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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 29, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices**

**1616 East Golf Road**

**Des Plaines, IL 60016**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of the December 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes (*Attachment A*)**

*Action requested: Approval of minutes*

**III. NWMC Transportation Priorities (*Attachment B & C*)**

To prepare for a potential state capital bill and a new federal transportation bill, the Transportation Committee directed staff to collect and organize project information into a draft NWMC Transportation Priorities document. Staff will present the draft NWMC Priorities document and discuss the next steps.

*Action requested: Recommendation of Draft Transportation Priorities to Executive Board*

**IV. Federal Reinvestment and Recovery Package**

The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations passed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The legislation includes \$30 billion for highway and bridge construction projects and roughly \$9 billion for transit projects. As of the distribution of this agenda, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations has released only a summary of their recovery plan, which has different infrastructure funding levels outlined. The House legislation can be found at: <http://appropriations.house.gov/>.

*Action requested: Discussion*

**V. Federal Transportation Authorization (*Attachment D*)**

SAFETEA-LU, the current federal transportation legislation, expires October 1, 2009. With the Congress's attention focused on the economic recovery legislation, the attached article outlines the fear that Congress will delay a long-term and comprehensive transportation bill. Staff recommends sending a letter to the Congressional delegation about the need to do both a short term stimulus and long term, comprehensive transportation bill.

*Action requested: Approve recommendation and direct staff to draft letter*

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**VI. CN/EJ&E Acquisition Update**

On December 24<sup>th</sup>, The Surface Transportation Board (STB) issued a decision to approve, with certain conditions, the acquisition of the EJ&E by the CN.

*Action requested: Informational*

**VII. CMAP Report**

**A. Developments of Regional Importance Process**

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, CMAP staff presented the CMAP Programming Coordinating Committee with a comparison of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) proposal and the draft CMAP DRI process, a compilation of stakeholder comments, and a draft document with potential changes. The Programming Committee directed CMAP staff to produce a new draft DRI Process favoring the ULI proposal and quantitative thresholds. The Programming Committee will review the new draft at their February meeting and then plan to release for a 30 day stakeholder comment.

*Action requested: Informational*

**B. General CMAP Update**

Staff will provide an update on relevant activities from all of CMAP's committees.

*Action requested: Informational*

**VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Next Meeting (*Attachment E*)**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>. The 2009 meeting schedule is attached.

*Action requested: Informational*

**X. Adjournment**