



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday, January 7, 2016

Committee Members Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAQ), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Chris Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)

Staff Present: Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Jane Grover, Jen Maddux, Holly Ostdick, Russell Pietrowiak

Others Present: Francisco Acevedo, Jade Broadnax, Leonard Cannata (via phone), Brian Carlson, Bruce Christensen, Michael Connelly, Tim Coffey, John Donovan, Laura Fedak, Tony Greep, Terry Heffron, Angela King, Byron Kutz, Dennis Latto, Kevin Maggay (via phone), Joseph Moriarty, Sat Nagar, Brian Pigeon, Keith Privett, Kevin Staniel, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik (via phone), Brian Urbaszewski, Michael Weiser, Tammy Wierciak (via phone), Don Wittmer

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Patronsky announced that CMAQ will be launching the development of the next long-range plan on February 24, 2016. All partners are encouraged to save the date on their calendars and join CMAQ for a fun morning where they can learn the new plan's name and tell us what they want the plan to accomplish. They can secure their spot and learn more about the event by registering at <http://cmap.is/next-plan-rsvp>.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2015

Mr. Pitstick requested that agenda item number 5.0 be changed to include that CMAQ staff agreed that the committee should consider a threshold for cost increases such that any project exceeding the threshold should have representation at the meeting to explain the reason for the increase and that increases would not be automatically approved. On a motion by Mr. Snyder and a second by President Rodeghier and a vote of all ayes, the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting were approved with the change.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Programming Project Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred line items were included in the meeting packet. He stated that they include changes since the last meeting of the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, updated authorizations, and updated project notes.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that the Programming Summary and Obligation Goals table shows that the region has obligated just over \$6.6M and that obligations are not expected to stay that low much longer.

5.0 Project Changes

Ms. Ostdick reported that ten projects have submitted scope, cost, and schedule change requests for committee consideration and two projects required administrative modifications.

5.1 Evanston – Green Bay Rd Corridor Improvements (TIP ID 02-06-0034)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting to move the construction phase from 2019 to 2016 and the project is planned to be on the March 2016 letting.

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the requested project change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.2 BRC Clearing Yard Switcher Retrofit (TIP ID 06-09-0004)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change and cost increase to add two additional switcher retrofits. CMAP staff recommends that the sponsor apply for CMAQ funds in the next call for projects. Mr. Coffey reported that CMAQ funding has been used for switcher retrofits since 2009 and these two additional retrofits would bring the total to ten. Committee members expressed concern that this project sponsor continues to request cost increases beyond the original scope of the application and that it may not be fair to other applicants. Chairman Patronsky stated that, in this case, it is easier for railroads to modify projects and that CMAP staff intends to do more outreach to other potential retrofit sponsors to apply during the next call for projects.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to recommend that the sponsor apply for CMAQ funds in the next call for projects. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.3 Cicero - Cicero Rail Yard Locomotive Diesel (TIP ID 05-09-0002)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$780,000 federal (\$1,400,000 total) for implementation to purchase 2 locomotives. The cost increase is the result of project delays and the availability of new locomotives. Ms. Ostdick reported that since the project is deferred the cost increase, if approved, will also be deferred. The committee briefly discussed the deferral process and how long the project would be deferred. Mr. Maggay reported that local agreements will be ready to sign in one month and reinstatement will need to be requested and funding identified when that request occurs.

President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to approve the requested scope change and cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.4 Oak Park - Covered Bike Parking along CTA Blue Line (TIP ID 04-12-0005)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting to move phase 2 engineering funds to construction, a cost increase of \$37,400 federal (\$46,750 total) for construction and construction engineering, and reinstatement of construction funds for the March letting since the project has demonstrated readiness.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested transfer, cost increase, and reinstatement. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.5 CTA - Bus Improvement, Purchase and Install up to 32 Hybrid Engines on 60' Articulated Buses (TIP ID 16-14-0001)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting to revise the scope from purchasing up to 32 hybrid buses to purchasing 27 electric buses, with no change in cost.

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested scope change. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.6 IDOT – IL 68/Dundee Rd at Landwehr Rd and Pfingsten Rd (TIP ID 02-12-0001)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$400,000 federal (\$500,000 total). Mr. Heffron reported that the majority of the cost increase is due to additional traffic signal work and added lighting. The project is scheduled for the March letting.

President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.7 IDOT – I-90 from Cumberland Av to Harlem Av (EB Improvement) (TIP ID 03-96-0004)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change from 2019 to 2016 and a cost increase totaling \$3,140,000 federal (\$3,925,000 total) due to additional work not originally identified in the phase I engineering estimate. Ms. Ostdick reported that the project is planned to be on the July 2016 letting and that staff recommends tabling consideration to the April committee meeting.

