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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Draft Minutes – October 25, 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

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Mayor, Village of Lynwood
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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

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Mayor, Village of Palos Park
Southwest Council

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Thomas Karaba
President, Clarendon Hills
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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., 1st Vice Chair (via phone), President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch (via phone), Mayor Jim Holland, President Al Larson (via phone), President Ed Ritter, President William Rodeghier, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin

Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata, Bruce Christenson, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Janell Jensen, Mike Klemens, Patrick Knapp, Kelsey Mulhausen, Holly Ostdick (via phone), Brian Pigeon, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, Chris Strom, Mike Walczak

CMAP Staff Present

Brian Daly, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Jane Grover, Kristin Ihnchak, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Liz Oo, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Joseph Szabo, Barbara Zubek, Evelyn Zwiebach

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 Mayor Holland, to approve the minutes of April 12, 2016. With all in favor, 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 STP projects targeting upcoming lettings.

Mayor Sherwin asked if the new roadway functional classifications are reversible. He stated that some of his roads lost the designation as collectors and are no longer eligible for STP funds. Mr. Riddle replied saying that the proposed designations are based on functional classifications. Ms. Ostdick added that functional class revisions should be approved by the individual Council's mayors in order to be processed and considered for a change through IDOT and FHWA. IDOT is currently taking a look at all of the routes in District 1 and should come to the councils at their meetings. She stated that councils may request changes at any time in the future.

4.2 2017 STP Locally Programmed Marks

Mr. Pietrowiak presented a summary of the marks table, stating that there is an almost 10% increase in the FFY 2017 allotment and an overall increase of 11% compared to FFY 2016 marks, due to carry over. He stated that one of the changes in the table this year is the addition of a column to reflect committed advanced construction (AC) funds. He stated that projects are either obligated or in AC status. He explained that AC is not an obligation by federal highways but it indicates an intention from IDOT to be converted into an obligation in the future. Mr. Pietrowiak asked for approval for the mark of \$285,756,115 for the region. He added that about \$21 million in STP funds were replaced by repurposed earmarks which increased the STP carryover balance, and is reflected in the FFY 2017 marks. He stated that the carryover balance was reduced by about \$11 million near the end of FFY 2016, but would have been reduced by \$32 million if not for the repurposed earmarks.

Mayor Schielke asked if this was one of the highest numbers they have ever had. Mr. Pietrowiak replied saying it is probably the second or third highest. He added that the number is a little inflated due to the repurposed earmark funds. Mayor Schielke stated that he remembers when the numbers have been a lot lower and it is good to see that the region is getting the investment. Ms. Becker asked about the 3% obligation limitation in the footnotes. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that note was from FFY 2016 and would be removed.

Mayor Sherwin made a motion, seconded by President Ritter, to approve the 2017 STP Locally Programmed Marks, the motion carried.

4.3 CMAP STP-L Expenditure Report

Mr. Pietrowiak gave an overview of the STP-L Expenditure Report. He stated that without the repurposed earmarks included, the region would have obligated \$160 million in FFY 2016, but with the earmarks it is \$21 million less. This would have been the most the region has ever spent in a single federal fiscal year. He stated that 104 projects were completed in federal fiscal year 2016 and 52% of the region's programming mark was obligated. He also stated that the region obligated more than it received in new FFY 16 funds resulting in a decrease in the region's unobligated balance.

4.4 Advanced Funding Requests

Mr. Cannata reported that the North Central Council is requesting funding for the Grand Avenue Grade Separation project in the Village of Elmwood Park for a total of \$2,100,000. North Central Council will have a positive balance in 2020. Mayor Schielke stated that this is one of the more needed projects in the region. Ms. Jensen reported that the McHenry Council of Mayors is requesting for funding for two projects. The first project is Church Street in the Village of Johnsburg for \$1,500,000. The second project is Lake Avenue in the Village of Lakewood for \$554,000. Mayor Sherwin made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve all three advance funding requests, the motion carried.

5.0 2016 Municipal Survey Findings

Mr. Day reported on the findings of the 2016 Municipal Survey. He explained that the 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. He stated the response rate for the survey was 81.3%, which was a significant increase from previous years.

Mayor Schielke commented that the survey shows the value of CMAP to the region because it was able to put together this type of information. He added that a good idea for the survey is to add a part to the survey about municipal problems and resources where certain cities that have dealt with a particular situation can be contacted as a resource for others. Mayor Rockingham stated that it important to stay ahead of issues and it is helpful to share ordinances with other communities in order to do that.

Mr. Day added that the LTA division is on the frontlines of the chicken debates in the communities and they deal with them in their zoning projects.

6.0 ON TO 2050 Update

Ms. Ihnchak gave an introduction to the planning process and the emerging priorities report. She showed a timeline of the plan development process. Over the past year or so the focus has been on strategy papers, snapshots reports, and developing a regional socio-economic forecast. She stated that this year the focus will be on the assessment of alternative futures, the financial plan for transportation, prioritizing regionally significant capital projects, and drafting the actual plan. She stated that there are a variety of opportunities for public and stakeholder engagement throughout the process. The initial kickoff engagement just wrapped up and a document called the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 report summarized some of the major themes from the engagement process. CMAP will be soliciting public comment on the plan in the summer of 2018. Ms. Ihnchak stated that CMAP is building on GO TO 2040 topics by continuing the same policy direction, refining topic areas, and exploring new topics.

Ms. Ihnchak gave an overview of the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 report. She stated that there were about a dozen workshops from March to August with about 7,000 attendees. The report identifies major refinements to key topics and new key topics that CMAP wants to explore over the next two over during the ON TO 2050 process. She also gave an overview of the eleven priority areas that were derived from the public engagement process.

