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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26, 2009

9:00 a.m.

NWMC Offices

1616 East Golf Road

Des Plaines, IL 60016

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of the February 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes (*Attachment A*)**
Action requested: Approval of minutes
- III. HB 2359: Transportation Investment Accountability Act (Ryg)**
(Attachments B & C)
The proposed legislation creates the State Transportation Policy Committee. The legislation provides that the State Transportation Policy Committee shall consist of 8 voting members (representing MPOs) and 5 non-voting members (representing the General Assembly and the Illinois Tollway). The Transportation Policy Committee would work with IDOT to establish goals, objectives, performance measures, and criteria to provide the basis for selection transportation projects.
Action requested: Discussion
- IV. Illinois Capital Program**
 - A. Governor Quinn's Proposed Capital Program (*Attachment D*)**
Governor Quinn presented his proposed state budget, which includes a \$26 billion capital program. Staff will provide an overview of the Governor's proposed capital program. In addition, the House has scheduled a series of hearings throughout the state to discuss capital program needs. Rep. John Bradley, sponsor of House Bill 1, is asking for participation from local government officials in these hearings.
Action requested: Discussion
 - B. RTA Capital Needs**
Andy Plummer from RTA will provide an overview of the RTA's capital needs and its response to the Governor's capital proposal.
Action requested: Informational
- V. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**
Staff will provide an update on ARRA transportation funding in Illinois.
Action requested: Informational

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VI. CMAP Issues

**A. Development of Regional Importance (DRI) Comments
(Attachment E)**

CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented the draft DRI document to the NWMC Board at its March 11 meeting. Staff has received no comments on the new draft.

Action requested: Discussion of Comments

B. HB 270: Increase CMAP Board Members (Hoffman)

Provides that the Board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning shall consist of 17 members (now, 15). The proposed legislation provides that the 2 additional members shall be appointed by the Governor. The bill sets forth the terms and residency requirements (not more than one each from Chicago, Cook County outside Chicago and collar counties) for the additional members. NWMC opposes this legislation. Staff recommends the Transportation Committee send a letter in opposition.

Action requested: Approve Recommendation

C. CMAP Report

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

Action requested: Informational

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for April 30 (Please note: Fifth Thursday of the month due to conflict with NWMC legislative days in Springfield).

Action requested: Informational

IX. Adjournment