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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Draft Minutes – July 18, 2017

9:30 a.m.

CMAP Office – Cook County Conference Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr., 1st Vice Chair, Mayor Eugene Williams, 2nd Vice Chair, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Michael Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Hugh Hermanek, President Al Larson, President Robert Nunamaker, Mayor Glenn Ryback, President John Skillman, Mayor George Van Dusen

Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Dave Bennett, Ryan Bigbie, Susan Borucki, Elaine Bottomley, Len Cannata, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Jackie Forbes, Tamara Freihat, Michael Fricano, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, Ed Paesel, Brian Pigeon, Andy Plummer, Chad Riddle, Brian Townsend, Mike Walczak

CMAP Staff Present

Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Jane Grover, Tom Kotarac, Tony Manno, Tim McMahon, Ross Patronskey, Kevin Peralta, Russell Pietrowiak, Liz Schuh, Simone Weil, 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 – May 23, 2017

President Ryback made a motion, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 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 about the status of upcoming state lettings. He stated that August only includes two STP projects, September is down to six projects, and most projects have moved to November. He added that there are many big projects coming up such as Weber Road and Longmeadow Parkway.

4.2 Surface Transportation Program – Locally Programmed (STP- L) Expenditure Report

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that \$71.5 million has been obligated so far in federal fiscal year 2017. He stated that this year the allotment was \$135 million and the year started with a carryover balance. He added that many projects have been delayed to the November letting.

4.3 Advanced Funding Requests

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the North Shore Council requested advanced funding for three projects totaling \$2,776,384. The North Shore Council will have a positive balance in federal fiscal year 2018. Mr. Pietrowiak reported that the South Council requested advanced funding for three projects totaling \$1,206,000 and will have a positive balance in federal fiscal year 2018. President Nunamaker made a motion to approve both requests, seconded by President Larson; the motion carried.

5.0 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Agreement

Mr. Elam gave an overview of the draft proposal presented to the STP working group. He stated that the proposal has four parts, including a new shared local funding program, local allotments based on performance measures, additional project selection criteria supporting the goals of ON TO 2050, and active program management provisions. The shared local funding would allow larger projects in Chicago and the suburbs to advance. Mr. Elam gave examples of partially funded and unfunded large regional projects that could become fully funded through the shared local fund. Mr. Elam stated there are two options for project selection: creating a new committee with significant council and City membership or assigning the CMAQ Project Selection Committee with adjusted membership. Funding for the shared local fund would come from setting aside a percentage of the region's STP funds and excess carryover funding proposed to be made available to the region by IDOT. Mayor Schielke asked if there will be one project selected for this funding, or multiple projects. Mr. Elam stated that it could be either, and that the idea is to select the best projects for the region. President Einhorn asked how the shared fund affects advance funding practices. Mr. Elam stated that once there is a shared fund established, advance funding should not be needed.

Mr. Elam continued his presentation, and explained that in addition to the shared local fund, distributions to the councils and City of Chicago will continue, but the distribution would be based on five performance measures from MAP-21 and new FHWA rules. An estimated initial distribution to each council was presented and Mr. Elam noted that this distribution is illustrative based on currently available data for the local system of collectors and arterials. In order to help complete the data and identify cost-effective pavement treatments, the proposal includes establishing pavement management systems throughout the region. Mr. Elam also noted that the distribution would be recalibrated every five years to capture changes to conditions throughout the region. In order to advance the regional priorities of ON TO 2050, local project selection methodologies will include points for meeting six of those priorities. At least 25% of each council's points will be for these priorities, but the weight of the priorities within that 25% will be up to each individual council to determine. Mr. Elam explained that the

final element of the proposal is to establish active program management policies to ensure that funding is obligated in a timely manner to meet the region's performance goals. He stated that the proposal will be phased in, with an initial call for shared local fund projects anticipated for FFY 2020 and for local programs for FFY 2021. All new programming will be frozen with the signing of the new agreement, and existing project commitments will be honored. The final agreement based on this proposal is expected to be executed following MPO Policy Committee review in October.

President Einhorn asked if the state and the counties would be required to have a pavement management system and if there would be a guarantee that all pavement management systems will use the same criteria. Mr. Elam responded that most of the counties and the State already have pavement management systems and the goal is to have comparable data. President Einhorn noted that there is a certain level of subjectivity to pavement evaluation. Mr. Elam stated that trucks with laser measuring tools and cameras are available and that it will be critical that everyone use the same definition of "poor" pavement condition. In response to a question from President Einhorn, Mr. Elam stated that developing and maintaining a pavement management system is an eligible use of STP funding and that UWP and State Planning and Research funding can also be used. President Nunamaker suggested that the 25% weight for the council point system for ON TO 2050 principles should be reduced to 15%, that there should be a minimum and maximum funding cap on projects, and that unobligated council funds should be available to other councils for advanced funding for a year before being returned to the shared local fund.

President Darch stated that the Northwest Council's distribution would be decreased by 26% based on the preliminary data that was presented. She hopes that with more complete and accurate data in the coming years the numbers will change. The Northwest Council suggests that there be a smoothing of the distribution so that no council will have to have such a large decrease.

Mayor Rockingham stated that moving from population based funding to performance based funding is difficult and that CMAP staff did a great job putting together a proposal. He added that the Lake Council is concerned about the potential to lose funding for delayed projects due to active program management. Mr. Elam clarified that the details of active program management will need to be developed as part of the implementation of the agreement. President Nunamaker expressed concern over advanced funding not being available under the proposal. He stated that McHenry Council might not be able to compete with other municipalities who have large projects.

Mayor Schielke noted that there have been positive comments and that CMAP staff has been receptive to the comments made by the committee and can make minor changes to the proposal based on those comments. He suggested that a special meeting be scheduled prior to the MPO Policy Committee meeting to have one final discussion by this committee. Ms. Dixon suggested a meeting in September and stated staff will contact members regarding availability. Mayor Schielke concluded that he was at first concerned that the local control would be taken away from the councils, but through the

working group and CMAP staff's work on the proposal, the councils still have the local control element. He stated that the region's success is attributed to the councils having control over what projects are programmed.

6.0 Update on LTA Call for Projects

Mr. Manno provided an update on the recent Local Technical Assistance call for projects that closed on June 29, 2017. Eighty applications were received and it is estimated that 30-40% of these applications will be accepted. Over the next two months, staff will ask for feedback from the working committees, transit and transportation partners, and other external agencies. The final program of projects will be approved in October at the joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting.

7.0 ON TO 2050 Preview Report

Ms. Schuh presented the draft 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: resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. The report also expands on the Emerging Priorities Report.

Mayor Schielke asked if strategies that do not work in the region can be identified and how the region can become less congested. Ms. Schuh responded that CMAP is working to identify existing needs and gaps and that part of the regionally significant project assessment process will include congestion reduction. President Einhorn suggested that previous plans should be reviewed to determine what the region has accomplished and not accomplished.

8.0 Bi-Monthly ON TO 2050 Report

The current status report on the progress of ON TO 2050 analyses was included in the meeting materials.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2017. Mayor Schielke requested that staff schedule a meeting in early September to discuss the STP agreement.

12.0 Adjourn

On a motion by Mayor Ryback, seconded by President Einhorn, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.