



DRAFT MINUTES

January 18, 2011

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Champaign Regional Planning Council, 1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

I. ROLL CALL

Board: Cameron Moore, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission; Terry Kohlbus, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; Jerry Blair, East-West Gateway Council of Government; Bob Soltau, State Line Area Transportation Study; Mark Smith, Decatur Area Transportation Study; Mike Lammey, Kankakee Area Transportation Study. *Teleconference:* Steve Ernst, Rockford Metropolitan For Planning; Gordon Smith, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Gena McCullough, Bi-State Regional Planning Commission; Jennifer Sicks, McLean County Regional Planning Commission; Brian Dickson, DeKalb Area Transportation Study; Linda Wheeland, Springfield Area Transportation Study; Angie Stenson, Danville Area Transportation Study;.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Moore entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2010. Mr. Ernst motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Soltau. All members voted aye.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Moore presented financial reports to the Council. Mr. Lammey motioned to accept the financial papers and seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members voted aye.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

NARC BRIEFING

Ms. Young from the National Association of Regional Councils provided a briefing to ILMPO members regarding federal activities surrounding the green house gas emissions and air quality discussion as well the proposed rule changes in the U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. ILMPO members asked questions regarding reauthorization, the proposed rule changes and high-speed rail monies. She responded to the questions and further informed members NARC was also updating their air quality tool kit.

IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Chairman Moore reported that the IDOT Fall Planning Conference is tentatively scheduled for September 23-24 in Champaign. The Illinois Association of Regional Councils will be handling the administration activities for the conference as they did the previous year. Mr. Moore informed members that the IDOT Fall Planning Conference Committee is meeting soon via teleconference and he is working with the local Convention & Visitors Bureau.

V. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Perales asked members for their thoughts on a Transportation Day in Springfield. Senator Hutchinson is interested in helping host the event. House & Senate Committees have not been posted. At the request of the Chairman, Ms. Perales further stated the Transportation Day would be purely educational in nature and to provide an introduction of ILMPOAC to legislators. Mr. Soltau stated he has visited with his local chamber of commerce and appreciates getting face time with their local legislators. He further recommended that the day should be in collaboration with another association to provide a greater presence. Mr. Ernst recommended appointments with local legislators. Mr. Smith and Mr. Sims recommended meeting with the House and Senate staff as well as the Local Government

Caucus and the Transportation Caucus. Mr. Sims further recommended creating an informational sheet to pass out. Chairman Moore ensured each MPO member provided input on the issue.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented to the board.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

FEDERAL AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

Ms. McCullough informed members that ozone standards have been extended until the end of July for a decision to be made. The USEPA science advisory committee is currently reviewing the data.

FINANCING TRANSPORTATION

Jim Ofcarcik from IDOT is the manager of fiscal analysis and did a power point presentation titled "A Deeper Look into the Bond Finance Portion of Illinois Transportation Programs". He provided members with an in-depth training session of the different types of bonds, as well as how they are appropriated, released, obligated, authorized and expended in Illinois. A few members asked follow up questions and Mr. Ofcarcik responded with answers. ILMPO members commended Mr. Ofcarcik for the presentation, which they felt, was very informative about the bonding process in Illinois.

IX. CALENDAR

The date for the next meeting was not scheduled. Ms. McCullough informed members the Midwest American Planning Association Conference will be held in Davenport, Ohio on October 19-21 and the focus of the conference will be transportation and mobility.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moore entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kohlbus motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. McCullough. Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marta Perales

In attendance:

Others: Rita Black, Champaign Regional Planning Commission; Tim Mulrey, Danville Area Transportation Study; Tom Caldwell, Tom Kelso and Jim Ofcarcik, Illinois Department of Transportation and Marta Perales, ILMPO. *Teleconference:* Erica Young, National Association of Regional Councils.