

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Tier 2 Consultation Meeting
December 18, 2006
Final Meeting Summary

Participants	Representing
Patricia Berry	CMAP
Claire Bozic	CMAP
Bill Brown (via phone)	NIRPC
Chris DiPalma	FHWA
Doug Ferguson	CMAP
George Johnson	CMAP
Kerry Leigh	CMAP
Hubert Morgan	CMAP
Tom Murtha	CMAP
Les Nunes	IDOT
Ross Patronskey	CMAP
Russell Pietrowiak	CMAP
Mark Pitstick	RTA
Joy Schaad	CMAP
Ron Thomas	CMAP
Ty Warner	CMAP
Kermit Wies	CMAP

1. Approval of the September 11, 2006 meeting summary

The draft September meeting summary was approved.

2. Gap Analysis

A SAFETEA-LU Transportation Planning and Programming Requirements gap analysis table (attached) was distributed and used to lead the discussion of the topic. The first page contained steps that had been completed, were not applicable or were an IDOT activity. Discussion on subsequent pages is summarized below.

Annual Listing of Projects: Mr. Johnson discussed the status of the annual listing of obligated transportation projects. The 2005 listing is currently being completed. Project location maps are being prepared. The list will be posted on the web in an Adobe Acrobat format that includes a narrative section, tables listing projects and project maps. Work has begun on the 2006 listing.

Safety: Mr. Warner indicated that incorporating safety into the RTP would involve referencing the SHSP into the existing RTP language. Mr. DiPalma stated that the RTP should specifically reference safety projects or programs from the SHSP that are applicable for the northeastern Illinois region. Safety stakeholders will be addressed in the discussion of interested parties and participation which Mr. Morgan will be detailing. Mr. DiPalma inquired about the review of TIP project selection criteria for safety priorities. Mr. Berry stated that each entity which is responsible for a fund source

programming is responsible for incorporating safety into the project selection under the TIP Change Procedures. Mr. DiPalma would like documentation stating that, for the funds in the TIP, those programming the fund sources have considered safety criteria in making their project programming decisions.

Security: With regards to security factors, Mr. Murtha indicated there has been an ongoing effort to generate a draft security document that will be reviewed and updated. Mr. Murtha expressed a concern over how the MPO balances the need for security and protecting sensitive information with the agency's policy responsibility for ensuring that the security work is taking place. He recommended that the activities taking place in support of the stipulations from SAFETEA-LU be listed. Mr. DiPalma agreed to a document that inventories the activities. This includes the specific committee or task force with its member agencies and meeting frequency. Elements of individual security plans with relation to transportation projects should be incorporated into the RTP as is appropriate or if materials are too sensitive to include, a statement of that fact should be noted in the RTP.

Expand Environmental Factor: Mr. Warner stated that consistency of transportation plans and improvements with land use plans and economic development is being addressed and taken seriously in the region as evidenced by the creation of the CMAP. A discussion of the organizational changes and the goals defined in CMAP's strategic plan will be included in the RTP. Mr. DiPalma asked that the RTP include a discussion of the relationship between the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the 2030 RTP.

The Fiscal Constraint and Environmental Mitigation Activities areas do not demonstrate any gaps at this time.

Consultation and Cooperation: Staff will work to create GIS maps for the web with map overlays from conservation plans, environmental maps and other coverages available. While specific plans have not been identified at this time, efforts will be made to identify relevant plans for visualization. A discussion of what plans were used and those that were not use for comparison should be included in the RTP.

Public Transit-Human Services: Mr. Pietrowiak informed the team that the RTA board has just approved the hiring of a consultant for developing a regional Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). Though the planning process is under way, it will most likely be finished in July at the earliest which is too late for inclusion in the RTP update. The HSTP planning processes will be referenced and its status will be reflected in the RTP. Information included will be how the RTA is spearheading the region's plan in cooperation with the MPO, using the MPO committees and doing additional outreach. Also included will be a section of how this planning effort fits into the RTP.

