

TO: Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee
FROM: Mike Walczak, Program Manager for Transportation
RE: June 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes
DATE: June 27, 2009

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee met on Friday, June 26, 2009 at Arlington Heights Village Hall. The following persons were in attendance:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Christine Bajor
Matt Barry
Rodney Bettenhausen
Akram Chaudhry
Teri Dixon
Brian Fairwood
Tom Gill
Mike Hankey
Jerry Heimsoth
Alex Househ
Scott Kasper
April Koos
Sung Lee
Brian Lovering
Rick Mack
Steve Mastny
Mike Pagones
Derek Peebles
Bob Pilat
Brian Plum
Sagas R. Sonas
Kevin Stallworth
Fred Vogt
Mike Walczak
Michael Werthmann
Vince Wroblewski

REPRESENTING

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

REPRESENTING

Village of Wheeling
Village of Palatine
Cook County Highway Dept.
SEC Group
CMAP
Transystems
Thomas Engineering Group
Village of Hoffman Estates
Ciorba Group
IDOT - Local Roads
Village of Schaumburg
Pace
McDonough & Associates
Elk Grove Village
Metra
IDOT – Programming
Village of Arlington Heights
City of Des Plaines
Village of Niles
Traffic Control Corp.
Stanley Consultants
IDOT - Local Roads
City of Rolling Meadows
NWMC
KLOA, Inc
Cowhey Gudmundson Leder

I. Call to Order

The Chair, President Arlene Mulder of the Village of Arlington Heights, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II Approval of Minutes - May 8, 2009 meeting

The minutes of the May 8 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, noting that the Council of Mayors has done a good job avoiding the potential for rescissions. She also urged Council members to participate in Go TO 2040 Workshops, which feature priority setting exercises for what you would like the region to look like in 2040.

b. CATS Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Mayor Mulder reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting was held on June 6th. The Committee discussed the status of all Council's ARRA projects and a report on the recertification of CMAP as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Executive Committee also discussed developing a policy to ensure all ARRA funds in the region were spent.

c. IDOT Highways Report

Mr. Mastny distributed updated status sheets and highlighted awarded and active IDOT projects. He reported that IDOT has awarded as much since March as in the prior three years combined.

d. IDOT Local Roads Update

Mr. Stallworth distributed the latest Local Roads sheets and provided an update on the projects. He noted a variety of letting changes.

e. Cook County Highway Department

Mr. Bettenhausen provided a report of all County activity in Northwest Cook. Mayor Mulder inquired about a possible delay in the Arlington Heights Road project, but Mr. Bettenhausen said he was not aware of any delay.

f. Metra

Mr. Mack reported that Metra was using its mini-cap funds on new Highliner cars and its ARRA funds on UP-North bridge work. Mayor Mulder said that the recent commuter train accident in Washington DC highlighted the need for continued capital funding. Mr. Mack also noted that Metra will start excepting credit cards online on Labor Day and at stations on January 1, 2010.

g. Pace

Ms. Koos reported that Pace is waiting on the ADA budget from RTA to publish its own 2010 budget. They recently committed to purchasing 10 hybrid buses, and explained that Pace will purchase 30 foot hybrids due to the availability of the buses rather than 40 footers.

IV. Technical Committee Vacancy

Mr. Walczak explained that there was a vacancy on the Technical Committee for a mayor. After soliciting nominations from the whole Council, three candidates were nominated: Mayor Rodney Craig of Hanover Park, President Karen Darch of Barrington, and Mayor Davis Schmidt of Park Ridge. The Committee agreed all three were excellent candidates. *On a motion by Mayor Nelson, seconded by Ms. Caddigan, President Darch was recommended to fill the mayoral vacancy on the Technical Committee.*

V. NW Council FY 09-13 Surface Transportation Program

a. Changes to Current Program

Schaumburg – Wright Boulevard Reconstruction

Mr. Kasper requested that the Committee provide \$136,500 in right-of-way acquisition funds for Wright Blvd, which is scheduled for the January 2010 letting.

The request was approved on a motion by Mr. Norris and seconded by Ms. Caddigan.

b. New Projects

Schaumburg – Walnut Lane Improvement

Mr. Kasper explained that Schaumburg has applied for STP funds during the latest call, but due to a recently discovered failing culvert, the work has become more urgent. The Committee tabled the request for Engineering II funds for the project noting that they were reluctant to jump over higher scoring projects.

VI. Selection of New Projects

The Committee directed staff to present a recommended program at the next meeting.

VII. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Update

Mr. Walczak reported that all ARRA projects were still on schedule. As noted during the Council of Mayors report, the region's Planning Liaisons are working on a strategy to share any ARRA funds that one council cannot spend, to prevent it from being lost.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for August 21 at 8:30 a.m. at Arlington Heights Village Hall.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m. on a motion by Mayor Nelson, seconded by President Darch.