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MPO Policy Committee
Minutes
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Cook County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois

MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Reggie Arkell – Federal Transit Administration, Frank Beal - Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Lynette Ciavarella - Metra, Michael Connelly, Chicago Transit Authority, Tom Cuculich – DuPage County, Glenn Fulkerson – Federal Highway Administration, Scott Gryder – Kendall County, Luann Hamilton – Chicago Department of Transportation, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Tina Hill – McHenry County, Rich Kwasneski – Pace, Christopher J. Lauzen - Kane County, Aaron Lawlor - Lake County, Wes Lujan - Class I Railroads, Mark Pitstick – Regional Transportation Authority, Jeffery Schielke - Council of Mayors, Secretary Ann Schneider - Illinois Department of Transportation, John Yonan - Cook County, Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway

MPO Policy Committee Members Absent:

Elliott Hartstein – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, John McCarthy – Private Providers

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Ylda Capriccioso, Randy Deshazo, Teri Dixon, Dolores Dowdle, Jesse Elam, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Gordon Smith, Kermit Wies, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present:

Mike Albin - DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Faith Bugel – Environmental Law and Policy Center, Brian Carlson – Illinois Department of Transportation, Bruce Carmitchel-Illinois Department of Transportation, Chalen Daigle - McHenry County Council of Mayors, Bola Delano – Illinois Department of Transportation, John Donovan – Federal Highway Administration, John Fortmann – Illinois Department of Transportation, Henry Guerriero – Illinois Tollway, Jill Hayes – Cook County, Charles Ingersoll - Illinois Department of Transportation, Jon-Paul Kohler – Federal Highway Administration, Joe Korpalski – McHenry County, Katie Kekielka – IDOT/AECOM, Ed Leonard – Parsons Brinckerhoff, Nancy Loeb – Northwestern Law, Tony Maietta – US Environmental Protection Agency, Omer Osman – Illinois Department of Transportation, Tom Rickert – Kane County, T.J. Ross – Pace, Steve Schilke – Illinois Department of Transportation, Chris Schmidt – Illinois Department of Transportation, David Seglin - Chicago Department of

Transportation, Keith Sherman – Parsons Brinckerhoff, Ron Shimizu, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Karen Shoup – Illinois Department of Transportation, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Susan Stitt – Illinois Department of Transportation, Paula Trigg – Lake County Division of Transportation, Thomas Vander Woude – South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Mike Walczak - Northwest Municipal Conference, Tammy Wierciak – West Central Municipal Conference

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Secretary Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mark Pitstick of the RTA distributed materials regarding the Regional Transit Strategic Plan which their agency has been developing. He encouraged the members to review the material and provide input to the RTA.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2013

Secretary Schneider noted that the minutes for item 13.0 Freight Policy Update stated that the Department needs to develop a freight plan. This should read that the Department needs to create a freight committee. With that change accepted, the minutes were approved on a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mike Connelly.

4.0 Agency Reports

4.1 Council of Mayors' Report

Mayor Schielke reported that the Executive Committee met on May 29th. A number of presentations were given at the meeting, several of which are on today's agenda. A re-designed STP expenditure report was presented, a copy of which was shared with the Policy Committee members. To date, the Suburban Councils have obligated over \$68 million in local STP funds this fiscal year. The expenditure report illustrates that since 2010 the Councils of Mayors have been spending more than their annual allotment. The Councils are addressing some of the region's many transportation needs and reducing carryover amounts. Finally, Mayor Gene Williams of Lynwood was elected 2nd Vice Chair of the Executive Committee.

4.2 CMAP Board Report

Don Kopec informed the Committee that with Leanne Redden not present, he would combine and provide both the Board and Staff reports. The Board has met twice since the last Policy Committee meeting. Many of the items they discussed are on today's agenda including the approval of capital program principles; the agreement allocating local STP funds between the city of Chicago and the suburban Councils of Mayors; a proposal for programming the local portion of the new Transportation Alternatives Program; the Unified Work Program; the creation of a Regional Freight Leadership Task Force; and a presentation on the Illiana Corridor. He referred the members to a brochure at their places which discusses the issue of performance-based funding and describes a website that CMAP has created presenting information about it.

Mr. Kopec then informed the committee that USDOT will be conducting its quadrennial certification review of the planning process this summer, culminating at the joint meeting with the Board in October. This review will require the participation of most of your agency's staff. He noted that this process should really be viewed as an opportunity to improve how we conduct planning in the region.

