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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Meeting

CMAP Offices – Cook County Conference Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, President Karen Darch, President Michael Einhorn, President Frum, Mayor Jim Holland, President Al Larson, President Thomas Karaba, President Robert Nunamaker, President William T. Rodeghier, President Ed Ritter, President Glenn Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, President Erik Spande, Mayor Eugene Williams

Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, John Donovan, Scott Hennings, Pat Higgins, Patrick Knapp, Hugh O'Hara, Brian Pigeon, Chad Riddle, Vicky Smith, Chris Staron, Thomas Vander Woude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak

CMAP Staff Present

Randy Blankenhorn, Erin Aleman, Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Dan Olson, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Andrew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Introductions were made.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Advanced funding for McHenry Council of Mayors was added to Agenda item 4.2. Agenda item 6 was deferred to a future meeting.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2014

On a motion by President Spande and a second by President Sherwin, the May 20, 2014 minutes were approved as presented.

4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update/ STP Expenditure Report

Mr. Riddle summarized the local aspect of the June, August, and September 2014 IDOT lettings. He stated that [local match funding ratios](#) with guidelines for local programs had been provided to the Planning Liaisons. Mr. Riddle stated the committee should be aware of changes to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) letting schedule as some changes have been made to accommodate staffing issues and coordination efforts. IDOT will seek

input into the development of its upcoming Multi-Year Program (MYP) for fiscal years 2016-2021 beginning September 25th and running through October 30th in every county of northeastern Illinois.

4.2 Advanced Funding Requests

Ms. Ostdick reported that the McHenry Council of Mayors is requesting \$4.2 million in advanced funding for three (two new and one expired) projects. She stated that all three projects are anticipated to be on the January letting which has an authorization date in federal fiscal year 2015. With a new year of funding added to the marks table at the beginning of the Federal Fiscal year (FFY), the McHenry council will have a positive balance in FFY 2019. President Ritter asked how frequently the council would be required to request advanced funding and expressed concerns about the council assuming that approval was assured. Ms. Ostdick stated that the McHenry Council will need to request advanced funding for every project they wish to accomplish with STP-L funds until FFY 2019, as it stands now. She continued that the project will not be federally authorized unless it is in the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and that the project cannot be included in the TIP unless it receives approval from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

President Sherwin reminded the Executive Committee that the only reason the advanced funding could occur was because other councils had not spent their portion of STP-L funds. President Ritter stated that some councils may be saving for a project. Mayor Schielke stated that CMAP staff watches the funding closely and brings any points of contention to the committee. He continued that even when councils are saving funding for a big project the funds are subject to lapse and rescission. President Spade asked what would happen if other councils stepped up and spent their money. Mr. Riddle replied that the state would advance fund the project using unused regional dollars if available and if not, funding could be used from other parts of the state. Ultimately, if the Chicago region expended all STP-L funds for a year a pay back formula similar to advanced funding, but statewide, would occur where over spent balances are counted towards future allocations.

Ms. Ostdick explained that being so close to a new federal year, the timing for this project would make the difference as new marks covering 2015-2019 will be available for consideration at the next meeting. On a motion by President Larson and seconded by President Nunamaker, the motion passed with 9 ayes and 1 nay.

4.3 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program

Ms. Dobbs reviewed the CMAQ obligation report and stated that the region's obligation goal is \$139 million for FFY 2014 which ends September 30. As of August, the region had obligated \$52.8 million, which is 38% of the goal. She

said that another \$22 million has been obligated between the creation of the report and today's meeting. There are two pending requests awaiting transfer from the FHWA to FTA in the amount of \$55 million and both are anticipated to occur in this federal fiscal year. With all of this action the region is on course to meet our obligation goal for federal fiscal year 2014. She noted that the councils have obligated 74% percent of their programmed funds and thanked the mayors and planning liaisons for keeping projects on target.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Update

Mr. Williams-Clark gave an overview of comments received during the formal public comment period. Over 1,200 comments were received. The majority were form letters supporting the CrossRail Chicago project or opposing the Illiana. In response to comments at the public meetings and written correspondence, four areas emerged that required clarification and further detail. The first revision was related to bus and arterial rapid transit in the regional mobility section of the plan update summary. CMAP worked with RTA to echo the RTA's strategic plan. Second, CMAP was asked to show support for CrossRail Chicago in the update. Language was added to the project description in the Major Capital Projects Appendix to encourage supporters to continue to study the project, identify a funding source, and seek a public sponsor. The third revision relates to the public comment in opposition of the Illiana Expressway. The Illiana Expressway was amended into the plan by vote of the MPO Policy Committee in 2013 and is included in the fiscally constrained major capital projects list. Since no policy changes are intended for the GO TO 2040 plan during this update process, the Illiana project remains in the Plan. Language has been added to the Illiana Expressway project description in the Major Capital Projects Appendix to reflect the volume of comments received and the need to protect the region's open and green space during project implementation. The fourth revision related to public comment regarding the implementation of reasonably expected revenues. Comments were submitted regarding the plan update's prioritization of advancing new sources of reasonably expected revenues. CMAP acknowledged that implementation of these revenues will need the support of CMAP's partners.

