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## **MPO Policy Committee**

### **Annotated Agenda**

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Cook County Conference Room**

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

**Chicago, Illinois**

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 9:30 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes—January 14, 2016**  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Agency Reports**
- 4.1 Executive Director’s Report
  - 4.2 CMAP Board Report
  - 4.3 Chairman’s Report
  - 4.4 Council of Mayors’ Report
- 5.0 Transportation Consent Agenda: Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP  
Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment**  
The public comment period ended February 22, 2016. No comments on the conformity analysis or TIP amendment were received. A memo detailing the proposed amendment and the results of the conformity analysis is attached.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 6.0 Federally Required Planning Agreements**  
Federal regulations ([23 CFR 450.314](#)) require a series of agreements between metropolitan planning organizations and partner agencies to ensure planning responsibilities are carried out. With the passage of the FAST Act, the development of ON TO 2050 and changes recommended through the federal planning review process, the following agreements must be updated:
- 6.1 Planning Agreement between CMAP, the State, RTA and Transit Service Boards (Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace). This agreement lays out mutual responsibilities for carrying out the transportation planning process in the region. It also demonstrates that the region meets federal requirements

regarding public transportation provider representation on MPOs.

- 6.2 **Cooperative Agreement for Coordination of Land Use-Transportation Planning in the Chicago/Gary/Lake County, IL-IN Urbanized Area.** CMAP and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission share planning responsibility for the Chicago urbanized area, which covers both northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana. An agreement between CMAP, NIRPC and the Illinois and Indiana Departments of Transportation is required to specify the mutual responsibilities of these agencies.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

#### **7.0 ON TO 2050 Regionally Significant Projects Update**

Staff will provide an update on the definition and identification of regionally significant projects to be evaluated as part of ON TO 2050.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

#### **8.0 State Legislative Framework and Agenda**

Staff will present the draft 2016 State Legislative Framework and Agenda. The [State Legislative Framework](#) lists CMAP's legislative principles based on GO TO 2040. The [State Agenda](#) highlights the policy priorities for CMAP in the upcoming legislative session.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

#### **9.0 Alternative Long-Term Funding Options**

CMAP's recent funding crisis and the delay in approving a State budget have clearly illustrated the vulnerability of the agency's operating funds. In continuing to explore alternative funding options, staff has prepared a proposal for discussion, as described in the attached materials.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

#### **10.0 Other Business**

##### **11.0 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 exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

##### **12.0 Next Meeting**

The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 9, 2016

##### **13.0 Adjournment**

**MPO Policy Committee Members:**

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