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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes – August 21, 2018

9:30 a.m.

CMAP Office – Cook County Conference Room

Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, Mayor Leon Rockingham, Vice-Chairman, President Len Austin, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, Mayor Jim Holland, President Lawrence Levin, President Robert Nunamaker, President Glenn Ryback, President Erik Spande

Other Present

Mark Baloga, Dave Bennett, Len Cannata, Jack Cruikshank, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Michael Fricano, Cole Jackson, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Kelsey Mulhausen, Dan Persky, Leslie Phemister, Suzette Quintell, Chad Riddle, David Seglin, Cody Sheriff

Staff Present

Enrique Castillo, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Jane Grover, Elizabeth Irvin, Stephanie Levine, Tony Manno, Heidy Persaud, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil, Drew Williams-Clark, Barbara Zubeck

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 – May 15, 2018

President Ryback made a motion, seconded by President Levin, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 STP Project Selection Committee Update

Ms. Irvin provided an update on the development of the Shared Fund. She reviewed the eligible project types, project eligibility threshold, and the proposed project evaluation process.

President Spande commented that the letter from DuPage Mayors and Managers Association and the other councils are thoughtful and offer a number of constructive concerns. He suggested that the Council of Mayors have rotating leadership on the STP Project Selection Committee and commented that the six month grace period is too short. Mayor Schielke agreed with President Spande that there should be rotating membership on the STP Project Selection Committee. President Darch passed out a document to the committee containing additional comments to the Northwest Council letter that was included in the packet. She said that one of the comments was why inclusive growth is a planning factor in a grade separation project and freight movement is not. President Einhorn asked if there will be a response to the comments. Ms. Dobbs replied that the comments will be brought to the STP Project Selection Committee first. President Einhorn stated that he would want inclusive growth explained in greater detail. Ms. Irvin replied that research shows regions who are more inclusive are more economically successful over the long run with more sustained and resilient economic growth. As a principle of the plan, there are a variety of strategies to make sure everyone can participate more fully in the regional economy. President Einhorn stated that the inclusive growth principle sounds like a theory and might not be practicable. Ms. Irvin stated some things might not be figured out if they really work if they are not tried once and she added that staff is willing to be flexible and revise things if they do not work. Mayor Darch stated that it is transportation dollars that are being spent and there should be a priority on movement regardless of civil engineering versus social engineering. Mayor Rockingham stated that many of the South Council communities would not be able to meet the cost threshold of the shared fund. Ms. Irvin replied that the shared fund is an opportunity to shift larger projects from the local programs and free up space in the local programs to do smaller projects.

Ms. Dobbs provided an update on the Active Program Management policies. She reviewed the four components that are program development, project management, program management, and additional provisions.

President Spande asked how the Councils will adjust their methodologies when there is ambiguity in the scoring. Ms. Dobbs replied that all of the scoring metrics are in the draft Shared Fund application booklet and many questions were answered in presentations to the councils before the booklet was available. Mr. Riddle clarified that the councils have a year to develop their methodologies. President Darch asked if there was any thought on a sponsor deciding where to get points in the planning factors. Ms. Dobbs responded that the staff made a proposal and is relying on the committee to adjust the proposal.

5.0 Transportation Programming Updates

5.1 Surface Transportation Program – Locally Programmed (STP-L) Expenditures

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that \$158 million has been obligated in FFY 2018 and that is the second highest STP-L obligation number on record, surpassed only by \$162.7 million in 2015. The suburbs obligated \$100.6 million and that is the most obligations on record by the suburbs. He stated that there are early indications that FFY 2019 could have more obligations than FFY 2018. About \$39.7 million is targeting the November letting. The region will likely have about \$191 million to program for STP-L but it is estimated that between \$172 and \$209 in STP-L are targeting FFY 2019. He stated that projects targeting a letting after March 2019 will need to be programmed in later years until the project status can be confirmed. He stated that CMAP will continue to work with the PLs and IDOT to make sure projects that are moving forward get obligated.

5.2 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle reported that the June letting had 13 projects, August letting had 12 projects, and September letting had five projects. The November letting is targeting 26 projects and the January letting has pre-final plans under review for 46 projects. He announced that Carmen Ramos is the phase 2 coordinator. March pre-finals are due in October. IDOT is changing consultants to Millhouse.

6.0 ON TO 2050

6.1 Implementation Priorities of the ON TO 2050 Plan

Mr. Williams-Clark provided a brief overview of recently initiated activities to implement the draft ON TO 2050 recommendations. A memo was included in the packet. President Einhorn commented that a lot of ON TO 2050 is based on theory opposed to practicality. He stated that it seems that there seems to be a focus on high density growth and that does not apply to his communities. He added that inclusive growth bothers him because there are certain areas of the region, specifically the Southland, which you cannot get people to go there. He does not think realistically it would work because return on investment is what drives everything. He stated that the ON TO 2050 plan has rhetoric that is meant to make people feel good and does not have actual value. Mayor Schielke stated he is concerned about the expanding boundaries of CMAP and the towns that want Metra in their communities. He stated the plan should include language that states communities that are added to the CMAP area and want Metra service need to participate in the RTA sales tax.

6.2 Public Comment Update

Ms. Grover provided an update on public comment received to date. She stated that CMAP staff is currently compiling and organizing all public comments and fine tuning and adjusting the plan. Comments were received from all over the region. She thanked the committee for promoting the open houses. Mayor

Schielke asked about the comments received about the Metra train station in Oswego. Ms. Grover stated that there was great attendance at the open house in Yorkville and many comments were received about the Metra train station in Oswego.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Update: Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan and LTA Call for Projects

Mr. Manno announced the timeline for the 2018 LTA and Community Planning Call for Projects, which opens on September 6, 2018 and closes on October 26, 2018 to coincide with CMAP's adoption of ON TO 2050. Ms. Persaud provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan in Des Plaines, which included an examination of previous planning efforts, analysis of existing conditions, outreach to community stakeholders, and development of key recommendations.

8.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith stated that staff is developing the legislative agenda and framework documents that is used to inform members of the General Assembly and partners about the planning priorities. The legislative agenda and framework documents will go to the CMAP Board for approval in February but will go to Council of Mayors Executive Committee in January for an opportunity to provide comments. Mayor Schielke thanked Mr. Smith and CMAP staff for keeping the committee up to date on legislative issues.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next meeting

The next meeting date was moved from November 6 to November 13.

12.0 Adjourn.

On a motion by President Spande, seconded by President Einhorn, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.