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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation 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:

Rocco Zucchero – Illinois Tollway, Chairman, Brian Carlson – IDOT D1, Kevin Carrier – Lake County, Michael Connelly – CTA, John Donovan – FHWA, Doug Ferguson – CMAP, Jackie Forbes – Kane County, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Jessica Hector-Hsu – RTA, Scott Hennings – McHenry, Elizabeth Irvin – CNT, Tom Kelso – IDOT OP&P, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Eric Lynde – SEWRPC, Beth McCluskey – IDOT OIPI, Tara Orbon – Cook County, Ryan Peterson – Kendall County, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Joe Schofer (via phone) – Academic & Research, Chris Snyder – DuPage County, Dave Tomzik – Pace, Trey Wadsworth – NIRPC, Audrey Wennink – MPC

Absent:

Darwin Burkhart – IEPA, Tony Greep – FTA, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle & Pedestrian Task Force, P.S. Sriraj – Academic & Research

Others Present:

Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Elaine Bottomley, Tom Budescu, Dan Burke, Len Cannata, Jack Cruikshank, Cole Jackson, Kendra Johnson, Emily Karry, Sis Killen, Mike Klemens, Josh Klingenstein, Daniel Knickelbein, Jamy Lyne, Wayne Miczek, Kelsey Mulhausen, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister, Brian Plum, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, Dave Seglin, Cody Sheriff, Troy Simpson, Jason Stribiak, Ishaq Umer, Rebecca Wingate, Jeffrey Wozencraft, John Yonan

Staff Present:

Anthony Cefali, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Lindsay Hollander, Leroy Kos, Stephanie Levine, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Art Nicholas, Dan Olson, Russell Pietrowiak, Melissa

Porter, Liz Schuh, Gordon Smith, Tina Smith, Simone Weil, Barbara Zubek

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Chairman Zuccherro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Zuccherro announced that the MPO Policy Committee named him as the chairman and Chris Snyder as vice-chairman of the Transportation Committee. He welcomed Tara Orbon representing Cook County and Elizabeth Irvin representing CNT to the committee.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2018 meeting, as presented, made by Mayor Rockingham and seconded by Mr. Carrier, carried.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Report

Chairman Zuccherro reported that the CMAP Board approved the 2019 committee membership and meeting schedules. The Planning and Programming Coordinating Committees have been merged into a single Coordinating Committee chaired by CMAP Board member Frank Beal. Mr. Beal will be joined by five additional CMAP Board members and the chairs of the five working committees, including the Transportation Committee. The Coordinating Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the second Wednesday in February, April, June, September, and November.

5.0 FFY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

5.1 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that formal amendment 19-02 was published to the eTIP website on January 11, 2019 for committee review and public comment. Administrative amendments 19-02.1 and 19-02.2 were posted for information. A memo that summarized the formal and administrative changes was included in the packet. A motion to approve formal TIP amendment 19-02, made by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, carried.

5.2 Transportation Conformity Update and Semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 19-04

Mr. Pietrowiak presented an update on the transportation conformity process described in the memo included in the packet. Ms. Hamilton asked if climate change is a factor. Mr. Pietrowiak replied there is no way to attribute any of the results to specific causes, such as climate change. Ms. Hamilton asked if the region will get more CMAQ funds due to the change to the 2008 designation. Mr. Ferguson replied there will be no additional CMAQ funds. Ms. Wennink asked what a VMT demonstration means. Mr. Pietrowiak replied that the specifics have

yet to be determined. Mayor Rockingham asked what happens if the region continues to not attain the Ozone standards. Mr. Pietrowiak replied he is not sure because typically the 2008 standard would have been revoked at the time the 2015 standard went into effect so having to comply with two different standards at the same time is somewhat unprecedented. He added there will likely be specific things the region will have to do, such as more permitting for power plants, but he does not have specifics at this time. Mr. Snyder asked if this could impact the types of projects considered for CMAQ funding. Mr. Pietrowiak replied that would be up to the CMAQ Project Selection Committee. Mr. Burke asked if there is any circumstance to explain the large shift in vehicle numbers. Mr. Pietrowiak replied that it seems that the trend is for less passenger cars and more trucks and stated the data will need to be investigated more. Mr. Snyder asked who is making the technology modifications on trucks mentioned in the presentation. Mr. Pietrowiak stated that in various research studies individual truck drivers have made changes because emission controls decrease their fuel efficiency.

Mr. Pietrowiak gave a brief summary of the ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP amendment 19-04. A motion to approve the release of the semi-annual ON TO 2050/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment 19-04 for a 30-day public comment period from January 18 to February 18, 2019 made by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Mr. Snyder, carried.

