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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Draft Minutes January 20, 2017

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

- Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Killen - Cook County, Chair, Chuck Abraham – IDOT OIPI, Jennifer Becker – Kendall County, Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Mike Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Tony Greep – FTA, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Tom Kelso – IDOT Central Office, Dave Kralik – Metra, Kevin Muhs – SEWRPC, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Madeline Shepherd – MPC, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, P.S. Siraj - Academic and Research, Rocco Zuccherro – Illinois Tollway
- Absent:** Gabrielle Biciunas – NIRPC, Darwin Burkhart – IEPA, Jacky Grimshaw – CNT, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Joe Schofer – Academic and Research
- Others Present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Susan Borucki, Len Cannata, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Sam van Hecke, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Janell Jensen, Mike Klemens, Patrick Knapp, Dennis Latto, Aimee Lee, Kelsey Mulhausen, Brian Pigeon, Emily Tapia-Lopez, Mike Walczak
- Staff Present:** Lindsay Bayley, Alex Beata, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Kelwin Harris, Lindsay Hollander, Elizabeth Irvin, Leroy Kos, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Dan Olson, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

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

Committee Chair Sis Killen called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Pitstick requested that the draft minutes be corrected, comments attributed to Ms. Redden were made by Ms. Ciavarella. A motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Connelly, carried.

## **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Ms. Killen reported that CMAP staff presented the draft 2017 State Legislative Framework and Agenda, as well as the Federal Legislative Agenda to the Programming Committee. She stated that a community representative from the Village of Riverside presented some of the implementation activities that have occurred since the 2013 adoption of the Village's Central Business District Plan, produced with assistance from CMAP's LTA program. Ms. Killen stated that CMAP staff presented the basics of the agency's MPO responsibilities and transportation planning and funding programs. CMAP staff also presented the results of the 2016 Municipal Plans, Programs, and Operations Survey. She added that updates to various LTA program projects were given.

## **5.0 FFY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **5.1 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that TIP Amendment 17-02 consisted of those revisions exceeding financial amendment thresholds. The administrative modifications (17-02.1) and formal amendment were published to the eTIP website on January 13 for committee review and public comment. Subsequent to the posting, two projects (05-12-0001 and 13-13-0023) were removed from the formal amendment, as detailed in the TIP Summary Memo – Revised 1/19/2017 due to the discovery that federal funds being removed from those projects via the proposed amendment had already been authorized by FHWA. Mr. Loper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick to approve TIP Amendment 17-02. The motion carried.

### **5.2 Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment**

Mr. Kos reported that the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 17-04 have been prepared for public comment. Mr. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rickert to approve the release of the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment for a public comment period from January 20, 2017 to February 20, 2017. The motion carried.

## **6.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Mr. Olson provided an update on the process for developing the FY 2018 UWP. He explained that each year in January CMAP begins the UWP planning process. The call for projects occurred on January 3 and all proposals are due on January 30. He stated that the current funding levels from FHWA/FTA are under development and expected to become available in the next month, but CMAP is using the FY 2017 budget for planning. He explained the timeline of the approval process and noted that the final CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approval is expected in June 2017.

## **7.0 Local Technical Assistance Program – LTA**

Mr. Dean announced that there will be an LTA call for projects in early May and a one-day symposium on May 16 where past project sponsors will have an opportunity to describe their work, highlight implementation successes, and help generate ideas and form partnerships for new applications. He reviewed the timeline and noted that the final project selection will be in October 2017.

Mr. Dean added that CMAP is interested in moving LTA projects beyond plan adoption to implementation. He explained that the main driver for implementation is local commitment. Locals often need help beyond planning for implementation and involvement of partners is important. CMAP is not an implementer itself but can help in the process. Mr. Dean stated that until now, CMAP has only devoted staff time to implementation and explained the process. He invited the committee to discuss the questions of whether resources for project implementation should go beyond staff time and if, so, how to decide where those resources should be spent.

Ms. Snorden asked how much money would be available for implementation. Mr. Dean responded that amount has not been determined yet but would assume it to be around \$50,000. Mr. Zucchero asked if there would be a match and Mr. Dean responded that there would be, as is the case with all LTA projects. Ms. Shepherd asked how resources such as staff time are allocated. Mr. Dean responded that project coordinators check in on projects quarterly for the first two years, and annually after that. Mr. Connelly stated that the LTA program has been a successful program that has a lot of value. He said it would be a good idea to go further with the communities and if there is a way to find resources, the program should go forward with implementation. Mr. Kralik said LTA is a good program and transportation/transit dollars would be more flexible assuming there is funding coming into the program. Mr. Rickert stated that LTA is an excellent program and has been beneficial.

