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Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes – November 13, 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, Mayor Eugene Williams, Vice-Chairman (via phone), President Len Austin, President Karen Darch, President Alice Gallagher, Mayor Jim Holland, President Al Larson, President Glenn Ryback, President Erik Spande

Other Present

Jackie Forbes, Mark Fowler, Cole Jackson, Emily Karry, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Ed Paesel, Dan Persky, Ryan Peterson, Chad Riddle, Cody Sheriff, Troy Simpson

Staff Present

Lindsay Bayley, Patrick Day, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Tina Fasset-Smith, Elizabeth Irvin, Stephanie Levine, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2018

President Ryback made a motion, seconded by President Spande, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 STP Project Selection Committee Update

Ms. Irvin reported that at their last meeting in September, the STP Project Selection Committee approved the Shared Fund Application Booklet and Active Program Management Policies.

She stated that the call for Shared Fund projects is planned to open on January 15, concurrent with the CMAQ and TAP-L calls for projects. In response to a question from President Darch, she stated that applications would be due at the close of the call for projects in mid-March. In response to a question from Mayor Holland, Ms. Irvin stated that the application process would be similar to previous CMAQ/TAP-L calls, with applications submitted online via CMAP's eTIP database. Ms. Irvin also reported that the committee also began discussing a draft policy for the use of Transportation Development Credits, which they will continue to discuss at their next meeting on November 28.

Mayor Schielke stated that with changes to the program, there is a renewed and strong interest in the program. He suggested that in order to promote an inclusive process the Council of Mayors Executive Committee should consider appointing new members to the STP Project Selection Committee at the end of the current program development cycle in November of 2019. He suggested that instead of the current membership, which is the three officers of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee, the members could be designated as one of the three officers, one representative of the collar county councils and one representative of the suburban Cook county councils. He also suggested that one or two alternate members should be designated for each to ensure there is always a presence in the room during these important meetings. Mayor Rockingham concurred with the suggestion. Mayor Williams stated that the officers have done a good job representing the councils and that a problem with the representation hasn't been identified. He stated that he would prefer not to try to fix something that has not been demonstrated to be broken. Mayor Schielke stated that he was not suggesting action at today's meeting, and wants to continue the conversation before next November. President Spande stated that he supports Mayor Schielke's suggestion and noted that a major value of the Council of Mayors is transparency. He stated that recent changes to the STP program represent a huge shift in methodologies and the review process should be continued. He added that a year seems reasonable for a conversation and that DMMC members will have much to say. He also noted that perceptions often drive reality and that transparency can ensure a negative perception does not taint the process and provide the ability to work out the kinks. President Darch stated that if alternate members are put into place, those members need to be diligent in attending as many meetings as possible so that they are not put into a situation where they will be called upon to make a decision without knowledge of prior discussions.

5.0 Legislative Discussion/Update

Mr. Smith reported that state leadership is in transition following last week's elections and that potential cabinet members are still being determined by the Governor-elect. He stated that the transition team is strong with regard to budget issues such as state pensions, graduated income tax, and a "large" infrastructure program. Mr. Smith also reported that CMAP staff is currently preparing a series of transition documents describing the principles of ON TO 2050 and other policies adopted by the region for

new members of the general assembly and new staff leaders. He stated CMAP will provide these documents to the Mayors so that they can talk to the new members that they know about these issues. Mayor Schielke stated that he's seen several IDOT secretaries come and go over the years and the current secretary and all of the staff that work with CMAP are top notch. He added he feels a bit vulnerable right now, and stressed that the relationship between CMAP and IDOT is extremely important to the region. The committee discussed relationships they have with the two mayors, Julie Moore Wolfe of Decatur and Tom McNamara of Rockford, that have been named to the transition team. Mayor Holland suggested that as CMAP develops messaging for new members, to keep it simple and focus on how important CMAP is to constituents, as the agency the ensures transportation projects are funded. Mayors Schielke and Rockingham requested that Mr. Smith keep the mayors informed as the transition team and cabinet are defined so that the existing connections can be leveraged to the benefit of the region. Mr. Smith noted the huge influence of this committee and asked them, in turn, to share information they receive with CMAP.

