



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Draft Minutes – January 10, 2017

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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Mayor, Village of Hillside
North Central Council

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President, Village of LaGrange Park
Central Council

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President, Village of Western Springs
Central Council

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President, Village of Bedford Park
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Southwest Council

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President, Village of Winfield
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President, Village of Carpentersville
Kane/Kendall Council

Glenn Ryback
President, Village of 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, President Karen Darch, Mayor Jim Holland, President Ed Ritter, President William Rodeghier, Mayor Glen Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, President Erik Spande, Mayor George Van Dusen

Others Present

Len Cannata, Bruce Christensen, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Janell Jensen, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Patrick Knapp, Kelsey Mulhausen, Brian Pigeon, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, Claire Serdiuk, Chris Strom, Mike Walczak

CMAP Staff Present

Alex Beata, Teri Dixon, Jesse Elam, Tom Kotarac, Ross Patrosky, Russell Pietrowiak, Joseph Szabo, Barbara Zubek

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2016

President Spande made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2016 meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle gave an update on upcoming lettings.

Mr. Riddle mentioned that the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) process has been in place since July 2016 and IDOT is looking into what it entails for local projects. He explained that the GATA requirement may impact tracking of projects and change the timing of agreements.

Mr. Riddle requested that the planning liaisons review the methodologies posted on the CMAP website to confirm that they are current. He noted that central office refers to these methodologies when processing agreements.

He added that John Fortmann, the regional engineer is no longer with IDOT. Interviews for the position will occur sometime in late January and he expects the position to be filled in mid-February.

Mayor Schielke offered IDOT a word of appreciation because they have been able to function and keep projects moving during the current political climate.

4.2 2017 STP Locally Programmed Marks

Mr. Pietrowiak said he has revised the marks table based on discussions with IDOT. The marks went down because spending that CMAP did not count as STP was counted as STP by IDOT. He went on to say that the marks table development process ensures that both IDOT and CMAP have the same understanding of the amount of funding available for STP projects.

4.3 CMAP STP-L Expenditure Report

Mr. Pietrowiak presented the STP-L expenditures that were included in the packet. He explained that the councils are successfully spending down the unobligated balance and that the increased amount of spending might mean more advanced funding requests in the future.

4.4 Advanced Funding Requests

Mr. Pigeon reported that the North Shore Council is requesting advanced funding for one project, with a total federal amount of \$1,886,177. Mayor Van Dusen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by President Darch; the motion carried.

Ms. Jensen reported that the McHenry Council is requesting advanced funding for one project, with a total federal amount of \$135,200. President Ryback made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Van Dusen; the motion carried.

Mr. Klemens reported that the Will Council is requesting advanced funding for three projects, with a total federal amount of \$9,796,251. President Rodeghier made a motion to approve the request, seconded by President Ritter; the motion carried.

5.0 2018 Unified Work Program

Mr. Walczak presented the UWP request for the Planning Liaison (PL) program. He explained that the request includes an increase of 5% and for all PL positions to be funded at the 80/20 level.

Mayor Sherwin asked what would prevent all the councils from establishing a second PL position. Mr. Walczak responded saying it would depend on organizational costs or capacity. He followed up by saying there would need to be justification for the additional position. Mayor Sherwin asked if all the councils with two PLs spend down their allotments. Mr. Walczak responded that 95% of the funds are usually spent and the biggest impact on councils not spending is vacancies.

Mayor Schielke stated that questioning whether one full time PL is justifiable has been discussed in the past and appreciates the concern. He said that the PL program is valuable to the region because the PLs are the people who make the STP program work. Mayor Schielke also stated that the PLs are the boots on the ground for all transportation projects in their Council. Mr. Riddle added that the PLs are IDOT's go-to people for processing agreements and PPIs and are knowledgeable about what is going on with all the STP and other federal projects in their councils.

Mayor Van Dusen made a motion to approve the 2018 UWP proposal; seconded by President Spande, the motion carried.

6.0 Truck Permitting

Mr. Beata presented analyses and findings from the final Regional Truck Permitting Study. He explained that the genesis of the project is trying to get all the players to work together. He stated that over 600 units of government are allowed to issue permits for oversized and overweight vehicles, which makes permitting a complex process. The report investigated ways to streamline the process and makes recommendations.

Mayor Holland asked if the basic recommendation for small municipalities is to have the contact information for permitting on their websites. Mr. Beata said that is the first step. Mayor Holland stated this type of work is appropriate for a regional planning organization.

7.0 ON TO 2050 Bi-Monthly Report

Ms. Dixon noted that there is an update in the packet.

8.0 USDOT MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule

Mr. Kotarac presented information on the USDOT MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule that was made final on December 15, 2016. 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.

Mayor Spande asked if there has been any evaluation to what would happen to the organizations that would become part of one large MPO. Mr. Kotarac replied that it has been qualitatively assessed and referred to the comments that were submitted jointly with the MPOs in Indiana and Wisconsin, which brought up the problems with coordinating with several different governments. Mr. Kotarac pointed out that outreach would be particularly difficult. When referring to quantitative assessment, Mr. Kotarac said USDOT could not assess how much this rule would cost the MPOs.

Mayor Van Dusen asked if the Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin Governors are unified on this issue and Mr. Kotarac replied that they are. Mayor Sherwin asked why legislation against the rule is not the best option. Mr. Kotarac responded by saying it is a challenge because the rule does not go into effect for several years, leading to a lack of urgency, and planning rules might not be the highest priority for legislators.

Mayor Schielke asked if CMAP has talked to Senator Durbin about the rule. Mr. Kotarac responded that Senator Durbin has been engaged and had spoken to Secretary Foxx personally before the rule was final and added that Senator Duckworth is on two of the key committees who have jurisdiction over the rule. She asked the nominee for DOT Secretary about this issue.

9.0 Other Business

Mr. Szabo stated that the existing agreement between the City of Chicago, Council of Mayors and MPO for the STP program calls for the parties to review the allocation agreement after Congress passes a new transportation bill. He explained that FHWA's last certification review of CMAP contained a finding that said CMAP needs to move away from sub allocation of STP funds and towards a performance-based approach. The certification review process begins this upcoming summer so there is a need to address the issue. He has had initial meetings with Mayor Schielke and CDOT Commissioner Scheinfeld on the matter.

Mr. Szabo stated that an approach that continues to meet local communities' needs, supports the regional plan, and supports USDOT expectations needs to be found. Mr. Szabo said he wants to have a conversation on the core principles to see what the program should look like and to make sure everyone is comfortable with it and it meets their needs. Mayor Schielke stated that finding a new approach can be beneficial to the entire region if it is done correctly.

10.0 Public Comment

Mayor Schielke announced that it was Mayor Rodeghier's last meeting as he cannot run for reelection under his caucus' rule. He thanked him for his good efforts and work he has done for the committee, including representing the committee and graciously standing-in when necessary. Mayor Schielke added that there are several mayors up for reelection in April.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2017

12.0 Adjourn

Mayor Rockingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Holland. With a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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