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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Draft Minutes – September 1, 2015

9:30 a.m.

CMAP Offices – Cook County Conference Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., 1st Vice Chair, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Sandy Frum, Mayor Jim Holland, President Al Larson, President Robert Nunamaker, President Ed Ritter, President William Rodeghier, Mayor Glenn Ryback, President Erik Spande, Mayor Eugene Williams

Others Present

Len Cannata, Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, John Donovan, Scott Hennings, Mike Klemens, Patrick Knapp, Dennis Latto, Brian Pigeon, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, C. Scott Smith, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Barbara Zubek

CMAP Staff Present

Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Ricardo Lopez, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Andres Torres, Berenice Vallecillos, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Rockingham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2015

President Spande made a motion, seconded by President Frum, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015, and with a vote of all ayes, the minutes of May 19, 2015 were approved as presented.

4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

4.1 IDOT Local Roads Update/CMAP STP Expenditure Report

Mr. Riddle stated that the June letting had many STP-L projects and the September letting has fewer, but contracts are being awarded. He stated that the November and January lettings will have many projects ready for spring construction. Ms. Ostdick described the latest STP-L expenditure report which shows that \$148 million of the region's programming mark for 2015 has been spent, which is over the amount of new money allotted to the region for 2015 and therefore the region is spending into their unobligated balance! The suburban councils are

only \$3 million away from spending the new money allotted in 2015. She stated that some councils are changing their programming and active program management policies to encourage additional spending of the region's balance and keeping projects on track.

4.2 Advanced Funding Request

Ms. Ostdick stated that two councils had requested advance funding for seven projects since the last meeting. Those requests were approved by the committee's officers and an e-mail to members and planning liaisons was distributed to inform those interested. Currently, the North Central Council is requesting advance funding for \$2,325,180 and if approved, the North Central Council will have a positive balance in 2017. Additionally, the South Council is requesting advance funding for \$233,490 for three projects that are awaiting federal authorization. If this request is approved, the South Council will have a positive balance in FFY 16. The McHenry Council is requesting advance funding for \$490,804 for one project on the November letting. If this request is approved the McHenry Council will have a positive balance in FFY 19.

President Einhorn asked if anyone was experiencing problems with local agreements and Mr. Riddle stated that the need for Advanced Funding in order to accurately represent the projects in the TIP to receive federal authorization could be a reason for delays and that it is important for municipalities to coordinate with their planning liaison when moving a project forward and the council is in need of advance funding approval.

On a motion by Mayor Rodeghier, seconded by President Nunamaker, and a vote of all ayes, advanced funding in the amount of \$2,325,180 federal for the North Central Council, \$233,490 federal for the South Council and \$490,804 federal for the McHenry Council was approved.

5.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

Mr. Ferguson reported that the proposed FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ and FFY 2015-2017 TAP-L programs were released for a public comment period which closed on August 17, 2015. The proposed CMAQ program consists of 42 projects with a federal dollar amount of \$274 million. These projects, when combined with the existing programmed projects, would result in a five year program of \$548 million. Projects were ranked by the cost effectiveness of the emissions reduction within each project category. Project specific transportation impact criteria were taken into account when developing the proposed program along with regional priorities.

Mr. Ferguson continued that the CMAQ Projection Selection Committee would meet on September 3, 2015 to review the public comments received and make a decision on a final proposed program of projects to send to the Transportation Committee for recommendation to the Regional Coordinating Committee, MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board for final approval in October.

Mr. Ferguson then reported that the TAP proposed program consists of 18 projects with a federal dollar amount of \$28 million. The criteria used to evaluate the projects focused on helping to complete the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. The Transportation Committee will review the public comments received and make a decision on a final proposed program of projects to recommend to the Regional Coordinating Committee, MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board for final approval in October.

He continued that staff would like to thank President Rodeghier and Mayor Schielke for their hard work on the CMAQ Project Selection Committee and the Planning Liaisons for their work in the review and administration of the project applications. In response to a question from President Einhorn, Mr. Ferguson stated that typical local match for CMAQ and TAP-L projects is 20%.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance Program Call for Projects

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning Program, the CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, and the Cook County Department of Public Health's Healthy HotSpot initiative held a joint call for projects in spring and summer 2015. Applications were due June 25, 2015 and staff are currently reviewing applications.

