

CMAP staff Holly Ostdick reported that the TIP update is also available. The TIP is one of the many implementation vehicles for GO TO 2040 as well as a tool for sharing information with the implementers and stakeholders around the table and the general public. Ostdick then reviewed the contents of the TIP, noting that in addition to the projects there are five chapters and several appendices. She reviewed the materials that comprise the TIP document. The list of projects anticipated to be completed within the next five years includes over \$12 billion in projects and more than 2,300 line items for 1,100 projects. The TIP document and project list will be available for public comment from June 13 to August 1, 2014 with the GO TO 2040 update.

## **12.0 Conformity Analysis**

Mr. Patrosky summarized the information included in the packet, noting that part of the adoption of the plan/program is insuring that federal and state air quality requirements are met. The Transportation Conformity Analysis document will be available for public comment from June 13 to August 1, 2014 with the GO TO 2040 update.

## **13.0 Transportation Reauthorization Principles**

Executive Director Blankenhorn summarized the reauthorization principles for transportation approved by the CMAP Board. They include:

- The federal government should provide sustainable, robust funding for surface transportation, including both highways and transit.
- The federal government should implement performance-based funding.
- The federal government should provide regions with appropriate tools to support the transportation system.
- The federal government should support a robust freight program.

Ms. Redden recommended that the principles should clarify these are for highway and transit. Mr. Cuculich asked if project delivery streamlining should be included. Mr. Lauzen questioned if congressional leaders should be invited to attend a future meeting to understand the body of their constituents. A motion by Ms. Redden was seconded by Mr. Lauzen to endorse the transportation reauthorization principles as amended. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **14.0 Freight Leadership Task Force Report**

Former CMAP Board member and Task Force Chair Michael Gorman summarized the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report. Mr. Cuculich asked if the recommendation of the report included the authority to bond. While the report does not include a specific recommendation, bonding was discussed and will continue to be a topic of conversation. Mr. Ross expressed concern regarding the absence of addressing safety, Mr. Cuculich and Mr. Orseno concurred. Ms. Scheinfeld commended the report and stated any project selection that results from this report should follow the CMAQ Project Selection Committee model. Chairman Schneider commended the report as well. She noted that work on a National Freight Policy makes clear there is a strong need for regional planning and discussions on how to role that into the state and national policies is underway.

## **15.0 Alternate Representative to the CMAP Board**

MPO Policy Committee Chair Secretary Schenider stated that given that the CMAP Board approved the revised MOU to allow for an alternate representative, the MPO Policy Committee should consider the revision. A motion by Mr. Cuculich was seconded by Ms. Redden to revised the MOU. All in favor, the motion carried. A motion by Ms. Hanlon was seconded by Ms. Redden to name Mr. Yonan as alternate representative. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **16.0 Other Business**

MPO Policy Committee Chair Secretary Schneider thanked the transit agencies and the city of Chicago for their assistance during the construction that will temporarily shut down the Kennedy expressway.

MPO Policy Committee Chair then asked if the members would be comfortable their meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. All concurred and future meetings will begin meeting at 9:30 a.m.

#### **17.0 Public Comment**

Mr. Dan Johns of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association addressed the committee to encourage CrossRail Chicago be included as an unconstrained major capital project in the GO TO 2040 update.

#### **18.0 Closed Session – IOMA Section 2 (c)(11)**

A motion to adjourn the regular MPO Policy Committee meeting to a closed session was made by Mr. Lawlor and seconded by Mr. Connelly. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion by Ms. Redden was seconded by Ms. Scheinfeld to end the closed session. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **19.0 Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.**

#### **20.0 Adjournment**

A motion by Mr. Lawlor was seconded by Mr. Yonan to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:35 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.