Finally, CMAP has recently received two awards. At its national meeting in April, the American Planning Association (APA) recognized CMAP with the first-ever National Planning Excellence Award for a Planning Agency. And last week the Urban Land Institute Chicago honored the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan and CMAP with one of its Vision Awards.

He remarked that both these awards recognize not just our agency but the entire region's planning efforts, and he thanked the many local government, business, and civic partners involved in implementing GO TO 2040.

4.3 CMAP Staff Report

Provided under the Board report above.

5.0 Nominating Committee for the Office of Vice Chairman

Secretary Schneider appointed a nominating Committee for the office of Vice-Chairman consisting of Mayor Schielke, Rocco Zucchero, T.J. Ross, Frank Beal and John Yonen. She noted that they will report a recommendation at the October meeting.

6.0 City-Suburban Surface Transportation Program (STP) Split

Patricia Berry described the current Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Chicago and the suburban Councils of Mayors and that it specifies that the agreement should be reviewed after each new federal transportation authorizing legislation. Staff has discussed this with the City and the Councils and both agree that the current split should remain in place given the fact that MAP-21 is only a two year bill, the level of funding is staying the same and there is general satisfaction with the current situation. On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Rocco Zucchero, the current MOA for allocating federal STP funds between the City of Chicago and the suburban Councils was extended for the balance of MAP-21.

7.0 Self Certification

Holly Ostdick reminded the Committee that federal law requires that the State and MPO are required to self-certify their metropolitan planning process at least every four years. She referred to a memo from staff which detailed each of the planning requirements and how CMAP, as the MPO, was addressing each of them. On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Tina Hill, the Policy Committee certified that their planning process meets all applicable federal requirements.

8.0 Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Dolores Dowdle presented the FY 2014 Unified Work Program to the Committee, requesting their approval. She noted that the program will total \$21,801,019, with

\$16,837,254 being federal PL and FTA funds and the balance matching funds. She also noted some of the highlights of the program which are detailed in the attachment. Both the Transportaion Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee have recommended approval of the proposed program. On a motion by Aaron Lawlor, seconded by Alicia Hanlon, the FY 2014 Unified Work Program was approved.

9.0 Updated 5307/5340 Capital and Planning Funds for Designated Recipients

Patricia Berry reminded the Committee that at their March meeting they approved partial allocations of 5307/5340 FTA funds for the Service Boards along with naming them Designated Recipients for this funding. Since that time, Congress has developed final FY 2013 appropriations. The RTA has then distributed these additional funds amongst the three Service Boards, updating Resolutions 13-04 through 13-06. The final, total allocations for the year are \$123,453,365 to the CTA; \$79,102,184 to Metra; and, \$34,484,873 to Pace. On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mike Connelly the amended Resolutions 13-04 through 13-06 were approved.

10.0 Transportation Alternatives Program

Jesse Elam reviewed the new federal funding program, Transportation Alternatives, which has replaced the Transportation Enhancements program with a few changes. He explained that while IDOT is keeping the Transportation Enhancements name, CMAP will be managing its own Transportation Alternatives program. Mr. Elam referred the committee to the memo included in their packets. He explained that the staff proposal for the program would target bicycle and pedestrian projects, even though other types of projects such as Safe Routes to School and certain landscaping projects are also eligible. He also covered the proposed schedule for this first cycle of the program and noted that the region would receive about \$8.5 million annually.

Luann Hamilton asked about the eligibility of streetscaping projects under the State's program. Mr. Elam noted that they were eligible. On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, the staff proposal for implementing the Transportation Alternatives program was approved.

11.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)

Ross Patronsky gave a brief overview of the current status of the CMAQ Program. He covered the schedule for a proposed program, noted the types of projects that were submitted for consideration and the work of the focus groups. Mayor Schielke expressed concern that this program may become overwhelmed by applications from the private sector and asked if there were any guidelines controlling how private sector applications were handled. Mr. Patronsky noted that there were several applications from the private sector this year, including one from a waste hauler. He noted that these are eligible projects and will be necessary to make attainment of the PM standard. To account for the profit motive associated with private sector projects, they typically require a significantly higher match – at least 35%, going up to 50% of the total cost. The Project Selection Committee and CMAP staff have considered the potential that a large number of private sector proposals could overwhelm the program, and have chosen not to fund all

applications. This was particularly the case in the 2009 program. He noted that the Policy Committee had supported private sector projects in past funding cycles.

