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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Draft Minutes August 4, 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:** Chairman Michael Connelly – CTA, Jennifer Becker– Kane County, Gabrielle Biciunas – NIRPC, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra, , John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kendall County, Tony Greep – FTA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Kevin Muhs – SEWRPC, Randy Neufeld (via phone) – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Chad Riddle – IDOT District 1, Mayor Leon Rockingham (via phone) – Council of Mayors, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, John Loper – DuPage County, P.S. Sriraj – Academic and Research, Audrey Wennink – MPC
- Absent:** Darwin Burkhart – IEPA, Jacky Grimshaw – CNT, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Jennifer Killen – Cook County, Beth McCluskey – IDOT OIPI, Joe Schofer – Academic and Research, Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway
- Others Present:** Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Mark Baloga, Ryan Bigbie, Elaine Bottomley, Susan Borucki, Len Cannata, Kevin Carrier, Tamara Freihart, Mike Fricano, Jim Grabowski, Ben Harber, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Mike Klemens, Ashley Lucas, Leah Mooney, Kelsey Mulhausen, Holly Ostdick, Brian Pigeon, Lauren Platt, Adam Rod, Dave Seglin, Peter Skosey, Chris Strom, Cori Tiberi, Alvaro Villagran
- Staff Present:** Lindsay Bayley, Mandy Burrell, Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Elizabeth Irvin, Leroy Kos, Tom Kotarac, Ricardo Lopez, Jen Maddux, Tony Manno, Martin Menninger, John O’Neal, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Aseal Tineh, Alex Waltz, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 16, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Mr. Loper, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, carried.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Report

Neither of the coordinating committees met since the last Transportation Committee meeting.

5.0 FFY 2014-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 TIP Amendment and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 17-08 to the FFY 2014-2019 TIP was published to the eTIP website for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments 17-08.1 and 17-08.2 were also posted for information. A memo summarizing the formal and administrative changes was included in the meeting packet. A motion to approve amendment 17-08 made by Ms. Karry, seconded John Loper carried.

Ms. Wennink asked what the process is for determining whether projects in the amendment are supporting the long-range plan. Ms. Dobbs explained that individual project changes are not screened against any criteria for plan support in the TIP. Individual implementers that develop funding programs screen projects. CMAP staff reviews all TIP changes, and if a project were to be in conflict with the plan, that change would be thoroughly discussed prior to approval. Ms. Wennink expressed concern that the dollars that are being used to reach the region's goals are not scrutinized as part of the TIP amendment. She stated that other MPOs use criteria to program projects in their regional transportation plans and CMAP should consider looking at the models that other MPOs use. Ms. Dobbs add that projects programmed with specific fund sources such as CMAQ, TAP, and STP are subject to project selection processes that use a variety of criteria before they are entered into the TIP. She noted that CMAP is moving towards including performance data in the TIP. Mr. Kotarac added that the transportation committee has discussed having smaller thresholds with a larger list of projects to analyze for the regionally significant projects that will be included in the plan. He added that there are also ongoing discussions about setting targets for projects using the federal target setting process.

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

Mr. Kos reported the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment has been prepared for public comment. Mr. Loper made a motion, seconded by Ms. Karry, to release the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP

amendment 17-10 for a 30-day public comment period from August 4 to September 4, 2017. The motion carried.

6.0 FFY 2018-22 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program and FFY 2018-20 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L)

Mr. Ferguson reported the proposed CMAQ and TAP-L programs of projects includes a combined program of 39 projects. He noted that three sponsors requested phase 1 engineering funding under the hardship exception and one project, submitted by Country Club Hills, was selected for inclusion in the proposed program. Mr. Ferguson provided an overview of the ranking process used to develop the program. Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to release the FFY 2018-22 CMAQ program and FFY 2018-20 TAP-L program for a public comment period from August 4 to September 4, 2017. The motion carried.

7.0 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 submitted by 69 different applicants. An additional 13 applications were submitted to the RTA for consideration through their Community Planning program. Over the next two months, staff will ask for feedback from the working committees, transit and transportation partners, and other external agencies. A summary of the applications was included in the meeting packet. The final program of projects will be approved in October at the joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting.

