



Transportation Committee

Agenda

Friday September 18, 2015,

9:30 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes—July 17, 2015

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

The Local Coordinating Committee met on August 12, 2015. A report on the meeting will be given by the Transportation Committee's representative. The Local Coordinating Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee will both meet on October 14, 2015.

5.0 FFY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 Amendments and Administrative Modifications (Leroy Kos)

TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested. Revisions include line items that have been awarded, moved, or deleted. The TIP amendments and modifications are included in the packet.
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of TIP amendments.

5.2 Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment (Leroy Kos)

The public comment period for the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment ended on August 17, 2015. No comments were received.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation of the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment for approval to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

5.3 Proposed FFY 2016-2020 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and proposed FFY 2015 -2017 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L) (Doug Ferguson)

The public comment period for the proposed FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ Program and the 2015-2017 TAP Program ended August 17, 2015. After reviewing comments received and the staff recommendation that no changes to the proposed program be made at its September 3, 2015 meeting, the CMAQ Project Selection Committee recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend approval of the proposed FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ program to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

One comment was received on the proposed FFY 2015-2017 TAP-L program. Staff recommends that no changes be made to the proposed program based on that comment.

A summary of the comments received and the staff recommendations are included in the packet.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation of approval of the proposed FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ program and the proposed FFY 2015-2017 TAP-L program to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

6.0 The Next Long Range Plan

6.1 Defining Regionally Significant Projects – Proposed Threshold (Jesse Elam)

Following the conversation about options for defining regionally significant projects that occurred at the July Transportation Committee meeting and subsequent discussions an initial proposal has been prepared by staff for further discussion by the committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

6.2 Socioeconomic Forecast (David Clark)

CMAQ is developing its approach to the next long-range socioeconomic forecast. As a part of this process, a list of enhancements for inclusion in the next forecast has been identified. Several firms with expertise in the field were invited to give informational presentations on forecasting and modeling techniques to help staff understand the range of approaches available. A summary of these activities and an outline of the next steps will be presented.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program (Bob Dean)

Staff project recommendations, project evaluation information, and basic statistics describing the distribution of the proposed program of LTA projects are included in the packet.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation for approval of the proposed LTA program of projects to the Local Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

8.0 The Regional Transportation Authority Capital Program Development Process (Donna Anderson)

RTA staff will present the overall development process for the 2016-2020 Capital Program. The presentation will focus on the RTA's 2016 Business Plan Calendar, which lays out the steps in the process from setting the funding marks to development and approval of the transit capital program, including opportunities for public participation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

9.0 Urban Transportation Center (Steve Schlickman)

There will be an update of the transportation research recently completed and underway by the Urban Transportation Center.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

10.0 Legislative update

10.1 Federal (Alex Beata)

Staff will present an update on the recent activities of the 114th U.S. Congress.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

10.2 State (Gordon Smith)

Staff will present an update on the activities of the 99th Illinois General Assembly's current legislative session.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

11.0 Status of the Local Technical Assistance Program and Major Capital Projects

The current status reports on the LTA program and Major Capital Projects are included in the packet for your information.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

12.0 Other Business

13.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

14.0 Next meeting – November 20, 2015

15.0 Adjournment

Committee Members

_____ Charles Abraham	_____ Adrian Guerrero	_____ Mark Pitstick
_____ Reggie Arkell***	_____ Luann Hamilton	_____ Tom Rickert
_____ Michael Bolton	_____ Robert Hann	_____ Leon Rockingham
_____ Darwin Burkhart	_____ Scott Hennings	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ Bruce Carmitchel	_____ Emily Karry	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	_____ Jennifer (Sis) Killen**	_____ Kyle Smith
_____ Michael Connelly*	_____ Fran Klaas	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ John Donovan***	_____ Christina Kupkowski	_____ Steve Strains
_____ John Fortmann	_____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Yonah Freemark	_____ Holly Osttick	_____ Rocco Zuccherro

*Chair

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