6.0 Transportation Programming Updates

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

Mr. Pietrowiak reviewed the summary of FFY 18 obligations, which were at record levels for the program. He added that FFY 19 is expected to continue the obligation trend. He encouraged the councils to continue to promote close communications between project sponsors, consultants, the planning liaisons, IDOT, and CMAP staff. Mayor Schielke noted that some local agencies are under the impression that projects must be under construction by September 2020 or they will lose all programmed funding. Mr. Pietrowiak clarified that individual councils have the ability to decide how to transition projects that are in progress or haven't started by that date from the current program to the new programs that will be developed for federal fiscal years 2021 and beyond. He added that staff will continue to work through the planning liaisons to communicate with the local agencies. Mayor Holland noted that some councils have borrowed funds from others in the past and asked when that accounting would be squared. Mr. Pietrowiak explained that when the agreement was signed last year, the individual council balances were dissolved and all councils are currently utilizing a single regional balance. He added that no balances, positive or negative, would be carried into the new programs in FFY 2021.

6.2 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle reported that the November state letting included twelve STP projects totaling \$34 million and that 40 projects totaling \$150 million and 33 projects totaling \$100 million are targeting the January and March lettings, respectively. He stated that while the federal fiscal year just began, the state fiscal year is nearly half-way over and appropriation is running out. Central Office is doing what they can to secure appropriation for each letting. Mr. Riddle also thanked

the local agencies for their cooperation as the district transitioned to new in-house consulting staff. Mayor Schielke thanked Mr. Riddle for IDOT's great work.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance: Aurora Downtown Master Plan

Ms. Bayley presented an overview of the process and recommendations of the Aurora Downtown Master Plan LTA project. Mayor Schielke commended CMAP staff for their work on this project, noted the uniqueness of Aurora's location within four different counties, and stated they are a model for redevelopment, reinventing their city, and for their commitment to improving the Fox River. Mayor Holland asked about Aurora's funding commitment for the project. Ms. Bayley stated that Aurora did not provide matching funds for the project, as it was selected prior to the requirement for local match, but they did contribute a tremendous amount of staff time and have provided funding for implementation recommendations, including the creation and hiring of a full-time Downtown Development Director. She also noted that many of the plan's recommendations were to "continue to" do or fund certain programs and activities. Ms. Phifer, who was formerly a member of Aurora's staff, added that the considerable amount of staff commitment was due to strong mayoral and elected official support of the project. She noted the city provided funding for food and beverages throughout the plan development process. She stated that a positive result of the planning effort is that residents of Aurora now know what CMAP is and why they are important to the region. She also added that TIF and Special Service Area (SSA) funds have been allocated and the city is considering a general obligation (GO) bond using the Master Plan as justification. In response to a question from Mayor Holland, Ms. Phifer confirmed that the TIF and SSA were in place before the master plan development began. Mayor Schielke noted that former Mayor Weisner once said that bringing CMAP in to develop the Master Plan helped to "clear the vision" for all involved by being planning experts outside of the city.

8.0 Implementation of ON TO 2050

Mayor Schielke noted that information was provided in the packet.

9.0 2018 Municipal Survey

Mr. Day provided an overview of the response rates for the 2018 municipal survey and reviewed the general topic areas covered by the survey. He noted that the survey allows CMAP to be more responsive to municipal needs by providing real responses versus assumptions made by staff. President Gallagher asked if the Council of Mayors Executive Committee could get copies of the results. Mr. Day responded that CMAP does not currently publish the raw data, but would be issuing memos that synthesize the data into useful information. He suggested that if individuals were interested in specific responses, those requests would be considered. Mayor Schielke stated that Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles have been considering convening a joint meeting or visioning workshop with their respective planning commissions and asked if CMAP

could help with such a meeting. Mr. Day stated that the cross-jurisdictional conversations and idea sharing that can occur at joint meetings and training are a great opportunity for all involved, and CMAP is happy to assist.

10.0 Proposed 2019 Meeting Schedule

Mayor Holland made a motion, seconded by Mayor Larson, to approve the 2019 meeting schedule. With all in favor, the motion carried.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

12.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13.0 Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019

14.0 Adjourn

On a motion by President Ryback, seconded by President Spande, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.