

TO: Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee
FROM: Mike Walczak, Program Manager for Transportation
RE: May 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes
DATE: May 8, 2009

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee met on Friday, May 8, 2009 at Arlington Heights Village Hall. The following persons were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

President Arlene J. Mulder, Chair
Ken Fritz
Jim Norris
Mike Janonis
Ray Rummel
Sharon Caddigan
Mayor Ken Nelson

REPRESENTING

Village of Arlington Heights
Village of Schaumburg
Village of Hoffman Estates
Village of Mount Prospect
Elk Grove Village
Village of Streamwood
City of Rolling Meadows

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Barry
Todd Bright
Teri Dixon
Jerry Heimsoth
Scott Kasper
Mike Kozar
Brian Lovering
Steve Magnusen
Steve Mastny
Mike Pagonis
Derek Peebles
Bob Pilat
Brian Plum
Chad Riddle
Nathan Roseberry
Lana Rudnik
Gary Salavitch
Jason Souden
Fred Vogt
Mike Walczak
Jeff Wulbecker

REPRESENTING

Village of Palatine
Transystems
CMAP
Ciorba Group
Village of Schaumburg
Village of Bartlett
Elk Grove Village
Gewalt Hamilton
IDOT – Programming
Village of Arlington Heights
City of Des Plaines
Village of Niles
Traffic Control Corp.
IDOT – Local Roads
Village of Hoffman Estates
Village of Wheeling
Village of Hoffman Estates
Christopher Burke
City of Rolling Meadows
NWMC
Village of Mount Prospect

I. Call to Order

The Chair, President Arlene Mulder of the Village of Arlington Heights, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

II Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the March 20 2009 Technical Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Mayor Nelson and seconded by Ms. Caddigan.

III. Agency Reports**a. CMAP Report**

Ms Dixon explained the state fiscal year 2009 STP expenditure report , in which the Council of Mayors as a whole has spent 127% of it allotment. She also reminded the committee of CMAP's budget crisis due to the zeroing out of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund which had been zeroed out in the Governor's proposed budget. Mayor Mulder urged all the municipalities to contact their legislators and urge that the funding be restored. Mr. Walczak said that a sample letter had been sent by NWMC to all mayors and managers on May 7th.

b. CATS Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Ms. Dixon reported that the next Council of Mayors executive Committee meeting has been scheduled for June 6th. Topics on the agenda are expected to be a status report on all Council's ARRA projects and a report on the recertification of CMAP as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization.

c. IDOT Highways Report

Mr. Mastny distributed updated status sheets and highlighted awarded and active IDOT projects. On the awarded project report, he highlighted the resurfacing of Touhy Avenue in Des Plaines, which was the first project in the Northwest Council to be awarded using ARRA funds. On the monitoring schedule, almost all of the ARRA funded projects had been let and will be awarded soon. He noted that bonding allowed under the mini-capital bill is funding many of the new resurfacings on the list, which were ranked by readiness and the condition rating system (CRS). Mayor Mulder asked if the low bids on ARRA projects will lead to extra projects being done, and Mr. Mastny confirmed it likely would.

d. IDOT Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle provided an updated status of all current projects on his status sheets. He stressed the importance of filing the correct paperwork, including Job Number Request Forms and draft agreements for ARRA projects in a timely manner.

e. Cook County Highway Department

Mr. Walczak reported that a Rodney Bettenhausen was unable to attend, but will provide a full report from CCHD at the next meeting.

IV Technical Committee Vacancy

Mayor Mulder reported that there is a vacancy on the committee for a mayor and urged those in attendance to see if their mayors would be interested in serving. Mr. Walczak said the official request for nominations will be sent out on May 19th after all of the new mayors have taken office.

V. NW Council FY 09-13 Surface Transportation Program

a. Changes to Current Program

i. A cost increase requested by Barrington for right-of-way acquisition for its US 14 at Hart Road intersection improvement project using \$380,000 in STP funds was approved on a motion by Mayor Nelson, seconded by Mr. Norris.

ii. A cost increase and scope change requested by Rolling Meadows for its Golf/New Wilke/Algonquin Road lighting project was approved on a motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Caddigan.

b. Current MYB Projects to Active List

i. Palatine – Northwest Highway Lighting

Mr. Barry described the project on Northwest Highway lighting project from Illinois 53 to New Wilke Road, noting its proximity to the Arlington Park train station, and requested that the project be moved into FY 2011 with \$176,000 in STP funds.

