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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMA) Transportation Committee Draft Minutes June 16, 2017

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

**Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Killen – Cook County, Chair, Jennifer Becker– Kendall County, Gabrielle Biciunas – NIRPC, Darwin Burkhart – IEPA (via phone), Brian Carlson – IDOT District 1, Michael Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMA, Jackie Forbes – Kane County, Tony Greep – FTA, Jessica Hector-Hsu – RTA, Emily Karry – Lake County, Tom Kelso – IDOT Central Office, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Dave Seglin – CDOT, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Audrey Wennink – MPC, Rocco Zuccherro – Illinois Tollway

**Absent:** Jacky Grimshaw – CNT, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Beth McCluskey – IDOT OIPI, Kevin Muhs – SEWRPC, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Joe Schofer – Academic and Research, P.S. Sriraj – Academic and Research

**Others Present:** Daniel Aguirre, Mike Albin, Erin Aleman, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Ryan Bigbie, Susan Borucki, Len Cannata, Kevin Carrier, Sherry Chen, Bruce Christensen, Jackie Forbes, Mike Klemens, Barbara Klipp, Dennis Latto, Ashley Lucas, Leah Mooney, Brian Pigeon, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, David Spacek, Anthony Vega, Mike Walczak

**Staff Present:** Alex Beata, Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Augusta Gudeman, Kelwin Harris, Lindsay Hollander, Leroy Kos, Tom Kotarac, Tim McMahon, Martin Menninger, Ross Patronsky, Kevin

Peralta, Russell Pietrowiak, Allison Porton, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Joe Szabo, Yiyuan Wang, Barbara Zubek

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chairman Killen called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chairman Killen announced that item 9.2 the Walking Metric – Non motorized Snapshot report will be deferred until the next Transportation Committee meeting.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – April 28, 2017**

A motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Ms. Karry, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, carried.

**4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Mr. Zucchero reported that the Planning Committee met on June 14. The committee heard staff presentations about the Regional Expressway Vision, the Draft ON TO 2050 Preview Report, and the ON TO 2050 Highway Operations, Transit Modernization, and Emerging Technology Strategy Synthesis. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017.

Chairman Killen reported that the Programming Committee met on May 10. The committee was updated on the status of the LTA program and the Call for Projects Symposium. There was a joint presentation by the City of Aurora and CMAP about the City of Aurora Downtown plan, an LTA project that is nearing completion. There were also discussions about the transit asset condition targets and the 2018 Unified Work Program. The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2017.

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

**TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 17-07 to the FFY 2014-2019 was published to the eTIP website for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments, 17-07.1, 17-07.2, and 17-07.3 were also posted for information. A memo summarizing the formal and administrative changes was included in the meeting packet. A motion to approve amendment 17-07 made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Ms. Snorden, carried.

**6.0 State Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**

Ms. Aleman presented the State Long Range Transportation Plan and gave an overview of the goals, which include economic growth, livability, access, resilience, stewardship, and safety. She explained that project prioritization and performance measures will be integral parts of the plan. She reviewed the coordinated plans that will be incorporated into the long range plan including the Freight Plan, Asset Management Plan and Rail

Plan. There will be three stakeholder workshops in Chicago, Springfield, and Metro East with public comment happening in August. The final plan is expected to be released in December. Ms. Becker asked if the bicycle/pedestrian plan will be integrated into the long range plan and Ms. Aleman replied it will be integrated as well. Mr. Zucchero complimented the survey and requested that the feedback be shared with the committee. Ms. Aleman agreed to send the feedback to staff for distribution to the committee.

#### **7.0 RTA 2018-2022 Capital Program Development Process**

Mr. Spacek presented the RTA 2018-2022 Capital Program Development Process. He explained the regional five-year program is adopted annually by the RTA board and any capital improvements undertaken by the service boards are included in the program. Mr. Spacek stated that the 2018 Capital program totals \$979.16 million and noted that 2018 is the fourth year in a row with no new state contribution to the capital program. He went over the capital funding needs and stated that the capital program continues to fall short of meeting region's state of good repair needs. He concluded by explaining the public hearing process, which starts in October.

#### **8.0 Principles for Programming Federal Freight Funds**

Mr. Beata provided an overview of the development of the Regional Strategic Freight Direction, a near-term action agenda for freight policy, and noted that it could make recommendations on the use of federal freight funding in the region. He outlined two concepts: the suballocation of National Highway Freight Program funding to MPOs and a single regional application for competitive funding opportunities. Committee members asked how a suballocated program might work, both in allocating funds to the various MPOs and then the project selection process within the MPO. They also noted that a single application with regional consensus might be acceptable if it did not preclude agencies from submitting additional applications.

Mr. Beata indicated that this work item would be completed around the end of the year. In the meantime, Mr. Kelso noted that freight funds were being programmed largely to the Byrne Circle interchange.

#### **9.0 ON TO 2050**

##### **9.1 ON TO 2050 Preview Report**

Ms. Schuh presented the ON TO 2050 Preview Report and explained that the purpose of the report is to provide a preview of ON TO 2050's major recommendations. The report introduces three principles in the plan, which are resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. The report also expands on the Emerging Priorities Report.

Chairman Killen said it is understood that there are limited financial resources but there should be a focus on the benefit of the regional coordination that is occurring. Mr. Zucchero commented that the region does a good job with the resources it has and the

document should show more positivity. Mr. Snyder asked how the Alternative Futures will be incorporated into the plan. Ms. Schuh stated that many of the strategies in the preview report are represented in the Alternative Future process and the feedback received from the public will be put together at the end. Mr. Snyder noted the emphasis on economically disconnected areas and asked if there will be a map. Ms. Schuh said she can send the map to the committee and it will be part of the layers process. Mr. Connelly said he is glad that inclusive growth is part of the plan.

**10.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance Program**

Chairman Killen stated there is an update included in the packet. Mr. Connelly stated that he is interested in the Chicago Pullman National Historic Park transportation plan and requested that a presentation be made at a Transportation Committee meeting.

**11.0 Other Business**

Chairman Killen announced that in an effort to advance the County's Long Range Transportation Plan, there are two jobs posted - Freight Manager and Transit Manager.

**12.0 Public Comment**

Ms. Armstrong expressed her concerns about construction projects stopping because of the lack of a State budget.

Mr. Armstrong said that the main goal of the Disability Pride Parade is to march down State Street and he hopes that a CDOT representative can attend their next meeting on June 20. He added that there still is no sign posted at O'Hare for CTA and Pace buses.

Ms. Klipp, representing Livable Lake County, stated that there are better solutions than the current proposed plan for the Route 53 extension, which is not warranted by the demand. She encouraged the committee to support moving forward with a better plan that would leave the wildlife corridor intact and encourage transit-oriented development.

Chairman Killen announced it was Mr. Christensen's last meeting and thanked him for his service.

**13.0 Next meeting**

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be August 4, 2017.

**14.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.