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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Council of Mayors Executive Committee Meeting 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

- Members Present:** Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman, President Dave Brady, President Karen Darch, President Mike Einhorn, President Alice Gallagher, President Lawrence Levin, Mayor Leon Rockingham, President Glenn Ryback, Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Mayor Eugene Williams
- Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Aidan Dixon, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Tina Fassett-Smith, Doug Ferguson, Kathy Lane, Stephanie Levine, Jen Maddux, Tim McMahon, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Melissa Silverberg, Jeff Schnobrich, Matt Stern, Aseal Tineh, Simone Weil
- Others Present:** Stephanie Brown, Len Cannata, Jack Cruikshank, Emily Daucher, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Mike Fricano, Tom Kelso, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Kelsey Mulhausen, Ed Paesel, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Chad Riddle, Claire Serdiuk (via phone), Troy Simpson

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Schielke.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Schielke welcomed new CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting, as presented, made by President Levin, and seconded by Mayor Rockingham, carried.

### 4.0 STP Project Selection Committee Update

Ms. Dobbs provided an update on the committee's actions at their July 18 meeting. She stated the committee released the staff recommended program of 17 projects for public comment and also requested comments on the methodology used to develop the program, particularly the decision to not offer partial funding to high ranking projects. She stated staff is currently reviewing the nearly 500 comments received and will present those comments to the STP Project Selection Committee at their next meeting on September 5th.

Mayor Schielke stated that there was significant discussion regarding the project selection methodology and acknowledged that some bumps will need to be smoothed out before the next call for projects. Mayor Einhorn stated that a lot of work went into developing an equitable methodology and suggested that the process should not be changed after the fact, but instead any changes should be considered for the next call for projects cycle.

Mayor Schielke requested clarification on the next steps in the process and Ms. Dobbs explained that the program recommended by the STP Project Selection Committee would be entered into the CMAP TIP, and that those TIP changes would be processed similar to regular changes, with the Transportation Committee providing a recommendation for MPO Policy Committee approval. Mayor Schielke stated as a member of both the STP Project Selection Committee and MPO Policy Committee, he plans to support the program as presented by staff. Mayors Rockingham and Williams echoed these statements. President Levin stated a new system is always difficult and thanked council leadership for their participation in the process.

#### **5.0 Proposed Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and locally programmed Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L)**

Mr. Ferguson reported that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee released the staff recommended CMAQ and TAP-L programs for public comment in July and they included 46 projects for \$264 million in CMAQ funding and 7 projects for \$13.5 million in TAP-L funding. The CMAQ project applications were evaluated primarily on the cost effectiveness of the emission benefit expected but were also evaluated by modal specific transportation impact criteria and regional planning factors. The TAP-L applications were primarily evaluated based upon their ability to help complete the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. Of the 53 proposed projects, 20 were sponsored by suburban municipalities plus 7 municipal projects under the RTA's Access to Transit application for a total of just under \$52 million in federal funds. These projects included traffic flow improvements, transit improvements and bicycle facilities. He stated staff is currently reviewing public comments and will present those comments for consideration to the STP Project Selection Committee at their next meeting on September 5th.

#### **6.0 Transportation Programming Updates**

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

Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the current STP-L expenditures and stated that \$171 million has been obligated so far this year, with \$132.5 M of the obligations being for suburban projects. He noted that maintaining fiscal constraint in the TIP while enabling projects to continue progressing toward a letting is a significant challenge for the region and will remain so in FFY 20. He noted that at this time only those projects targeting the March letting or engineering or right-of-way phases that will be obligated before March, are included in FFY 2020 in the TIP. As each subsequent letting approaches CMAP will review available funding levels and the current status of project phases. He reported that CMAP, IDOT, and the planning liaisons will be meeting next week to review project status and that coordination between all parties is critical.

### **6.2 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update**

Mr. Riddle reported that nine local projects were let in June, and two in August. There are nine projects totaling \$32 million targeting the September letting and seventeen projects totaling \$42 million targeting November. Pre-final plans were submitted for consideration for the January 2020 letting for projects totaling over \$100 million. He reported that IDOT is currently prioritizing review of agreements for projects scheduled for construction lettings and noted that all engineering and right of way agreements are on hold until IDOT's Multi-Year Program (MYP) is released, which is anticipated to be at the end of summer. Mr. Riddle also provided reminders to the planning liaisons in attendance and updates on District 1 Local Roads staffing.

