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Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee

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October 8, 2014--2:00 p.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present (*Alternate): Bruce Carmitchel, Chair (IDOT), Dave Seglin (CDOT), Michael Connelly (CTA), Dolores Dowdle (CMAP), Jason Osborn (Metra), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Tom Radak* (Pace), Paula Trigg* (Collar Counties), Gene Williams (Council of Mayors), and non-voting member John Donovan (FHWA)

Staff Present: John Allen, Craig Heither and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Len Cannata (WCMC), Jessica Hector-Hsu (RTA), Jennifer Henry (CTA), Mike Sullivan (Kane County DOT), Mike Walczak (NWMC), and Tammy Wierciak (WCMC)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair; members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-June 11, 2014

The minutes for June 11, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 FY 2016 UWP Process

Slightly altered from last year, Dolores Dowdle reported modifications to the FY 2016 process that included the following:

- The call for projects for both the Core and Competitive proposals would be made in January;
- Both the Core and Competitive proposals would be presented to the committee at the February 11 meeting; the Competitive proposals would be ranking after the presentation as to alignment with the regional priorities described in the GO TO 2040 Plan and the 2015 Update.

- After receiving the ranking of the competitive projects, CMAP staff would draft a recommendation for the full FY 16 program for the March 5 meeting.

Dowdle also reviewed the revised schedule. The call for proposals would be announced January 5, 2015, with both Core and Competitive proposals due by January 30. A presentation of proposals would be made at the Committee's February 11, 2015 meeting. The individual committee members' ranking of the proposals would be due to CMAP by February 20, 2015. Due on February 26, 2015 is CMAP's tabulation of the committee ranked proposals with funding allocations. The UWP would be asked to adopt the FY 2016 program at its March 5, 2015 meeting. Finally, Dowdle continued, the Transportation Committee would consider the FY 2016 UWP at its meeting in April, followed by the Regional Coordinating Committee in May or June, and final approvals sought by the CMAP Board on June 10 and MPO Policy Committee on June 11, 2015. The UWP document would be released following those approvals.

A motion to approve the changes in the FY 2016 UWP process was made by Mark Pitstick and seconded by Paula Trigg. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Modeling and Travel Survey

Craig Heither, CMAP staff, gave a presentation on the status of advanced modeling projects. Heither's presentation covered the two tracks of advanced model development CMAP has pursued: improved modeling of people's travel behavior, and of freight movements. Work over the past several years has resulted in the development of an activity-based model (ABM) which can be used to analyze congestion pricing scenarios and the impacts of transit modernization projects. Current work, set to be completed in June 2015, is focused on integrating the ABM with a Dynamic Traffic Assignment (DTA) model, which provides a more realistic representation of traffic flow dynamics. Heither also discussed the current status of the Meso Freight model and the work underway (set to be completed in June 2015) to add an economic extension to the model to allow for scenario testing and the options CMAP has for conducting its next household travel and activity survey.

6.0 Committee Membership

Committee Membership changes included the following. Mike Connelly announced that Jennifer Henry would serve the UWP committee as the CTA member, while he would serve as the alternate. Also, Mark Pitstick noted that Jessica Hector-Hsu would serve as the RTA alternate to the committee, while he continues to serve as the primary member.

7.0 FY 2014 Fourth Quarter Expenditure Report

Briefly stated, the FY 2014 Fourth Quarter Expenditure report was presented for review. Dolores Dowdle reported that the fourth quarter had seen progress with the completion of 2008, 2009 and 2010 projects by the City and PACE, as well as County and Metra projects.

8.0 Evaluation of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program

CMAP staff Bob Dean gave an in-depth report on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Evaluation, stating that the point of the evaluation (or exercise) was to look at the past 3 years of programming, considering what had been done and looking at where to go next in implementing the goals of the GO TO 2040 plan. Dean reported that 87 projects had been completed to date and that an additional 25 will be started in 2015, described project types and costs and geography of projects, and described the GO TO 2040 priorities that were most frequently the subject of LTA plans. The most reinforced were land use/transportation, housing and stormwater supply, Dean continued, with a moderate level of projects categorized as intergovernmental and the least associated with human capital, with freight also falling short.

Dean also reported that following the evaluation of the program, four main categories of recommendations had surfaced, that include: (a) the program has been successful and should continue to be a part of CMAP's work program; (b) CMAP should increase the focus of the LTA program on plan implementation; (c) CMAP should confirm that there is full local commitment to the project—either in the form of a local match, or in a commitment of time; and (d) CMAP should continue to ensure diversity in project types, with a higher focus in the short term on projects in the areas of freight, economic development (reinvestment) and stormwater management.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the UWP committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

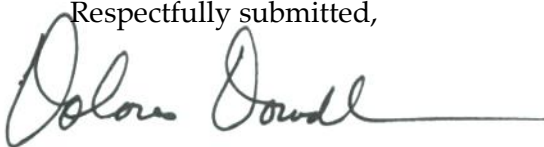
11.0 Next Meeting

The UWP Committee is scheduled to meet next on February 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m., by Mike Connelly was seconded by Paula Trigg. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dolores Dowdle, CMAP

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