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Transportation Committee Agenda

Friday September 28, 2007

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions **10:00 AM**
Jack Groner, Committee Chair

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 24, 2007 meeting are attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of minutes of the August 24 meeting.

4.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan Development (Dean, Banks)

4.1 Update on Visioning Process

Staff will briefly update the committee on the results of the September 12 visioning event and will describe the next steps in the vision development process.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

4.2 Snapshot Report on Infill

Staff will provide a presentation on an ongoing research project that is seeking to measure the region's potential to accommodate infill development.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

5.0 FY 09 Unified Work Program (Nunes)

Status of and direction on development of the FY 09 UWP will be addressed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

6.0 Crash Data (Frank)

CMAP staff will discuss progress on highway safety research.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Metra New Starts, Locally Preferred Alternatives (Ciavarella)

Metra will present the Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) for two of their New Starts projects, the Union Pacific Northwest and West Lines.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Programming Committee and Policy Committee endorsement of the Locally Preferred Alternatives.

8.0 Interchange Projects (Bozic)

The decision of where to locate additional expressway access is more than a simple question of traffic engineering and cost. Expressway access may promote local development or may mitigate the impacts of other local economic development, for example diverting truck traffic to different locations. Given the significance of expressway interchanges and the importance of finding a solution, CMAP could serve as the forum where the larger issues are evaluated within the context of linking the impacts of transportation and land use decisions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion - should CMAP become involved or take a position on such issues?

9.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (Patronsky)

The public comment period for the Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Multi-Year CMAQ proposed program closed August 28. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee has approved the staff responses to the comments and has recommended approval of a revised proposed program to the Transportation Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Concur in responses to the comments and recommend approval of the revised proposed FY 2008 Multi-Year CMAQ Program to the Policy Committee.

10.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Ostdick, Bozic, Patronsky)

10.1 TIP Changes

Fund source, year and cost changes and the addition of exempt projects have been requested. The TIP Changes are attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the TIP changes.

10.2 TIP Amendment

The comment period on the proposed TIP amendment for I-355 (North-South Tollway) from I- 55 (Stevenson Expressway) to I-80 and associated projects will end on September 23rd. No comments had been received at the time of agenda distribution. If any comments are received before the meeting the comments and draft response will be distributed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation of Policy committee and Programming Committee approval of the conformity determination and proposed TIP amendment.

10.3 TIP Database Update and Snapshot

The TIP Database is being updated. Topiary consultant group is preparing an on-line front end for use by implementers. The database and "business rules" are being updated so that redundancy and errors are minimized. In a second phase, improvements will be made to reports and an interface developed for public use.

Staff is developing a one page overview of spending on some of the transportation programs in the region. A draft is attached.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

11.0 Website/Data (Ostdick)

Staff requests direction on adding links to program information on the CMAP website.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

12.0 Compiled 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (Schaad)

The October 2006 update of the capital element and strategic systems portions of the 2030 RTP and the June 2007 update to the executive summary, policies, objectives, and strategies sections have been compiled into one document with the relevant sections of the October 2003 plan and are now available online at <http://www.sp2030.com>.

ACTION REQUESTED – Informational

13.0 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.

14.0 Next Meeting/Schedule for 2008

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cook County Room. The meeting schedule for 2008 will be discussed.

15.0 Adjournment

Transportation Committee Members:

___ Vanessa Adams ***	___ Don Kopec	___ Jeffrey Sriver
___ John DeLaurentiis	___ Clarita Lao	___ Steve Strains
___ Chris DiPalma ***	___ Mike McLaughlin	___ Vonu Thakuriah
___ Rocky Donahue	___ Jan Metzger	___ Chuck Tokarski
___ Neil Ferrari	___ Arlene Mulder	___ Paula Trigg
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