Operations and Management Strategies: Mr. Murtha noted that there are adopted strategies for operations and management but that there is work to be done with regards to performance measures. The plan is to use the work of the 2006 CMS report as a basis for the performance measures. Another focal point is the improved system

reliability which includes reaching out to partner agencies for data on the transportation system. These efforts are overlapping with the work being done on the congestion management process. With the work on developing strategies and costs to preserve the existing system, the intent is to use the previous efforts of the capital cost replacement in the original RTP and extend that to the highway portion. This will be done as a separate document that is referenced by the RTP. Mr. DiPalma indicated that the performance measures that will be used in the region's long range plan must be identified and agreed upon on a region-wide basis.

Interested Parties and Participation: Mr. Morgan informed the team that staff is working with the CMAP Citizens' Advisory Committee on the adoption of a CMAP public participation plan. A number of steps are being taken. Major partners of the agency will be interviewed in the next month on their approaches to public participation plans. In February and March a plan will be drafted using the former public participation plans and processes of CATS and NIPC as a foundation. The draft plan will be brought to the CMAP board in April with public comments sought on the draft plan in April and May. Final approval of the CMAP board is expected in June. Staff recognizes the new SAFETEA-LU provisions on how our tools communicate, especially visually, to our participants. This includes enhancement of existing tools and the addition of new tools on better visualization techniques. An undertaking has been initiated to use the web to allow individuals to participate in meetings that they are unable to attend in person and get involved in the process at their own leisure. This was done as part of the Common Ground process. Efforts are being made to advance the youth engagement process that includes an improved understanding of planning and involves an education curriculum process. Efforts are also ongoing to reach out to underserved communities, especially the Latino, African-American and youth communities, to not only identify current projects that they need to be a part of but to figure out how to keep them involved in the long range planning process. The public participation plan will be approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

3. Capital Program

The CMAP executive director and board having been actively pursuing a statewide Capital program being approved during the 2007 calendar year. The CMAP staff are hopeful that if the capital program includes any capacity adding projects that they have already been considered and included in the conformity analysis process. This is a notice to the consultation partners that if they have capacity-adding projects that will be ready to go as a result of the capital program before the next conformity analysis that the Policy Committee and CMAP Board will need to give staff direction on how to proceed. Staff does not anticipate this being a problem but wanted the partners to be aware of this possibility if new projects are included in the capital program. Steps have been taken with Council of Mayors and the counties to keep them aware of their projects in the TIP and the requirement of new projects added through the capital program.

4. PM_{2.5} Hot Spot Analysis – Status Report

Mr. Patronsky distributed a Northeastern Illinois Hot Spot Analysis Status report which lists the projects that have contact CMAP to date for help in conducting PM_{2.5} hot spot

analysis. The first three projects had been reviewed at previous meetings of the consultation team and the fourth had been discussed at the September 11 meeting but the analysis had not been completed at that time. The last three projects had not been reviewed by the team. The I-55 Stevenson Exp project (12-97-0027) had added park and ride lots to the project with funding from the CMAQ program. The new parking is an eligible work type for the analysis. A review of the project determined that since it is for car pools that the diesel use would be minimal, since there will (initially) be no bus service to and from the lots. Thus, the project would not need to have a hot spot analysis for PM_{2.5} emissions. The requests for the next two projects (Industrial Park Rd and IL 394 Calumet Expy) were just recently received and based on an initial review the projects will require a hot spot analysis. All the projects included on the list to date are IDOT projects. Mr. Pitstick requested that a column be added to the list identifying the project sponsor.

Projects in the TIP that may require PM_{2.5} hot spot analysis have been identified but all sponsors have not yet been contacted to date. Outreach on the PM_{2.5} hot spot analysis has been done at a meeting of the WPC and a meeting of the county superintendents. The planning liaisons will be involved in this effort.

5. Other Business

Mr. Wies asked that the schedule for the new air quality budgets be on the agenda for the next Consultation meeting.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting was left on call.