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**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 26, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Oakton Community College
Business Conference Center – Room A
1616 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of the January 29, 2009 Meeting Minutes (*Attachment A*)**
Action requested: Approval of minutes
- III. Developments of Regional Importance Process (*Attachment B*)**

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has released its revised draft of the Developments of Regional Importance process for public comment. This draft is much closer to the Urban Land Institute's than the original CMAP draft presented to NWMC in October, stressing quantitative measures over the more qualitative original process. CMAP staff will present the revised draft. Based on Transportation Committee input, NWMC staff will prepare comments for NWMC Board approval.

Action requested: Discussion
- IV. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (*Attachment C & D*)**

On February 17, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The legislation utilizes existing federal programs to allocate funding, most of which is distributed through state agencies. Staff will provide an update on the transportation funding in the legislation and the distribution within Illinois. Attachment C is a letter to Local Government Leaders from CMAP that outlines the funding opportunities that will be available to municipalities. Attachment D is a spreadsheet of IDOT projects within NWMC communities proposed for the April letting. The full list of IDOT projects can be found at <http://www.dot.il.gov/>.

Action requested: Discussion
- V. Federal Transportation Authorization (*Attachment E*)**

SAFETEA-LU, the current federal transportation legislation, expires October 1, 2009. With the Congress's attention focused on the economic recovery legislation, the committee discussed the fear that Congress may delay a long-term and comprehensive transportation bill. The committee directed staff to

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draft a letter to the congressional delegation. Staff has drafted the attached letter about the need for both a short term stimulus and long term, comprehensive transportation bill and recommends sending it to the Congressional delegation.

Action requested: Approve recommendation

VI. CN/EJ&E Acquisition Update (*Attachment F*)

Staff is requesting discussion on the impact of the CN's purchase of the EJ&E on the CREATE program, specifically funding for rail/rail and road/rail grade separations.

Action requested: Discuss Recommendation

VII. CMAP Report

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

Action requested: Informational

VIII. Other Business

IX. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26.

Action requested: Informational

X. Adjournment