## **8.0 ON TO 2050**

### **8.1 Financial Plan Development**

Ms. Hollander presented an update to the ON TO 2050 financial planning process. Forecasts of core revenues include funding sources the region currently receives for transportation purposes and assumes that northeastern Illinois will continue to receive

revenues from federal, state, and local sources for constructing, operating, administering, and maintaining the current roadway and transit system. The 32-year draft forecast for core revenues totals \$460 billion. Overall, this is lower than the forecast for core revenues in GO TO 2040.

Ms. Hollander stated that after forecasts are complete, the region will need to prioritize how to invest the funds in the transportation system by allocating planned expenditures into different categories. Ms. Hollander described four draft categories for allocating investments in ON TO 2050, including 1) maintain, operate, and administer to the current state of repair and operation, 2) achieving performance targets, 3) all other strategic enhancements, and 4) regionally significant projects.

Mr. Carlson said that the items under enhancements are not enhancements. Ms. Hollander replied that a better word could be used. Mr. Donovan said that even though people are moving away from the word modernization, it does capture the category.

## **8.2 Transportation Technology Strategy Paper**

Ms. Irvin gave a brief overview of new technologies and the potential impacts they can have on the region and how to address them in the plan. She introduced Mr. van Hecke as the consultant working on the Transportation Technology Strategy Paper.

Mr. van Hecke presented preliminary findings of the potential changes to the region's transportation system due to improvements in technology. The technologies that were included in the report were autonomous vehicles, connected vehicles, smart infrastructure, alternative energy, shared mobility, active transportation, big data, smart city technologies, and innovations in freight and urban goods movement.

Mr. Connelly stated that he is heartened by the emphasis in the presentation on what happens in the future. He stated that transit should get preferential treatment when the new technologies come and that it is important as an industry to be aware of the repercussions that new technologies could have on transit service provision and customers. Ms. Hamilton said it is important to talk about hedging VMT fees and mentioned that there should be a penalty for autonomous cars circling blocks. Mr. Zuccherro stated that it is important to identify the technologies and to entice private industries to do the research.

## **8.3 Congestion Reduction Indicator Refinement**

Mr. Elam gave a brief overview of the Congestion Reduction Indicator Refinement study. He stated there are many different strategies being examined and the results will influence how congestion reports are viewed. One key outcome of the study is to develop a "layer" of recommended corridors on which certain operations strategies could be implemented, which would be part of the overall place-based approach to developing subregional recommendations for ON TO 2050.

#### **8.4 Non-motorized Transportation Snapshot Scope**

Ms. Bayley explained that the snapshot will provide an overview of existing conditions and trends in non-motorized transportation in the region, focusing on trends and developments since 2010. The first phase will be an analysis of broad trends in bicycling and walking, looking at infrastructure, equity, safety, and economic development. Phase 2 will include a more detailed analysis of non-motorized transportation trends and growth areas and a walkability metric. Ms. Bayley shared some of the key research questions and initial analysis, and talked about some challenges with data.

#### **8.5 Forum Follow-up: Regionally Significant Transit Project Evaluation**

Mr. Elam gave a summary of the Regionally Significant Projects forum held on November 18, 2016 that focused on transit projects. Metra gave a presentation on the cost-benefit analyses they are undertaking for their proposed commuter rail improvements and extensions and Mr. Elam gave a presentation on the proposed approach and metrics for the regionally significant project evaluation for ON TO 2050.

#### **8.6 ON TO 2050 Board Report**

Ms. Killen stated that the report was included in the packet.

#### **9.0 MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule update**

Mr. Kotarac presented information on the USDOT MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule. He stated that the rule's provisions will take effect two years after the next Census results, or approximately 2024. He added that there is an exception option that requires all Governors and MPOs in this urbanized area (Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin) to sign a waiver request. Mr. Kotarac concluded that possible next steps are submitting the exception request, legislation to override the rule, administrative action to undo the rule, or legal action to block it.

#### **10.0 State of Local Technical Assistance Program**

Ms. Killen stated that there is an update in the packet.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

Mr. Kotarac stated that the STP agreement between the City of Chicago, Council of Mayors, and CMAP needs to be revisited. The last FHWA certification review stated that CMAP should move away from sub allocation of STP funds towards a performance-based programming approach. Mr. Kotarac explained that the upcoming process to review the agreement and address the FHWA's comments will be long but transparent. He said if anyone has any questions to contact him or Jesse Elam.

Mr. Zucchero stated that an open house celebrating the completion of the Jane Addams project will occur on January 27th.

**12.0 Public Comment**

Mr. Armstrong expressed concerns about freight trains impacting transit riders. He said something has to be done to make transit on time because freight trains block buses. Ms. Killen responded by saying a large component of ON TO 2050 is freight and it is a priority for the agency to address the issues.

**13.0 Next Meeting**

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on March 3, 2017.

**14.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Zucchero, seconded by Ms. Karry, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.