The project was approved on a motion by Ms. Caddigan, seconded by Mr. Janonis.

ii. Hoffman Estates – Palatine Road

Mr. Salavitch described the project and requested that it be moved into FY 2010 with \$1,320,000 in STP funds.

The project was approved on a motion from Mr. Janonis, seconded, by Mayor Nelson.

iii. Mount Prospect – Kensington Road

Mr. Wulbecker explained the project and said that Mount Prospect has recently hired a consultant for phase I engineering. President Mulder recommended that new sewer work be done at the same time as this project, since adjacent and Arlington Heights did sewer work on their stretch of Kensington when it was reconstructed. Mr. Janonis said that since the project includes new curb and gutter, the flooding in the neighborhood should improve.

The project was approved on a motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Caddigan.

iv. Elk Grove Village – Biesterfield at I-290 (Attachment G)

Mr. Lovering requested that its Biesterfield at I-290 intersection improvement project be moved into FY 2010 with \$700,000 in STP funds. Mr. Mastny asked about the scope of the project. Mr. Lovering said it would extend the turn lanes on Biesterfield to handle the high traffic volumes.

The project was approved on a motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Janonis.

v. Elk Grove Village – Busse at Pratt and at Greenleaf (Attachment H)

Mr. Lovering explained that Elk Grove Village is requesting that this project is split into two separate projects and for a cost increase to \$1,050,000 in STP funds for each project. President Mulder asked if the project would have any impact on a future ring road around O’Hare. Mr. Rummel responded that it would not.

The project was approved on a motion by Ms. Caddigan, seconded by Mayor Nelson.

vi. Rolling Meadows – Commuter Drive

Mr. Vogt from Rolling Meadows requested that its Commuter Drive reconstruction project at the Arlington Park Metra Station be moved into FY 2011 with \$526,400 in STP funds. The project currently has CMAQ funds for a bike path along the route, and is seeking STP funds to line up with that estimated construction date. Rolling Meadows has a preliminary agreement from UP on right-of-way, and it awaiting final approval from UP’s real estate division.

The project was approved on a motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Caddigan.

VI. Results of Call for New Projects

The Committee agreed to postpone selection of the new projects due to the volume of the applications.

VII. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding

Mr. Walczak reported that all of the projects have had their kickoff meetings and are moving towards their assigned lettings. The Wheeling Bike Bridge will be let in July, and he just received word that Streamwood’s Irving Park resurfacing project is also seeking to make the July letting. The majority of the rest of the projects are on the September or November lettings, except Wright Boulevard in Schaumburg, which will be let in January.

VIII. Funding of Phase II Engineering

Mr. Walczak presented the options for funding Phase II engineering using STP funds, including what is done in other Councils. The Committee held a discussion on the benefits and drawbacks of funding Phase II engineering. Mr. Riddle responded to concerns about project length by telling the committee that federal funds in Phase II should not slow down a project. Mr. Norris recommended that phase II be funded at 50%. Mayor Nelson voiced his support and said that it gives the towns more options. A motion to fund Phase II Engineering at 50% for road and lighting projects and 30% for bike projects was made by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Caddigan. Mr. Fritz said he did not agree with the lower ratio for bike projects, since it would be inconsistent with the Council’s push for more bike projects. *Mr. Norris amended his motion, seconded by Ms. Caddigan to make Phase II Engineering eligible for STP funding at 50% matching ratio on all projects. The motion was passed unanimously.*

The Committee agreed that all projects which have not yet received Phase I approval would be eligible.

IX. Rolling Meadows – Weber Drive/Old Wilke Road Redesignation

A resolution supporting the redesignation was approved on a motion by Ms. Caddigan and seconded by Mr. Rummel.

X. Other Business

Mr. Walczak reminded the Committee that RTA applications for planning and operations funding were due on June 5. He also informed the Committee that NWMC staff are working on a sidewalk inventory along arterial routes, and looking for funding sources.

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 18th, at 8:30 a.m. at Arlington Heights Village Hall.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Fritz, seconded by Mayor Nelson.