6.0 ON TO 2050 Regionally Significant Projects Amendments

6.1 O'Hare Express Service – RSP A1 (TIP ID 01-19-0009)

Ms. Schuh presented an overview of the memo in the packet describing the request, staff evaluation to-date, next steps for public comment, and CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee consideration. Chairman Zucchero asked if there is any other public outreach going on for the project. Ms. Hamilton stated that the NEPA process is currently underway. Mr. Burke added that there will be public meetings as part of the NEPA process. Ms. Irvin asked about the new RSP amendment process and if the Transportation Committee would not voting on the amendment. Ms. Schuh replied that a vote by the Transportation Committee is not required by the process, and that due to the timing of the request and meeting schedules, a vote to recommend would not occur. She noted that it is helpful to have the extra discussion and stated that there will be ample time for questions and more understanding. Ms. Hamilton stated that CDOT is happy to give a presentation at the February Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Snyder asked why the NEPA process is required if there is no federal money in the project. Mr. Burke replied that two federal actions, for crossing under the Chicago and Des Plaines rivers and crossing under I-90, are required, which necessitate a NEPA process. Ms. Irvin asked if the availability of the contract will be after the finalizing the memo, public comment, and the vote of the CMAP

Board and MPO Policy Committee. Ms. Schuh responded that is correct and the City of Chicago has provided as much information as they can. Ms. Hamilton stated that the City of Chicago is in negotiations with a private company so information is proprietary. She added that the interests of the City and region are protected and all costs associated with the project will be the Boring Company's responsibility. Ms. Irvin stated that this is a big potential project with impacts on the region and it is important for CMAP staff to be able to do good analysis to understand those potential impacts. Mr. Burke stated that this is a unique situation because it is 100% privately financed and said the basic tenets of the RFQ will be part of the final contract.

Mr. Connelly asked about the conformity analysis for the RSP amendment and if there were modeling assumptions made in favor of the projects. Ms. Schuh replied that there is already a lot of travel in the corridor and the project does have benefits, but the ridership totals compared to the overall volume in the corridor has moderate benefits. Mr. Burke stated because there are zero public funds on the project there is a big benefit. Ms. Hamilton stated that there will should also be benefits to the CTA Blue Line by shifting choice riders and freeing capacity for work commute trips.

6.2 Roadway Improvements to Support the Update to the South Lakefront Framework Plan – RSP A2 (TIP ID 01-17-0025)

Ms. Schuh presented an overview of the memo in the packet describing the request, staff evaluation to-date, next steps for public comment, and CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee consideration. Mr. Connelly commented that this project is transit friendly and CTA worked with CDOT to make sure all of the bus improvements within the project are accounted for down to the street design. Mr. Snyder asked if the project is already in the TIP and if engineering phases are completed. Ms. Hamilton stated that the project is already in the TIP but the project crossed the financial threshold for consideration as an RSP. Ms. Schuh clarified that between the increase in cost and the changes in capacity the project needed to be evaluated.

6.3 ON TO 2050/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment 19-04.1

Ms. Schuh stated staff prepared a conformity analysis of the RSP amendments and the memo was included in the packet. A motion to approve the release of the analysis and TIP Amendment 19-04.1 for a 30-day public comment period from January 18 to February 18, 2019 made by Mr. Connelly and seconded by Ms. Hamilton, carried.

7.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Mr. Olson provided an update on the process for developing the SFY 2020 UWP. The proposed timeline for the process was included in the attached memo.

8.0 NIRPC Funding Approach

Mr. Wadsworth presented an overview of recent changes to the NIRPC's methodology for funding local and regional projects. Ms. Hamilton commented that there seems to be a high allocation of funds to transit. Mr. Wadsworth explained that a lot of CMAQ and STP funds are flexed for use by NICTD.

9.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith reported that the Principles for Sustainable Transportation Funding document in the packet can be used when talking to contacts about funding. He added that a framework document covering the principles and goal statements of ON TO 2050 and two smaller documents targeted at different issues that will take place at the state and federal level will be presented to the committee at the next meeting. He added that staff has been in contact with the Governor's transition team to communicate the initiatives of ON TO 2050.

10.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program

Information about the status of the LTA program was included in the meeting materials. Mr. Zucchero noted that committee consideration of the staff recommended FY20 LTA Program is anticipated in February.

11.0 Call for Projects: STP Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L

Mr. Ferguson announced that CMAP will accepting applications for the STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and locally programmed TAP projects until March 15, 2019.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

13.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14.0 Next meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2019.

15.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Zubek