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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) STP Project Selection 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: Grant Davis – CDOT, John Donovan – FHWA, Jesse Elam – CMAP, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Lorri Newson – RTA, Kevin O’Malley CDOT, Chad Riddle – IDOT, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Mayor Jeffery Schielke (via phone) – Council of Mayors, Mayor Eugene Williams – Council of Mayors, John Yonan – Counties

Others Present: Mark Baloga, Elaine Bottomley, Jack Cruikshank, Karen Darch, Kristi DeLaurentiis (via phone), Jackie Forbes, Mark Fowler, Mike Fricano, Emily Karry, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Kelsey Mulhausen, Heather Mullins, Kevin Peralta, David Seglin, Cody Sheriff, Mike Sullivan, Mike Walczak

Staff Present: Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Elizabeth Irvin, Erin Kenney, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Melissa Porter, Jeff Schnobrich, Gordon Smith, Tim Verbeke, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Elam called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes as presented, made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Mayor Williams, carried.

4.0 Revised Active Program Management Proposal

Ms. Dobbs presented the revised Active Program Management proposal. She went through each component of the proposal and noted revisions in the obligation deadlines, carryover limitations, and redistribution of unobligated funding. She gave examples of active reprogramming when there are delayed project phases and when unobligated funds are available. Ms. Dobbs discussed prioritizing access to the available funds and Lorri Newson asked if there already is a process in place. Ms. Dobbs responded that CMAQ has a first ready first funded process and Mr. Ferguson clarified CMAQ does have a prioritized access policy but never had to use it. Mr. Riddle asked how prioritized access will work and who will do the approvals. Ms. Dobbs responded that staff proposes to make the decisions using the prioritized access policy instead of bringing it to the committee.

Mr. Riddle commented there should be a cut off for requests so that the approvals can line up with the TIP change deadline. Ms. Hamilton stated that cost increases before advancing projects works well. Ms. Dobbs asked the committee if they had any thoughts about the summer feedback before the policies are finalized in the fall. Mayor Williams recommended that staff schedule meetings with the COGs and Mr. Yonan stated that the County Engineers should be made aware of the meetings. Mr. Davis ask for clarification, and Ms. Dobbs confirmed, that extended projects can be swapped with another project if it is not able to make the deadline, but the replacement project will be subject to the same deadline.

Mr. Walczak asked if the goal is to program 100% including the city and the shared fund and Ms. Dobbs responded the goal is to always program at 100%. President Darch asked if the goal is to see good projects done then why are projects that miss a deadline not ever able to access the shared fund. Ms. Dobbs said the goal is to encourage projects not to miss deadlines by limiting access to funds that are available to the entire region and added that if special circumstances arise the committee will be available to make those types of individual decisions.

Ms. Dobbs also note that staff intends to do sample scoring on past projects and test active program management policies during the remainder of the transition period. In response to a question from Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Dobbs stated that shared fund projects are subject to the same obligation deadlines and active program management policies as the local council programs, and would have the same access to redistributed funds. Mr. Elam stated that the proposal will be brought to the councils this summer for additional feedback. Mr. O'Malley asked if a document will be drafted or the PowerPoint presentations will be used. Mr. Riddle stated that he thinks that document should be

written out so that the councils can use that as guidelines to develop their methodologies. Mr. Donovan stated he does not believe people who are seeing the information will be able to fully capture all of the nuances in the proposal through a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Dobbs stated that it will likely be a combination of the two.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2018.

8.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.