6.1 Regional Greenways and Trails Plan

Mr. Daly gave an update on the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan, last updated in 2009, which lays out a planned network of mostly off-street multiuse trails in the region. CMAP worked with County DOTs and Planning Departments, Forest Preserve and Conservation Districts, and subregional councils to update the plan to reflect more current regional and subregional trail priorities. The proposed plan has 3,161 miles of trails.

Mayor Schielke stated that it is not unusual for about 3,000 bicycles to come through his town. That has led to two bikes shops in the downtown area and restaurants that serve the bicycle riders. He stated that businesses want to be near the bicycle trails because of the business potential. He said that the bicycle trail has been an economic driver in his town.

Mayor Rodeghier asked if the plan is online. Mr. Daly replied saying the PDF version is available online and the GIS version will soon be online.

6.2 Alternative Futures

Ms. Oo explained that alternative futures scenario planning is an approach that helps identify trends and explained that for this project CMAP is looking at macro trends. She stated that CMAP is focusing on five futures related to mobility, land use, climate change, public resources and regional economy.

CMAP is currently collecting feedback on the five futures and will be looking at strategies to help tackle the impact of the futures. CMAP will be preparing for public outreach and going around the region to talk about these futures at public workshops.

Mayor Schielke stated that the information is great and he is happy that the committee is engaged in the conversation. He stated that he believes that the committee can offer input on the topic and suggested that the next meeting should have this topic back on the agenda.

6.3 Infill/TOD Snapshot

Ms. Zwiebach gave a presentation about the progress on the Infill and TOD Snapshot, which will provide an overview of existing conditions and trends in infill and TOD in the region, focusing on development since 2000. She stated the definition of infill is the construction of new buildings or redevelopment of existing properties on vacant, abandoned, or underutilized land in built up areas with existing infrastructure. She presented maps of the region to show three baseline categories for areas which were minimally infill supportive, moderately infill supportive, and highly infill supportive.

7.0 Outreach

Ms. Grover gave an update on the next steps for outreach and public engagement. She encouraged the committee to let CMAP know about opportunities to come out to their communities for more outreach.

8.0 Federal Legislative Update

8.1 US DOT Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule

Mr. Kotarac gave a brief overview of the proposed rule and stated that the reopened public comment period ended on October 24. He stated that out of 625 comments, our region submitted over 50. He said that Will County representatives and Joe Szabo made a trip to D.C. that helped generate a letter from our congressional delegation expressing strong opposition to the rule. He stated that DOT was specifically looking for exemptions to the rule; CMAP submitted comments stating how this area is a unique major metropolitan area. Mr. Kotarac said it is possible that DOT can finalize this rule by the end of next month. He stated that CMAP is working with the Congressional delegation to have them weigh in with the Office of Management and Budget, who have final say on the rule. CMAP is also contemplating pursuing a legislative stop or slow down for the rule.

Mayor Schielke asked if anyone was supportive of the rule. Mr. Kotarac stated that he did not see any comments in support of the rule.

8.2 Constitutional Lockbox Amendment

Mr. Kotarac stated that further analysis of the amendment has been posted on the CMAP website. He stated that at the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee there was discussion about what ambiguities in the amendment can be cleared up through legislation. He stated that CMAP is actively working through the issues in the amendment, one being that planning is not mentioned as a transportation purpose in the amendment. CMAP wants to make sure this is included in any trailer legislation. CMAP is also discussing local control and issues with home rule. He stated that in the amendment it states that the general assembly is able to authorize other transportation purposes for transportation revenue by law. He stated that there is also a concern about the lack of eligibility in the amendment for activities related to transportation. CMAP is actively seeking input from everyone.

Mayor Schielke asked if this amendment would allow for funding for IDOT personnel. Mr. Kotarac said in the second half of the amendment it talks about direct program expenses that are eligible and that IDOT and its workers' compensation programs are explicitly mentioned. The definition of direct program expenses is not explicitly discussed in the amendment. Mayor Schielke asked if CMAP is covered in the amendment. Mr. Kotarac replied that planning is not covered in the amendment. He added that a problem with the amendment is that in some cases there are highly explicit eligibility for some nontraditional transportation activities, but in other parts there is elastic language for other transportation purposes. CMAP would have preferred to be explicitly mentioned in the amendment but since CMAP was not, they are now looking at other opportunities in legislation.

Mayor Holland asked if salaries for plowing snow is covered in the amendment. Mr. Kotarac replied that snow plowing operations are not covered but stated the key interpretation is looking at what are the direct program expenses of transportation safety.

President Ritter asked if the amendment would bind the way he uses his local gas tax. Mr. Kotarac replied that the definition is incredibly elastic and generating any revenue from any transportation operation or infrastructure will be determined by the constitutional amendment. Mr. Ritter asked if the amendment would restrict how they use the gas tax locally. Mr. Kotarac replied that is correct.

Mr. Holland asked how much money of these types of funds has gone to something else besides transportation. Mr. Kotarac stated the Civic Federation did a drill down on the claim that \$6.8 million have been diverted over ten years. Mr. Kotarac said that this number is high and that the direct sweeps over the last ten years were only about \$520 million. Mr. Holland asked if his license plate fees that support non-transportation causes will go away. Mr. Kotarac stated that it is unknown.

9.0 Proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule

Mayor Schielke stated that the April 18 meeting should be moved to May because it is right after the election. Ms. Dixon said she will schedule the meeting for May 23. President Ritter made a motion, seconded by Mayor Holland, to approve the proposed 2017 meeting schedule with the change of April 18 to May 23, the motion carried.

10.0 Other Business

Mayor Rockingham congratulated President Darch who will receive the Lake County Woman of Distinction award.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017

13.0 Adjourn

Mayor Sherwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by President Ritter, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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