12.0 Capital Program Principles

Matt Maloney referred the committee to a memo which describes the CMAP principles for a new state capital program. He noted that while CMAP certainly supports capital investment, it must be coupled with reforms dealing with revenues, the lack of a performance-based project selection system, and the need for additional transit capital funding. He also reported on some current legislation that is backed by the Transportation for Illinois Coalition.

Secretary Schneider acknowledged the concerns of the region regarding the allocation of funding but emphasized that the General Assembly is really the one behind this situation. She reported on the status of the Illinois Jobs Now program and noted that nearly all the funds under this program have been obligated with over 65% coming to District 1.

13.0 IDOT Illiana Presentation

Kermit Wies of CMAP's staff and Steve Schilke of IDOT's staff both presented on the Illiana Expressway. Mr. Wies explained the general guidelines that establish a process and timeline for evaluating the Illiana and considering its inclusion within Go To 2040. He covered several items that CMAP was requesting of IDOT in order to adequately evaluate the project in relation to the policies contained in Go To 2040.

Mr. Schilke then provided an overview of the project as being developed through a two tiered Environmental Impact Statement process. Secretary Schneider concluded the presentation by noting that there would be an industry forum later in the month to provide information to prospective private partners in this project.

Luann Hamilton inquired about the possibility of a rail line through the corridor to which Mr. Schilke indicated there would not be such a facility. Wes Lujan indicated that the railroads were not interested in seeing a rail line in the corridor.

Alicia Hanlon expressed Will County's strong support for the project and that there was strong local support also. She noted that the County with the Governmental League is working with communities to develop an integrated corridor plan addressing transportation, land use and economic development. Mr. Lujan asked about the interchange at IL 53 and Mr. Schilke responded that several configurations were under consideration.

Frank Beal asked about financing and the postion of the Illinois Tollway. Mr. Wies responded that the financing information would be availale to CMAP when it is publically released. Rocco Zucchero noted that there were problems envisioning this facility as part of the Illinois Tollway system. It would not be physically connected to the existing system, and there would be bi-sate issues. He stated that although they were still in discussions with IDOT, that this project probably lends itself to a PPP initiative.

Reggie Arkell asked about the opportunity to comment and was told that there would be a formal comment period with materials sent directly to FTA, FHWA and FAA.

14.0 Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Proposed Membership

Randy Deshazo explained to the committee that earlier in the year, the CMAP Board created a Regional Freight Leadership Task Force. He covered scope of work that the task force is expected to cover and the membership which was approved by the CMAP Board. Tom Cuculich remarked that it appeared that governmental units were under represented on the task force. Scott Gryder supported the comments of Mr. Cuculich noting that there were no collar county mayors on the task force. IDOT, the Illinois Tollway and Metra all expressed a desire to be represented on the task force.

15.0 Legislative Update

Ylda Capriccioso referred the committee to the handout at their spaces detailing various sate legislative proposals and covered several highlights from the last session.

16.0 GO TO 2040 Plan Update

Drew Williams-Clark briefed the committee on the GO TO 2040 update project. An update of the region's transportation plan is required by October of 2014. While not anticipating to change any of the policies of the plan, the financial plan, major capital projects, indicators, and Implementation Action Area tables will all be updated. Major capital project discussions with implementers will begin in September.

17.0 Pace Jane Addams Service

Pace provided an overview of the new service on the I-90 Jane Addams Tollway which will be implemented in conjunction with the Tollway's expansion of the facility. There will be a number of park-and-ride facilities constructed with the possibility of direct connections to the Tollway. Rich Kwasneski, the chairman of Pace noted the success of the I-55 bus on shoulder program and thanked several agencies and communities for their support and participation in this project.

18.0 Other Business

Luann Hamilton noted that the rollout of the Divvy bike sharing program would be tomorrow. This project is being unded in part with a CMAQ award. She also noted that bike facilities are being expanded with 35 more miles of protected bike lanes coming soon.

19.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

20.0 Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary Schneider noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Policy Committee would be a joint meeting with the CMAP Board. Because of the joint meeting, it will be held on the second Wednesday of the month and begin at 9:30 a.m.

21.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Schielke, seconded by Mike Connelly, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.