Mayor Schielke noted an appreciation for local staff and others at IDOT that work with local agencies. Mayor Einhorn asked how FHWA feels about the delayed processing of agreements. Mr. Donovan stated that there are no federal requirements related to the MYP and that FHWA reviews authorization requests based on the CMAP TIP and IDOT's STIP.

### **7.0 Responding to the Growth of E-commerce**

Mr. Schnobrich provided an overview of upcoming research regarding the impacts that growing e-commerce may have on transportation, land use, fiscal condition, and the environment. He requested feedback from the committee on what trends and impacts are most critical to further understand, any impact issues that CMAP has not considered, and what resources could help with analysis of the issues.

Mayor Schielke noted the importance of proper collection of sales tax for online shopping, and noted that the village had spoken directly with local retailers about collecting local sales taxes when customers pick up online orders in the store. He also

described Batavia's need to increase law enforcement activities due to an increase in thefts of packages delivered to residences. President Darch suggested that studying the off-set of increased delivery trucks with decreased trips to stores, the impacts of food delivery, and the hand-off of packages for final delivery via USPS carriers that are already on the roads for regular routes. She also suggested that CMAP talk to local economic development staff about recent trends to convert retail space to restaurants and other uses.

President Darch noted that recently passed sales tax legislation should be good because it defines that sales taxes must be collected based on the delivery address. Mayor Sherwin stated that communities with large retail centers may experience decreased revenues if non-resident e-commerce purchases replace in-store purchases. Mayor Einhorn suggested examining changes to sales tax over time and provided an example from a community containing an Amazon warehouse that had been collecting about \$1 million per year and is now projected to collect \$7 million per year.

President Levin suggested considering how changing large retail into condos or apartments – and the resulting traffic shifts – fits with e-commerce. President Gallagher asked if emerging technologies, such as delivery by drones or autonomous vehicles, would be a part of the research.

Mr. Schnobrich stated that emerging technology would be a part of the research, but there may not be specific recommendations on this topic. The goal of the research is to set a framework for developing local, regional, and state policies, investment strategies, and other responses to direct e-commerce impacts.

## **8.0 Local Demographic Change**

Ms. Tineh provided an overview of population growth and decline across the region, highlighting changes to age distribution, race, and median household income. Mayor Schielke thanked CMAP for completing this analysis and stated it is very interesting and that he would like to share the information with his village board. He noted however that because Batavia and Geneva are both located in Geneva Township, and Batavia has three senior living centers, that may skew the township data. He added that this type of information can help local governments with conversations with developers and can help bring to light a need for changes to definitions of villages and cities. President Gallagher requested the data at the council level and Ms. Tineh stated that staff would work to provide that.

## **9.0 Legislative Discussion/Update**

Ms. Weil reported that staff is preparing an analysis of the Capital Bill, state budget, and other legislative developments for the September CMAP Board meeting. She noted that earlier this month CMAP's Weekly Update featured a tool developed by staff that translates the line item appropriations from Rebuild Illinois into a searchable

spreadsheet. Ms. Weil stated CMAP is pleased to see a substantial move toward funding stability, user fee increases, and multi-modal considerations, but noted a need for investments to be made in already prioritized projects, additional revenues, and consideration of local government fiscal needs. CMAP is also examining what increased gaming and recreational cannabis may mean for local planning in northeastern Illinois communities.

Mayor Schielke suggested contacting Elgin and Aurora, where two of the original casinos are located, about the impacts of additional gaming. He also noted that the village has received several inquiries regarding licensing for recreational cannabis. President Levin noted that licensing is under state control and as he understands it, priority will be given to locations already licensed for medical use.

**10.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

**11.0 Public Comment**

Ms. Silverberg announced the upcoming Small Plans, Big Ideas forums.

**12.0 Next Meeting**

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2019.

**13.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by President Ryback, seconded by President Levin, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kama Dobbs