



## Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee

### Minutes

March 14, 2018—1:00 p.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
DuPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

<b>Committee Members Present (*Alternate):</b>	Tom Kelso, Chair (IDOT), Angela Manning-Hardimon (CMAP), Marlise Fratinardo (CTA), Emily Karry* (Counties), Mark Pitstick* (RTA), David Seglin (CDOT), Lorraine Snorden (Pace) via tele-conference, Tom Radak (Pace) via tele-conference, Tom Rickert (Counties), Holly Waters (Metra), and John Donovan-FHWA
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Jesse Elam, Jason Navota, Stanley Ryniewski, Dan Olson, and Sherry Kane
<b>Others Present:</b>	Summer Maison-Metra, Maria Choca-Urban and Benet Haller-Cook County DOTH, Mike Fricano-WCMC, and Mike Walczak (NWMC)

### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by the Chair, Tom Kelso.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Chairman Tom Kelso announced that proposals would be received under a statewide planning research grant program, details of which would be announced sometime in late April, early May, and encouraged members to participate.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes-February 14, 2018

A motion by Dave Seglin was seconded by Tom Rickert to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018, meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

### 4.0 FY 2019 UWP Core and Competitive Proposals

Chairman Tom Kelso suggested a motion to approve the FY 2019 UWP program, as was outlined in the memo included in the packet, dated March 9, 2018. A motion by Dave Seglin was seconded by Angela Manning Hardimon, to approve the UWP program as presented. Opening the matter for discussion, Tom Rickert asked that the County portion

of the core program be increased by \$50,000 to \$250,000, which is in line with previous years counties' requests. Angela Manning Hardimon reported too that Cook County had been asked to come out, and describe the proposal, clearing any doubt that the project might duplicate a transit project.

Speaking on behalf of Cook County, Maria Choca-Urban made the appeal to the UWP committee to increase its funding recommendation for Cook County's transit plan. Dating back to 2013, Choca-Urban reported that Cook County's first long range transportation plan in more than 60 years--Connecting Cook County--established five policy priorities to prioritize and invest in transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight facilities, as well as economically disconnected communities. Also in 2016, Cook County launched its first-ever freight transportation plan with grant assistance from IDOT. Choca-Urban went on to give examples of how the two plans have reshaped the Department of Transportation and Highways (DOTH) and redirected transportation investment. Meant to grow investments in transit facilities, and as a new entrant in the transit arena, Cook County needs to identify what "space" it is best positioned to occupy just as it did with its long range and freight plans. Choca-Urban also suggest that as an implementing agency, Cook County's DOTH is uniquely positioned to execute on the plans it develops. The increase of \$50,000 (to \$250,000) is more in line with previous years' Counties' requests.

Mart Pitstick, on behalf of the RTA reported that last year's request for the RTA at \$200,000 had actually been approved at \$100,000 and suggested this year's request, at \$105,000 be reallocated to the competitive program to support the transit providers.

A suggestion was also made that Cook County might receive additional funding from the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, in the call for projects in the fall of 2018. That call, it was reported, would be made in the fall, with projects selected during first quarter of 2019 and awards made in July.

Finally, consensus was reached that since Cook is the most populous and largest county, it should see the highest award. The motion to approve the UWP program as was presented was amended to reflect a \$50,000 increase to Cook County from CMAP's core programming dollars and the RTA reallocation (\$105,000) split between Metra and the CTA, was made by Tom Rickert and seconded by Angela Manning-Hardimon. All in favor, the motion carried, and the FY 2019 UWP was approved.

Members weighed in on the generosity of the RTA, having arrived at consensus for the regional good, the divvy of limited resources, and a suggestion during next cycle to step back and reevaluate programs to see what we're getting from the funding to make better recommendations and decisions.

## **5.0 Next Meeting**

The UWP Committee is scheduled to meet next on June 13, 2018.

## **6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the UWP Committee, although Chairman Kelso urged spending of competitive funds.

**7.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**8.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 1:28 p.m., by Dave Seglin was seconded by Tom Rickert. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Manning-Hardimon, CMAP

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 13, 2018*