Ms. Vallecillos gave an overview of the project applications received. She reported that in total, 72 applications were submitted by 61 different applicants to the LTA program. The most common type of project applications submitted were transportation plans, subarea or corridor plans, and comprehensive plans. Applicants were from across the region, from all counties except Kendall.

She continued that this year marked the first time that a local match has been required of applicants. Match rates vary between 5% and 20%, depending on community need. Criteria for the LTA program include alignment of the project with the recommendations of GO TO 2040; local need for assistance; feasibility and ability to implement; collaboration with other groups, including neighboring governments and nongovernmental groups; input from relevant Counties and Councils of Mayors/Governments; and geographic balance.

Recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Transportation Committee on September 18, 2015. Recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their joint meeting in October. The Local Coordinating Committee will discuss the recommendations immediately prior to the Board meeting on October 14, and also may have a special meeting to review the applications in more detail in mid-September. Following the Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting, CMAP will work closely with the sponsors of selected projects to handle any needed administrative work, develop full project scopes and schedules, and get projects started. It is expected that newly selected projects will be initiated on a rolling basis beginning in late 2015 and early 2016.

7.0 Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) Program

Mr. Lopez presented a summary of the activities and outcomes of this year's events which occurred in July 2015. He stated that the FLIP program was created in 2008 and has engaged over 200 local high school students who would like to learn about planning and contribute to a better future for our region.

This year the program was held during one week in the summer, rather than meeting on weekends during the school year, which provided more opportunities for students to engage with different types of community leaders. Mr. Lopez continued that this year's program theme was "Resiliency" and the students were challenged to explore planning issues related to social, economic, and environmental resiliency. The session culminated with students providing direct input into recommendations for building resilient communities in CMAP's next long-range comprehensive plan.

Mayor Rockingham asked about the criteria for students to be accepted into the program. Mr. Lopez stated that up to this point, CMAP has accepted every student who has applied. He continued that the number of applications is expected to grow in the near future and selection criteria will take into account representation from the entire region.

President Ritter asked how the program is publicized. Mr. Lopez reported that CMAP sends out program information through various outlets including the working committees, CMAP's website, and social media. Ms. Ostdick added that FLIP program information is also given out at local Council of Mayors meetings.

President Spande asked if the students are required to provide any financial commitment and Mr. Lopez responded that they do not contribute financially and are also given community service hours for participation.

Mayor Rockingham noted that he will try to reach out to more people to get more students from Lake County involved.

8.0 State Legislative Update

Mr. Smith gave an update on state legislative activities. He reported that the budget impasse has resulted in CMAP not receiving reimbursement for FY 2016 expenses, which is a concern. Mr. Carmitchel stated that nonpayment to all sixteen MPOs across the state is a concern and that some may close or stop work, but all charges incurred will be reimbursed retroactively.

Mayor Rockingham stated that we are all seeing the effects of the budget impasse and hopefully it will be resolved soon, and the committee concurred.

Mr. Smith concluded that moving forward, broadening CMAP's funding base will be an issue so as not to fully rely on transportation funding.

9.0 Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Beata gave an update on federal legislative activities. He reported that Congress extended MAP-21 through October 29, 2015. Additionally, the Senate passed its "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act" or the "DRIVE Act." He stated that the DRIVE Act is a six year bill from 2016-2021 authorizing \$360 billion in federal transportation funding but has only identified funding for three years.

Mr. Beata reported that the DRIVE Act is the first federal transportation bill to provide funding specifically for freight projects. It builds out planning provisions to multimodal networks and facilities and contains formula funding for freight from the Highway Trust Fund to be spent on the highway system. In addition to the formula funding, the DRIVE Act also contains two competitive grant funding programs for multimodal freight projects.

10.0 Other Business

President Nunamaker asked if this was a forum to discuss Motor Fuel Tax alternatives. Ms. Ostdick indicated that it will be on the Committee's next meeting agenda and stated that she can also arrange to have CMAP staff speak about it at local Council of Mayors' meetings if desired.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2015.

13.0 Adjourn

Mayor Ryback made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Spande, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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