Mr. Schmidt reported that this project is regionally significant and has complicated issues with letting. Mr. Carlson added that IDOT is asking for action today since they are developing their FY17 annual program and due to program constraints, they need to know whether to place this project in IDOT's annual program. Because of its popularity, they do not want to put it in the program and not be able to

deliver. Mr. Carlson stated that this project is beneficial to both highway and transit users and that IDOT hopes to wrap up construction in this corridor by the end of 2017.

Mr. Tomzik expressed support from Pace since the project will improve traffic and access around the Rosemont station area. Mr. Tomzik stated that CTA, Pace, and the Tollway have invested a great deal in this corridor and it is important to move this project forward as soon as possible.

Ms. Hamilton asked what projects would need to move out of the FFY 2016 program in order to accommodate this schedule change and cost increase. Ms. Ostdick reported that one line item from the City of Chicago and one project from IDOT were voluntarily moved, but that there was still a funding shortfall of just over \$3 million. Mr. Rickert stated that the Fabyan at Kirk Construction (09-12-0011) project is held up in ROW and is over that amount. He recommended moving that project to FFY 2017 to accommodate IDOT's request.

Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested schedule change and cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Carlson thanked CMAP, the City of Chicago, Pace, and the county engineers for their support. Ms. Ostdick suggested the Committee consider options for prioritizing which projects to move to accommodate cost or schedule changes in the future.

5.8 IDOT – US 6/Southwest Hwy at Gougar Rd (TIP ID 12-12-0005)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase totaling \$272,000 federal (\$340,000 total).. Mr. Heffron reported that the majority of the increase is due to traffic signal work and culvert, sidewalk and erosion control measures not previously included. The project is scheduled for the April 2016 letting.

Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.9 CDOT – Chicago Bikes Marketing Campaign (TIP ID01-01-0011)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$160,000 federal (\$200,000 total) for implementation of a sixth Go! campaign in 2016.

Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested cost increase. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.10 CDOT – Washington/Wabash, State/Lake and Clark/Division Stations (TIP IDs 01-12-0008, 01-02-0030, and 01-96-0008)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting to transfer \$7,000,000 federal from Clark/Division construction to State/Lake phase II engineering (\$1,500,000

federal) and Washington/Wabash construction (\$5,500,000 federal). The sponsor is also requesting to cancel the transfer of \$670,000 federal from Morgan St. Station (TIP ID 01-09-0003) construction to Washington/Wabash construction that was approved by the committee on September 3, 2015. Mr. Privett stated that this request is revenue neutral and all funding is from an existing FTA grant.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the requested fund transfers. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

5.11 CDOT – Walk Chicago (TIP ID 01-06-0004)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor identified \$160,000 federal (\$200,000 total) in unneeded funds that are currently deferred in FFY 2016 and that staff withdrew these funds as an administrative modification.

5.12 RTA - Access to Transit Group (TIP ID 13-16-0002)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the sponsor is requesting transfer of sponsorship to the local jurisdictions for 11 projects that were grouped together in the original application and that staff undertook this as an administrative modification.

6.0 RTA - Improvements at 19 Priority Interagency Transit Transfer Locations

Mr. Moriarty gave a brief update on this project, which was approved in the 2012-2016 CMAQ program. Four pilot locations have had new transit information products installed. Design/engineering work is underway for 19 additional interagency locations throughout the region. Mr. Rickert stated that this was a great effort and suggested that local funding could implement signage at locations not identified in this project. Mr. Moriarty and Mr. Pitstick concurred and noted that the design standards manual is intended to be used by all partners in the region. Chairman Patrosky commended the RTA on the production of a design standards manual as the end product of this demonstration project.

7.0 FAST

Mr. Donovan provided an update on changes to the CMAQ program based on the FAST Act and noted that MAP-21 rulemaking continues. Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) is a five-year federal transportation reauthorization bill, the first multi-year bill in over a decade. Under FAST, CMAQ funding is increased by 6% and TAP funding (no longer called TAP) continues as a set aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program, formerly STP. Mr. Donovan reported that vehicle to infrastructure communication technology projects are eligible for funding under NHPP, HSIP, CMAQ, and STBG. Additionally, FAST provides funding for freight projects under two new funding programs National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) and the competitive Nationally Significant Freight and Highways Program (NSFHP). Mr. Donovan reported that the increases in funding are modest and that Illinois received its fair share. Mr. Donovan stated that, at this time, it is unclear which of the programs under FAST will be considered "core programs".

Mr. Donovan also reported that FHWA's manufactured products provision, used in the approval of Buy America waivers, has been thrown out by a court.

8.0 Other Business

Ms. Ostdick reported that, as part of the next long range planning process, a working group on cost efficiencies will meet on January 22, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. prior to the Transportation Committee meeting. The meeting will take place at CMAP.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt, and a second by Mr. Privett, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.