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## Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Draft Minutes – April 12, 2016

9:30 a.m.

CMAP Offices – Cook County Conference Room

**Jeffery Schielke, Chairman**  
Mayor, City of Batavia  
Kane/Kendall Council

**Leon Rockingham, Jr., 1st Vice Chair**  
Mayor, City of North Chicago  
Lake Council

**Eugene Williams, 2nd Vice Chair**  
Mayor, Village of Lynwood  
South Council

**George Van Dusen**  
Mayor, Village of Skokie  
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**Sandy Frum**  
President, Village of Northbrook  
North Shore Council

**Al Larson**  
President, Village of Schaumburg  
Northwest Council

**Karen Darch**  
President, Village of Barrington  
Northwest Council

**Jeffrey Sherwin**  
Mayor, City of Northlake  
North Central Council

**Joseph Tamburino**  
Mayor, Village of Hillside  
North Central Council

**James Discipio**  
President, Village of LaGrange Park  
Central Council

**William Rodeghier**  
President, Village of Western Springs  
Central Council

**Dave Brady**  
President, Village of Bedford Park  
Southwest Council

**John Mahoney**  
Mayor, Village of Palos Park  
Southwest Council

**Michael Einhorn**  
President, Village of Crete  
South Council

**Erik Spande**  
President, Village of Winfield  
DuPage Council

**Thomas Karaba**  
President, Clarendon Hills  
DuPage Council

**Ed Ritter**  
President, Carpentersville  
Kane/Kendall Council

**Glenn Ryback**  
President, Wadsworth  
Lake Council

**Richard Mack**  
President, Village of Ringwood  
McHenry Council

**Robert Nunamaker**  
President, Village of Fox River Grove  
McHenry Council

**Roger Claar**  
Mayor, Village of Bolingbrook  
Will Council

**Jim Holland**  
Mayor, Village of Frankfort  
Will Council

### Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Michael Einhorn, Mayor Jim Holland, President Al Larson (via phone), President Robert Nunamaker, President Ed Ritter, President William Rodeghier, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, President Erik Spande

### Others Present

Len Cannata, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Pat Higgins, Janell Jensen, Mike Klemens, Patrick Knapp, Brian Pigeon, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, Claire Serdiuk-Anderson, Mike Walczak, Barbara Zubek

### CMAP Staff Present

Alex Beata, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Elizabeth Irvin, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Melissa Porter, Gordon Smith, Joseph Szabo

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Mayor Schielke 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 – January 12, 2016**

President Ritter made a motion, seconded by President Spande, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items**

#### **4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update/CMAP STP-L Expenditure Report**

Mr. Riddle gave an update on the region's STP expenditures. Mr. Riddle reported that since the last Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting, there have been three lettings which included \$93 million in STP-L funds and a total of \$184 million federal in projects. Mr. Riddle reported that IDOT has issued calls for projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the Illinois Transportation Enhancements Program (ITEP). IDOT will accept applications through mid-June for both programs. Finally, Mr. Riddle reported that IDOT's central office will be stricter about draft agreement and right-of-way acquisition deadlines and encouraged Planning Liaisons to ensure documents are submitted on time.

Mayor Schielke asked if the state's budget impasse is having a significant impact on what IDOT is able to accomplish. Mr. Riddle replied that there are both a capital budget and an operating budget and construction continues to move ahead and

that IDOT was interested in a capital bill. Mayor Schielke stated that many people in the state are interested in a capital bill but the budget impasse must be resolved first. Mayor Schielke continued that the subregional councils should put together a list of projects that could be furthered by a capital bill and be vocal about the need for a capital bill. Mr. Riddle added that projects with a high level of local support are more likely to be placed on the state's needs list. President Spande stated that there is significant and obvious deterioration of bridges in the region and Illinois infrastructure is below capacity and not being properly maintained. He continued that the need for a capital bill is urgent and the bill should prioritize bridge maintenance and repair, not just inspections. Mr. Riddle replied that a portion of STP funding is dedicated for bridge work and that bridges take time. President Spande added that the state should achieve a state of good repair before moving on to capacity enhancements. Mayor Schielke encouraged individual councils to discuss projects, including bridges, to place on a capital needs list. Mr. Riddle added that the councils should also consider projects that benefit more than one council, as those projects are more likely to get on a capital program.

Mr. Pietrowiak gave an update on STP-L expenditures. Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the suburban councils have spent most of the new allotments for FFY 2016 and there are two lettings left in FFY 2016. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that the City of Chicago has not spent as much of their allotment for FFY 2016. Additionally, the obligations in FFY 2016 are only for the new allotment and the region still needs to reduce its unobligated balance. Mayor Schielke thanked CMAP staff for closely monitoring STP-L funds and encouraging councils to spend down the unobligated balance.