6.0 Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) – Family Friendly Bikeways (Jim Merrell)

This agenda item has been deferred to a future meeting.

7.0 Federal Transportation Reauthorization

Mr. Beata explained that MAP-21 has been extended to July 2015. He explained that the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board have endorsed principles for reauthorization of MAP-21. There are five high-level principles including:

- 1-The federal government should provide sustainable, robust funding for surface transportation, including both highways and transit.
- 2- The federal government should implement performance-based funding.

- 3- The federal government should provide regions with appropriate tools to support the transportation system.
- 4- The federal government should support a robust freight program.
- 5- The federal government should continue to streamline the project review process.

After its May 2014 meeting, a letter was sent from the Council of Mayors to the Northeastern Illinois federal delegation regarding the Councils request for a robust, long-term reauthorization of MAP-21. Mayor Schielke mentioned some issues that have been raised regarding rail safety in northeastern Illinois communities. He suggested that the Committee send a letter to the congressional delegation recommending support for strong federal commitment to rail safety and resources for infrastructure enhancements. President Darch pointed out that federal rulemaking regarding tank cars has a September 30th deadline. Mayor Schielke asked that President Darch work with CMAP staff to craft a letter regarding this issue. On a motion by President Larson and seconded by President Ritter, staff was directed to send a letter to the Illinois Congressional delegation recommending support for strong federal commitment to rail safety and resources for infrastructure enhancements. The motion passed with all ayes.

8.0 Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report

Mr. Beata provided an overview of the activities of the Task Force and the final report issued in May 2014. The report has three main recommendations related to regional freight planning, funding, and institutional organization.

9.0 Municipal Survey

Mr. Williams-Clark reported on the results of the biennial municipal survey. For this round, the survey had more questions that were open ended in order to gauge the demand for technical services. Respondents were asked about their municipal planning priorities, municipal regulatory priorities, and implementation priorities. Mr. Williams-Clark also relayed that while toolkits will continue to be made available online, the reports will be more concise and reference other resources as appropriate. Finally, the information gathered through the survey shows that the types of projects completed through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program are those that municipalities continue to find useful and are in demand across the region.

10.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Process Review

Mr. Elam gave an overview of CMAQ including basic eligibility, which includes a wide range of project types. However, the program cannot fund highway capacity expansion except high occupancy vehicle lanes, or maintenance projects. Eligible transit facility projects must increase capacity. New with MAP-21 is a requirement that Illinois must spend 25% on projects resulting in

particulate reduction. Historically, air quality cost-effectiveness is the project evaluation focus but other criteria may be used. CMAP staff has been working with the CMAQ Project Selection Committee to develop additional criteria and refine some of the programming policies. Mr. Elam also stated that a call for projects is scheduled for January 2015.

11.0 USDOT Certification

Mr. Donovan stated that the final report of the U.S. DOT certification review was available. He noted that one of the recommendations included in the report is to examine opportunities to expand performance based planning beyond the sub-regional level. He also said that as the region continues to advocate for performance based funding at the federal and state level it could be perceived as a diminished message given that STP urban funds are distributed by sub allocating the funding based on a pre-determined formula.

12.0 Local Technical Assistance 2014 Call for Projects

Mr. Olson presented a brief overview of LTA applications received. He reported that 104 applications from 77 applicants were being reviewed by CMAP and 22 were being reviewed by the RTA. He reported on the mix of applications by geography and project type. A final program recommendation will be presented to the Transportation Committee on October 3rd and the program will be considered by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on October 8th. President Spande asked about how oversubscribed the program is with respect to the requests versus available resources. Mr. Olson responded that the exact number of projects to be selected is not yet known there are 20 – 35 projects being reviewed for final consideration. The number selected will become clearer once the scope and size of each project is determined.

13.0 Local Technical Assistance Update

Mayor Schielke informed the council that the most recent LTA update was available at their places.

14.0 Other Business

Mayor Darch asked for clarification on the U.S. DOT certification recommendation regarding the STP-L program in the region. Mr. Donovan stated that FHWA encourages the use of performance based processes at the regional and sub-regional levels.

President Nunamaker asked if there was any more discussion regarding a merger of CMAP and RTA. Committee members stated that no new information is available. Mr. Plummer offered that it is most likely to be discussed during the upcoming regular legislative session.

Mayor Schielke stated that some Mayors had asked him about information regarding a CMAP plan to sustain the agency using other resources. Mayor Schielke stated that there will be a discussion on whether to dedicate resources to obtaining further revenues for the region at the CMAP Board meeting the

following day. Mayor Schielke said that if the proposal moves forward, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee is in a great position to provide input and be kept in the loop as things progress.

15.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

16.0 Proposed 2015 Schedule and Next Meeting

The proposed schedule for 2015 is available for member review. Those dates are: January 27; May 19; September 1; and November 10. Members were requested to contact their PL or CMAP staff if there is a problem with any meeting date. The next meeting date is November 18. President Frum reminded everyone that November 18 is the first day of veto session and that some of the Mayors might be in Springfield.

17.0 Adjourn

On a motion by President Nunamaker seconded by President Darch, the meeting was adjourned.

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