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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning AMENDED* Annotated Agenda Wednesday, October 10, 2007 9:30 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
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- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 9:30 a.m.
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
Employee of the Month recognition
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2007**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report**
- 4.1 Burnham Centennial
 - 4.2 Congestion Study Media Coverage
 - 4.3 Meeting with the Congressional Delegation on Water
October 17, 2007
 - 4.4 Appointing Alternates to the Policy Committee
 - 4.5 Equipment Purchase: Finalize Copier/Printer Contract
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
 - 4.6 ICMA Resolution
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
 - *4.7 Economic Model Contract
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 5.0 Committee Reports**
Chairs of the Planning and Programming Coordinating committees will provide an update on the meeting held prior to the board meeting. Written summaries of the working committees will also be provided.
ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

6.0 Legislative & Agency Funding Update

Governor Blagojevich approved Senate Bill 1201 with an amendatory veto, deleting the language to create the Wastewater Committee. For the bill to become law, the General Assembly must either override the veto or accept the amendment. Until the General Assembly accepts or overrides the Governor's amendatory veto of SB 1201, the agency's funding for FY 2008 remains in jeopardy. Staff will brief the Board on the status of SB 1201.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Proposed FY 2008 Multi-Year Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

The public comment period on the proposed CMAQ program concluded August 28. Staff prepared responses to the comments received, which were accepted by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee and the CMAP Transportation Committee. The documentation is available at http://chicagoareaplanning.org/mpo_policy/min-mpo_policy.asp. The CMAP Programming and Transportation Committees recommend approval of the proposed program. The proposed program is available at http://chicagoareaplanning.org/cmaq/documents/fy08/fy08_proposed_program.pdf.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of FY 08 Multi-Year CMAQ Program

8.0 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

A TIP amendment revising the I-355 from I-55 to I-80 project to a six-lane cross section from a four-lane cross section has been recommended for approval by the Transportation Committee and will be considered by the Programming Committee prior to the board meeting. Rapid population and employment growth will bring the planned four-lane cross section to capacity sooner than anticipated. Rather than add the third lane later under traffic, it is beneficial to complete these improvements now while the road is traffic-free and contractors are mobilized on-site. The project includes adding lanes on portions of selected arterials with entrance/exit ramps to I-355. These projects are regionally significant and non-exempt, and thus require a TIP amendment with a conformity analysis. The results of the analysis indicate that the TIP with the proposed amendment conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The comment period on the proposed TIP amendment for I-355 and associated projects ended on September 23rd. No comments were received.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the recommendation of the Programming Committee

9.0 Metra New Starts

Metra has completed the Alternatives Analysis for their Union Pacific Northwest and West Lines. Prior to the board meeting, staff from Metra will present the results of those analyses which support a locally preferred alternative to the Programming Committee for their consideration. While the rail enhancement alternative is included in the region's current long range transportation plan, Metra will be seeking committee endorsement of the selected alternative.

ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the recommendation of the Programming Committee

10.0 Project Notification

In the past, NIPC issued a monthly project notification to apprise elected officials and other interested parties of applications for federal and state grants that could impact their communities. Staff forwarded copies of these funding applications to the NIPC Planning Committee, which then decided whether to make an expression of "general support" as part of its consent agenda. The project reviews and notifications did not include any detailed staff reviews, however. CMAP staff recommends that the review and notification practice be discontinued, in part because the same information is available from a variety of other sources. An example is available at

http://chicagoareaplanning.org/land_use/agendas/attachments/2007-09-19_project_notification.pdf.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the Project Reviews and Notifications are discontinued in their current form

11.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan

Staff will provide an update on the plan development. The focus this month will be on the concepts of sustainability.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

12.0 Regional Priorities

As the legislature continues to debate the need and the magnitude for a state capital program, CMAP continues to support the five principles adopted in the spring. Over the next few years, as part of developing the Regional Comprehensive Plan we will formulate regional priorities. However in the interim, the board should discuss how it would like to approach regional priorities, for example in a capital program or federal transportation reauthorization.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

13.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)

The Unified Work Program Committee is about to begin its FY 2009 process. Over the last several years the committee has worked to establish a clearer framework for how to prioritize the allocation of what is now \$18 million annually in federal planning dollars. The UWP process funds over 80% of CMAP’s work as well as other important planning projects by other agencies across the region. To ensure accountability, the UWP Committee is seeking further policy guidance from other CMAP committees and the Policy Committee in advance of developing the upcoming FY 09 UWP. Staff will provide further information and is seeking guidance on next steps.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

14.0 Other Business

15.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

16.0 Next Meeting- November 14, 2007

17.0 Adjournment

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| ___ Frank Beal | ___ Calvin Jordan | ___ Dan Shea |
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