#### **4.2 Advanced Funding Requests**

Mr. Cannata reported that the North Central Council is requesting advanced funding for three projects, with a total federal amount of \$1,854,601. If approved, the council will have a positive balance in FFY 19. Mayor Sherwin made a motion, seconded by President Einhorn, to approve the advanced funding request. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

### **5.0 ON TO 2050 Launch Event Summary**

Ms. Grover gave a summary of CMAP's open house launch event for ON TO 2050, in which over 300 people attended the launch event and provided input into the development of the plan. Ms. Grover reported that CMAP staff has engaged 170 community partners and 50 calendar events are scheduled, including workshops and personal conversations, with more being added every day. Ms. Grover reported that themes are emerging from past events that reached over 2,200 people. She also reported that people are using social media express ideas about the plan, something that was not used during the GO TO 2040 outreach process. Finally, Ms. Grover reported that CMAP has an online survey to further engage the public, and that staff would like to publish the survey information in municipal newsletters. Mayor Schielke commended staff on the intensified outreach process, recommended that municipalities schedule an outreach event, and stated that it will only be successful if we all act as a region.

### **6.0 Regional Commute Trends**

Ms. Irvin gave a presentation on the results of a recent analysis of travel behavior in the CMAP region using the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) and other data sources. A summary of the results will be published in full as one of the existing conditions snapshot reports. Mayor Schielke commented on the large problem that high school parking

represents. Ms. Irvin noted that more time and data is needed for more clarity on driving trends among teenagers and young adults. Mayor Einhorn asked if there were data on unlicensed drivers. Ms. Irvin stated that currently CMAP does not have data on unlicensed driver.

#### **7.0 Municipal Survey**

Mr. Day reported on the recently launched 2016 Municipal Plans, Programs, and Operations Survey. Mr. Day reported that the survey is now open and live online and a hard copy was mailed to each municipality on April 1. He stated that responses to the 2016 survey will help identify the types of technical assistance projects provided through the LTA program to support municipalities, inform policy analysis, track implementation of GO TO 2040, and inform the ON TO 2050 plan. Mr. Day also noted that this year's survey was refined to include special topics such as local transportation expenditures and management. Mayor Einhorn stated that there have been some difficulties completing the online survey. Mr. Day replied that staff is available to help survey respondents individually to resolve any issues.

#### **8.0 Federal Legislative Update**

Mr. Beata gave an update on federal legislative activities. He reported that the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act gives the CMAP region a modest increase in funding from FFY 2015.

Mr. Beata continued that FAST provides dedicated funding for freight projects through two funding streams: a formula program allocated to the state and a competitive grant program for which municipalities, counties, and MPOs are eligible to apply. The competitive grant program, FASTLANE, recently issued a call for projects and the deadline for application is this week. Mr. Beata reported that the competitive TIGER grant program issued a call for projects in which \$500 million in grant funding is available. Applications are due April 29.

Mr. Beata reported that USDOT published its National Freight Strategic Plan. CMAP has submitted formal comments in an effort to ensure the region gets the attention it deserves. Finally, Mr. Beata reported that the Federal Railroad Administration published a notice of proposed rulemaking on safety and train crew staffing. CMAP staff has drafted a template resolution for municipalities to use for submitting comments, due May 16. Mayor Einhorn asked if CMAP has taken a position on the Great Lakes Basin railroad. Mr. Beata noted that while the proposed railroad is not in the CMAP region, CMAP is following it closely.

#### **9.0 State Legislative Update**

Mr. Smith gave an update on state legislative activities. He reported that CMAP's immediate strategy to secure long term funding is to advocate for legislation to reinstate the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF). As it stands, the CMAP region would receive 75% of the annual appropriation while 20% would go to the other MPOs in the state and 5% would be dedicated for rural areas. Mr. Smith reported that the new legislation indexes the CRPF to inflation and provides for continuing appropriations to ensure funding even if the state lacks a budget. He also reported that two amendments have been made to the bills in the house and senate including increasing the fund to \$6 million annually and adding two more MPOs as recipients. Mr. Smith reminded the Committee that CMAP is seeking support for the bills and asked Committee members to reach out to their representatives. President Rodeghier reported that he has spoken to legislators and they understand CMAP's importance, but at this time there are many agencies and organizations vying for limited funds.

Mayor Einhorn asked if anyone had heard a specific amount for the proposed capital bill. Mr. Smith responded that there has not been any real discussion and no numbers yet. Mayor Einhorn noted that the state should complete projects from Illinois Jobs Now! before passing a new capital bill.

**10.0 CMAP Funding**

Mr. Dean gave an update on a proposal for action by the CMAP Board to be considered on April 13. Mr. Dean reported that the backup approach, to be exercised in the absence of state legislation, includes local dues, fee-for-service arrangements, and external grants. Mr. Dean reported that the CMAP Board will consider the proposed dues levels for FFY 2017 and 2018 in continuing to explore alternative funding options. Mayor Schielke stated that the Councils of Mayors have no great concern or opposition to the proposal.

**11.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016.

**14.0 Adjourn**

President Spande made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Holland, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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