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Programming Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

- Members Present:** Rita Athas (Chair, CMAP Board), Matt Brolley (CMAP Board), Sheri Cohen (Human and Community Development Committee), Nancy Firfer (Housing Committee), Sis Killen (Transportation Committee), Judith Kossy (Economic Development Committee), John Noak (CMAP Board), William Rodeghier (CMAP Board), Peter Skosey (CMAP Board), Heather Tabbert (Land Use Committee), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources Committee)
- Members Absent:** Andrew Madigan, Peter Silvestri
- Staff Present:** Jason Navota (staff liaison for PC), Jesse Elam (staff liaison for PC), Patrick Day, Gordon Smith, Tom Kotarac
- Others Present:** Mike Albin-DMMC, Allison Buchwach-Metra, Len Canata-WCMC, Mike Fricano-WCMC, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Patrick Knapp-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA

1.0 Call to Order

Rita Athas, chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None

3.0 Legislative Framework and Agenda

Gordon Smith presented the draft 2017 State Legislative Framework and Agenda, which describes CMAP's legislative principles based on GO TO 2040 and highlights the policy priorities for CMAP in the upcoming legislative session, as well as the Federal Agenda. Rita Athas asked whether there was a committee formed to examine implementation of the 'lockbox amendment' and whether there was a role for CMAP. Gordon replied that no committee had been formed; discussions were underway as to how the amendment would be implemented, but no real movement at this time.

Rita asked Gordon to review for the committee what our primary objections to the amendment are, to which Gordon replied that the language of the amendment was too broad in some areas and too narrow in others, specifically, there was no mention of transportation planning, and transit was not adequately addressed.

William Rodeghier mentioned that he has concerns over whether vehicle registration fees would be included, and whether there was IDOT guidance on that. Gordon replied that he does not anticipate IDOT guidance in the near term, and in the long run, nothing may change from how things are done today.

Sean Wiedel asked whether this amendment would affect the discussion about updating the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), which Gordon said was possible, but the political climate for that discussion is unfavorable. Sis Killen suggested that this may actually delay movement on MFT because the amendment secures revenues for transportation projects, thereby negating the need to change the MFT and making it hard to advocate for increased revenues via the MFT.

Tom Kotarac presented the committee with an update of the MPO merger rule finalized by the USDOT in December 2016 and the potential response options: a formal request for exemption from the rule, which requires the governors and MPOs to be in agreement, legislative action, administrative relief (i.e., changes to the rule), and legal action. Sheri Cohen asked about the reason for the new rule, which Tom responded was due to issues with the USDOT with one particular MPO. Nancy Firfer suggested that perhaps the force of MPOs could undo this rule. Nancy also suggested that CMAP advocate for housing to be included in any new federal capital infrastructure bill. Tom responded that CMAP does advocate for broad bills that address multiple issues such as the previous HUD Sustainable Communities grant.

4.0 LTA Plan Implementation

Riverside Village President Benjamin Sells and Village Manager Jessica Frances presented on progress towards plan implementation since the 2013 adoption of its [Central Business District Plan](#), which was produced in partnership with the CMAP LTA program. The village representatives highlighted the importance of various factors for implementation, and thanked CMAP for its assistance with the plan, which made all the difference in improving their downtown. Judith Kossey asked whether the community was supportive, and President Sells responded that yes there was broad support, but as usual, the small opposition was more vocal. Heather Tabbert asked about the Metra station, to which village representatives responded that there are plans afoot to upgrade the station and to use the station to attract visitors to Riverside. Nancy Firfer asked whether the village was trying to bring new housing to the central business district, to which village representatives responded that the town is built out and new housing isn't really a possibility.

5.0 Overview of Transportation Programming at CMAP

Jesse Elam presented an overview of CMAP’s current practices in programming federal transportation funds as well as key policy issues affecting programming. Sheri Cohen suggested that equity, inclusivity, and health be included in performance measures. Sean Wiedel noted that the city has a new Vision Zero policy and asked whether that fits within the programs that Jesse presented, and Jesse responded that there is a separate pool of funds for that purpose.

6.0 2016 Municipal Survey

Patrick Day presented the results of the 2016 CMAP biennial Municipal Survey, which is used to inform agency work and track the progress of GO TO 2040 implementation by the region’s municipalities.

7.0 LTA Program

The committee received the monthly updates on the status of each active project within the LTA program.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business brought for discussion.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

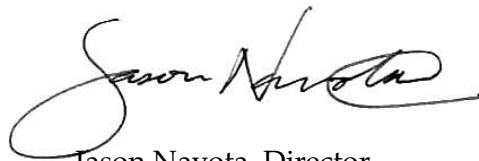
10.0 Next Meeting

March 8, 2017

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Navota, Director



Jesse Elam, Director

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 8, 2017