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## Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes – January 23, 2018

9:30 a.m.

CMAP Office – Cook County Conference Room

### Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Lawrence Levin, President Robert Nunamaker, Mayor Glenn Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Mayor George Van Dusen, President Mary Werner

### Others Present

Dave Bennett, Ryan Bigbie, Len Cannata, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Ed Paesel, Brian Pigeon, Chad Riddle, Cody Sheriff, Mike Walczak

### CMAP Staff Present

Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Russell Pietrowiak, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2017**

Mayor Ryback made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Rockingham, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2017 meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 STP Project Selection Committee**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the STP Project Selection Committee held their first meeting in December and explained the meeting was primarily organizational. The committee was briefed on their role and responsibilities as defined in the executed agreement. She explained the committee is responsible for establishing an Active

Program Management System that will apply to both the local programs and the shared fund, developing parameters for providing assistance to disadvantaged communities, developing a project selection methodology for the shared fund, reviewing applications and recommending shared fund projects, and updating performance measures used for local program distribution calculations. The first three responsibilities will be addressed over the next eight months to meet the September 30, 2018 deadline established in the agreement between the Council of Mayors and City of Chicago. In addition to the STP project selection committee's work, CMAP staff is working on data collection. CMAP issued an RFQ for contractors to conduct pavement data collection for all federal-aid eligible local jurisdiction roads and a pilot pavement management program to provide funding to municipalities to initiate or update their pavement management systems. A call for projects for the pilot program that will provide engineering support for selected municipalities, townships, councils of government/municipal associations, and groups of two or more municipalities to either initiate or update their respective systems for managing pavement was released. Applications are due at noon on Friday, March 2. An informational webinar will be held on Monday, February 5.

## **5.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items**

### **5.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update**

Mr. Riddle reported there were 13 projects on the January letting, totaling \$30 million with \$10 million in STP projects. The March letting has 22 projects, totaling \$80 million. He explained some projects might drop off if they do not clear right of way. He said there is a new letting schedule that reflects new programming deadlines, including earlier submittal of TIP changes. He commented that IDOT is trying to take a proactive approach to programming to make sure the funding is in place for projects and no authorization issues delay projects.

Chairman Schielke commended IDOT for performing in a turbulent time in the history of the State of Illinois. Mr. Riddle stated that due to recent changes to the IDOT organizational structure the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets is now under the Office of Planning and Programming, which could help with coordination and making sure there is enough appropriation for projects.

### **5.2 STP-L Expenditure Report**

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that over \$35 million has been obligated in FFY 2018. An additional \$20 million in Phase 1 Engineering, Phase 2 Engineering, or Right-of Way and \$210 million in Construction and Construction Engineering is anticipated to be obligated in the region in FFY 2018. In the suburbs, \$55 million, \$30 million, and \$26 million are targeting the March, April and June lettings respectively for a

combined \$111 million. Chairman Schielke commended CMAP for their work managing STP project progress.

#### **6.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Mr. Walczak presented the Council of Mayors proposed UWP application for FY 2019. He stated the scope of services is updated from previous years and includes more detail. An increase in funding of 5% is requested along with making all planning liaison positions funded at the 80/20 level. The full schedule of the UWP approval process was included in the packet. Chairman Schielke commended the planning liaisons for doing a good job. He said they are the people who represent the councils and it is complex position. Mayor Van Dusen made a motion, seconded by President Darch, to approve the scope of services and FY 2018 funding proposal. The motion carried.

#### **7.0 Regional Strategic Freight Direction (RSFD)**

Ms. Schuh presented the draft Regional Strategic Freight Direction which is anticipated to be completed by the end of the month. The report provides near term direction for CMAP and key partners in its freight planning, policy, and programming work. The document is supported by the ON TO 2050 Freight Snapshot, which reviews data and trends in the region's goods movement.

Mayor Schielke stated there is a serious need for grade separations in the region. President Darch stated that projects that have had work done or have been studied should get equal treatment in terms of determining priorities. She commented that transit use as a criteria for prioritizing grade crossings favors locations that have Pace and CTA. She added that the emergency access criteria is the most critical. Ms. Schuh stated that CMAP is looking beyond CREATE grade crossings and said the list of criteria is not in order of priority. The transit use criteria is an effort to get the full number of people that are being moved on the roads. Mayor Darch stated that school buses should be a criteria that should be looked at as an equitable criteria. Ms. Schuh stated that all the criteria are being looked at holistically and it is a collaborative process. The decision on a grade crossings won't be determined by a single criteria, such as transit use. Mayor Rockingham asked if the number of applications for INFRA and TIGER programs is submittals is limited. Ms. Schuh stated the recommendation is to submit 2-3 projects as a region and to use a consensus based and transparent process to select those projects.

#### **8.0 Legislative Update**

Mr. Smith reviewed highlights of the 2018 CMAP Federal Agenda and State Legislative Agenda and Principles and stated that the CMAP Board approval is anticipated in February. New changes in the state document include language

about the Safe Roads Amendment, the cost of maintaining the region's infrastructure, support for a capital program, and storm water management and watershed planning. In the Federal Agenda, the document was revised to reflect new and changed federal statutes, mostly regarding to the FAST Act. Information on highway safety, VMT guidance, urban flooding, and appropriate funding for the census was also included.

Chairman Schielke asked if there could be any funding issues for CMAP in the upcoming year. Mr. Smith stated that he does not anticipate any funding challenges this year. President Darch asked for clarification on what it means to eliminate the funding disparity between transit projects and highway projects. Mr. Smith responded that currently there is no dedicated funding for large transit expansion projects, but there is for highways and CMAP supports a dedicated a fund source, with similar parameters for transit. Chairman Schielke encouraged the committee members to be active and educate the general assembly on these issues.

#### **9.0 Other Business**

President Einhorn stated that he heard a comment that I-80 will be expanded and will be tolled and noted that he is concerned that tolling causes more transportation problems, such as increased traffic on surrounding arterial roads. Ms. Bottomley, representing the Will County Governmental League clarified that the comment was from a radio station forum and it was a theoretical conversation regarding a range of potential improvements on I-80. She added that the Tollway, IDOT, and Will County are engaged in planning now, and no decisions have been made about I-80. Mr. Riddle added that no options are currently favored, and no options are off the table for discussion at this time.

#### **10.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2018.

#### **12.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor Van Dusen, seconded by President Levin, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.