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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
CMAQ Project Selection Committee Minutes**

Minutes – October 29, 2020

Via GoToMeeting

Members Present: Doug Ferguson (Chair, CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Chris Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties), Jeff Sriver (CDOT)

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Michael Brown, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Victoria Jacobsen, Elliott Lewis, Amy McEwan, Stephane Phifer, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil

Others Present: Ken Anderson, Travis Bandstra, Christopher Beckert, Elaine Bottomley, Emily Daucher, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Tony Greep, Kendra Johnson, Noah Jones, Kristin Kalitowski, Gregory Kallevig, Anna Kesler, Mike Klemens, Matt Pasquini, Leslie Phemister, Tom Rickert, Troy Simpson, Brian Stepp, Joe Surdam, David Tomzik, Brian Urbaszewski

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson informed the committee that, in accordance with Gov. Pritzker’s Disaster Declaration on August 21, 2020, that it is not practical or prudent for the committee to meet in person at this time. To ensure transparency, CMAP staff will provide meeting materials one week in advance, a recording of the meeting will be posted to the CMAP website, and all votes will be taken via role call in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—September 3, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting as presented. A roll call vote was conducted:

 Aye Darwin Burkhart
 Aye Doug Ferguson

Aye Mark Pitstick
 Jeffery Schielke
 Aye Chris Schmidt
 Aye Chris Snyder
 Aye Jeffrey Sriver

With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson presented the program status sheets for active and deferred CMAQ and TAP-L funded projects. These reflect programming status at the close of FFY 2020. Staff will update these to incorporate project phases moved to FFY 2021 or to deferred status following individual project status updates.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson presented the CMAQ programming summary and obligation goal for 2020. The region's cumulative CMAQ obligations stand at approximately \$67 million for FFY 2020. This is short of the obligation goals for the fiscal year, and the leftover obligation balance will be added to the obligation goal for FFY 2021, for a total goal of \$163 million.

In response to a question from Mr. Pitstick about how carrying over the unobligated balance to FFY 2021 affects projects in 2021, Mr. Ferguson clarified that there was approximately \$57 million in advanced construction at the end of FFY 2020, of which approximately \$49 million did not get obligated. He noted that there are a number of large projects programmed for FFY 2021.

5.0 Project Changes

Mr. Lewis presented project change requests for six (6) projects which can be found in the project change request memo. A motion was made by Mr. Snyder, and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the project change requests. A roll call vote was conducted:

 Aye Darwin Burkhart
 Aye Doug Ferguson
 Aye Mark Pitstick
 Jeffery Schielke
 Aye Chris Schmidt
 Aye Chris Snyder
 Aye Jeffrey Sriver

With all in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 FY 2022-2026 Program Development – Selection Process Timeline

Mr. Ferguson presented to the committee a timeline for the FY 2021 project selection process. The timeline illustrates the timing of milestones between the call for projects and final consideration by CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Mr. Snyder asked what the Planning Liaison review entailed and if the current schedule was sufficient for their review of applications. Mr. Ferguson clarified that the Planning Liaison review involved checking applications for completeness, accurate scheduling, matching funds where appropriate, and ensuring titles and names are consistent with existing TIP information. The Planning Liaisons indicated that the current schedule was sufficient for them to review and allow for project sponsors to make corrections if needed. The listed deadline is for submittal to Planning Liaisons for review rather than for the reviews to be completed.

7.0 Proposed Project Selection Committee Meeting Dates 2021

Mr. Ferguson announced the committee meeting dates and the deadlines for project change request submissions for 2021.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

10.0 Other Business

Mr. Snyder asked if the latest federal surface transportation reauthorization had any adverse effect on the CMAQ program. Mr. Ferguson responded that, while the appropriation decreased slightly, the program does not appear to be adversely impacted.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elliott Lewis