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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Minutes

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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, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Lynette Ciavarella – Metra, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Tony Greep – FTA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Jessica Hector-Hsu – RTA, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, John Loper – DuPage County, Leah Mooney – CTA, Kevin Muhs – SEWRPC, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Chad Riddle – IDOT District One, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Trey Wadsworth – NIRPC, Audrey Wennink – MPC, Rocco Zuccherro – Illinois Tollway
- Absent:** Darwin Burkhart – IEPA (via phone), Jacky Grimshaw – CNT, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joe Schofer – Academic and Research, P.S. Sriraj – Academic and Research
- Others Present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Mark Baloga, Ryan Bigbie, Susan Borucki, Elaine Bottomley, Len Cannata, Jack Cruikshank, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Will Gillespie, Emily Karry, Mike Klemens, Kelsey Mulhausen, Brian Pigeon, Mark Pitstick, Lauren Platt, Adam Rod, Adam Rolstad, David Seglin, Chris Strom, Mike Walczak, Lillian Yan
- Staff Present:** Claire Bozic, Anthony Cefali, Diana Cooke, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Kelwin Harris, Elizabeth Irvin, Wei Luo, Leroy Kos, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Kevin Peralta, Noel Peterson, Russell Pietrowiak, Melissa Porter, Todd Schmidt, Gordon Smith, Joe Szabo, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

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

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Killen announced CMAP is convening staff from the counties and the City of Chicago departments of health, planning, and transportation to receive input on the draft Health Equity paper following the Transportation Committee meeting.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2017

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

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Both the Planning Committee and Programming met on October 11, 2017. Mr. Zucchero provided an update from the Planning Committee meeting. The committee received a presentation on the Water Resources and Stormwater Strategy papers and approved the ON TO 2050 Preview Report. Chairman Killen provided an update from the Programming Committee and stated the Committee received an update on the Berwyn Zoning Code and Comprehensive Plan which were developed through LTA program assistance. The committee approved the Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment, the FFY2018-22 CMAQ and FFY2018-20 TAP programs, and new LTA project selections.

5.0 FFY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 Federal Fiscal Year 2017-2021 State/Regional Resources Table

Mr. Pietrowiak presented the Federal Fiscal Year 2017-2021 State/Regional Resources Table. Ms. Hamilton noted that the resource table does not reflect the extra IDOT contribution to the STP-local program. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that once IDOT identifies the specific fund source for that contribution, it will be included in the table.

5.2 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 18-01 to the FFY 2014-2019 TIP was published to the eTIP website for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments, 17-12.1, 18-00, 18-01.1, and 18-01.2 were posted for information. A memo summarizing the formal and administrative changes was included in the meeting packet. A motion to approve formal amendment 18-01 made by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Rickert, carried.

Mr. Kos also reminded the committee that TIP changes to be considered in the next semi-annual conformity analysis must be submitted via eTIP by December 5, 2017. The amendment and analysis is expected to be presented to the committee for release for public comment in January.

6.0 Draft Regional Transit Strategic Plan

Ms. Hector-Hsu provided an overview of the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan, which provides a visionary roadmap for near-term transit investment in the RTA six-county area. Through the Strategic Plan, the Chicago region's transit agencies have examined capital and operational investments needed over the next five years to deliver great public transportation in light of changing demographics, transportation, and technology. Chairman Killen thanked the RTA for the extended stakeholder coordination. Ms. Mooney thanked the RTA for the collaborative process that involved all of the service boards.

7.0 2018 Regional Safety Targets

Mr. Schmidt presented the draft 2018 regional safety targets, which support IDOT's 2018 safety targets. He informed the Committee that county agency staff met in October to discuss regional safety targets and recommended that the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (RTOC) vet the targets. Due to the February 2018 deadline for the MPO to set 2018 safety targets, staff will seek RTOC's input at its regularly scheduled December meeting, then use that feedback to finalize its recommendation to the MPO Policy and CMAP Board in January. He also provided background on how other state DOTs and MPOs are setting 2018 safety targets and reviewed preliminary options on how to integrate safety into the TIP.