8.0 ON TO 2050

8.1 Public Health Strategy Paper

Mr. Lopez provided an overview of the Public Health Strategy Paper. With support from the Chicago Community Trust, CMAP has partnered with Adler University Institute on Social Inclusion to develop the strategy paper to inform ON TO 2050. Mr. Lopez described the initial phase of the project, which is focused on analyzing the public health landscape and identifying CMAP's role as an MPO in public health outcomes. Mr. Lopez provided an overview of how peer metropolitan planning organizations incorporate public health concepts into their planning and policy efforts. Mr. Lopez led a discussion about how committee members currently engage with public health, and what barriers the region will need to overcome to become a healthy region by 2050.

Ms. Hamilton stated that CDOT has been working with the Department of Public Health since 2008 on initiatives that relate to obesity and metabolic disorders that come from an inactive lifestyle. Examples of those initiatives are their Complete Streets Policy and their Make Way for Play Plan . She added that CDOT is also working on Vision Zero and said that there is an intersection between encouraging active transportation and traffic safety. Ms. Forbes stated that Kane County has integrated goals and strategies of public health into their plans since 2012. She added that the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors gives extra points for projects that promote active transportation when selecting local STP projects.

8.2 Walkability Metric – Non motorized Snapshot

Ms. Bayley reported that based on data and stakeholder input, it appears that communities investing in high-quality non-motorized transportation options are seeing an increase in walking and biking. Challenges remain to addressing inequity in safety outcomes and expanding infrastructure into neighborhoods throughout the region. Slowing traffic, reducing distractions, and re-designing our streets to make them safe for all users and enjoyable for walking and biking will be important to fulfill the region's desires for enhanced non-motorized transportation. Using four important elements of walkability the CMAP region was evaluated for usefulness, safety, comfort, and interest, using available data. As a regional analysis, this provides a general estimate of walkability, but localized assessments require more in-depth analyses.

Mr. Neufeld asked what CMAP is doing to measure mobility. He stated that the American Community Survey is not good at measuring bicycle and pedestrian trips because most of them are not work trips. Ms. Bayley replied that the data for the travel tracker survey will be out next year. She added that there are additional data sources that have been looked into but they all have their limitations.

8.3 Innovative Technology

Ms. Irvin gave an overview of the major strategies identified in the Emerging Transportation Technologies strategy paper. Emerging technologies that likely will have a significant impact on the region by 2050, but also have substantial uncertainties include: connected vehicles and smart infrastructure, automated vehicles, shared mobility, big data, and alternative energy.

Mr. Pitstick asked if fiber optics and the need for them can be elevated in this strategy paper. The RTA has been working to implement transit signal priority throughout the region and one thing that is expensive and time consuming is getting the communications network in place. Mr. Neufeld stated there is urgency on this issue because the house passed H.R. 3388 on the regulation of automated cars. He stated there is a need to move quickly and a task force is needed. Mr. Sriraj commented that there are unintended consequences to some of the strategies and asked if there are any strategies to preserve the character of neighborhoods. Ms. Irvin replied that this paper does not specifically address that but other CMAP papers have identified strategies to preserve communities. Ms. Wennink agreed with Mr. Neufeld that a task forces should be started and asked if there are small and low cost upgrades that can be done during maintenance to prepare for AV communications while work is being performed already.

9.0 Other Business

Mr. Elam announced that CMAP will be releasing a request for information (ROI) for development of a pavement management system. He stated that an informal working group with external partners who currently have pavement management systems will be formed to answer questions about cost, timelines, products and data collection and work issues.

Mr. Kotarac announced that TIP Principal Ross Patronskey is retiring and this will be his last meeting. He thanked him for his contributions to CMAP and congratulated him on his retirement.

Mr. Riddle announced that IDOT is currently conducting outreach for the Multi-Year Program (MYB) and there will be an open house at District 1 throughout the day on August 29. Ms. Ostdick added that outreach for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is also being sought at the open house.

10.0 Public Comment

Mr. Armstrong asked what will happen to the abandoned railroad at Cermak and Canalport and if other abandoned railroads will be turned over for other uses. Ms. Hamilton stated that CDOT is constantly monitoring railroads and files for interim trail use when railroads are up for abandonment. Mr. Armstrong commented that there should be a town hall meeting with the Village of Niles for the proposed Metra Station.

Ms. Armstrong stated that the gas tax should be used for public transportation.

11.0 Next meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on September 29, 2017.

12.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Ciavarella, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.