8.0 ON TO 2050

8.1 Regionally Significant Projects Update

Ms. Bozic presented the draft Regionally Significant Projects Benefits Report. The solicitation of projects and evaluation framework process was discussed. The draft project evaluation results will be released in April 2018.

Ms. Wennink asked how the performance measures are aligning with the overarching goals of the plan. Ms. Bozic replied that now that the ON TO 2050 Preview Report has been released the measures can be categorized with the goals. Mr. Zucchero asked what was incorporated or changes from GO TO 2040. Ms. Bozic replied that more emphasis was placed on planning factors and existing conditions. Ms. Ciavarella stated that Metra has some concerns with the data and has questions that still need to be resolved. Ms. Bozic stated that staff will be answering questions and revising the report throughout December. Ms. Ciavarella asked how the publicly submitted project costs were calculated. Ms. Bozic stated where costs were not available CMAP used their own estimates and explained that CMAP is aware of the wide range of cost estimates. Ms. Mooney stated she appreciates the effort to align with regional goals and use metrics that look at economically disconnected areas and infill development. She stated that time needs to be spent on understanding the metrics because there can be certain implications such as cost estimates. Ms. Hector-Hsu stated the risk measure that was added is important because it acknowledges risk and reality.

Mr. Donovan suggested that side conversations are less advantageous than open discussion and suggested that the committee members share their concerns with each other. Chairman Killen requested an update be provided at the next meeting in January. Ms. Wennink commented that mode neutral performance measures should be considered for evaluation of projects.

8.2 Transportation Indicators

Mr. Peterson presented a proposed set of transportation indicators designed to quantify the goals and measure the implementation progress of ON TO 2050. Thirteen indicators were proposed, which include four GO TO 2040 indicators, six MAP-21 performance measures, and three entirely new measures. They span a range of topics, including: motorist delay and congestion; transit usage and availability; pavement, bridge and transit asset condition; safety; advanced bus infrastructure; and, freight rail delay. Mr. Peterson also noted that five GO TO 2040 indicators are proposed to be eliminated, four of which have direct replacements from the MAP-21 performance measures that can be used to reduce staff effort on indicator tracking.

Chairman Killen stated that percentage rather than number should be used for the indicators such as number of highway traffic signals with transit priority and/or queue jumping and miles of roadway with transit preference. She added that the CREATE program completion indicator should not be eliminated. Ms. Ciaveralla stated the using percentage for dedicated bus lanes would make the indicator look insignificant because it would be a low percentage and added that bus on shoulder should be looked at separately. Ms. Wennink stated pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure should be measured. Mr. Peterson stated that the percentage of the regional trails plan completed is an indicator. Ms. Wennink responded that a measure that includes all bike lanes should be used instead of the percentage of the regional trails plan completed. She added that walkability should also be measured.

9.0 2018 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule

Chairman Killen noted there are two meeting dates in September, one for the TIP amendment approval and the other to approve ON TO 2050. A motion to approve the 2018 Transportation Committee schedule made by Mr. Rickert, seconded by Mr. Zucchero, carried.

10.0 Status of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program

An update was included in the packet.

11.0 Legislative Update

There was no update and no questions from the committee.

12.0 Other Business

Chairman Killen announced that Bob Dean is leaving CMAP in December and thanked him for his service and dedication to the LTA program and the agency.

13.0 Public Comment

Mr. Armstrong offered congratulations for the completion of the Grand Ave Corridor and noted it is finally smooth sailing. He asked if work on the south side will happen because the roads are in bad condition. He noted that sidewalks in residential areas are also bumpy for wheelchairs.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be January 19, 2018.

15.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Loper, seconded by Ms. Ciavarella, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.