



DRAFT MINUTES

June 14, 2011

10:30 a.m. – Noon

Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

I. ROLL CALL

Board: Cameron Moore, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission; Jerry Blair, East-West Gateway Council of Government; Bob Soltau, State Line Area Transportation Study; Norm Sims, Springfield Area Transportation Study. *Teleconference:* Denise Bulat, Bi-State Regional Planning Commission; Gordon Smith, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; Maggie Martino, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; Jennifer Sicks, McLean County Regional Planning Commission; Brian Dickson, DeKalb Area Transportation Study; Adam Aull, Danville Area Transportation Study.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Moore entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2011.

Mr. Sims motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. All members voted aye.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Moore presented financial reports to members. Mr. Soltau motioned to accept the financial papers, seconded by Mr. Sims. All members voted aye.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was deferred to old business and the nominating committee.

V. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Perales briefed members of recent legislative activities including the possibility of the legislators returning to Springfield for a special session to take up re-appropriation of dollars needed for the capitol bill. In regards to staff activities, she created a member's only ILMPO web page, produced the June 8 legislative report and has begun developing second quarter UWP report by logging April hours by UWP task. No members expressed a desire to change the reporting format at this time with the UWP reports and none had problems accessing the member's only webpage on the site.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Moore provided members with an update on the liability issue. In the previous meeting, members expressed the need research setting up a not-for-profit organization. Chairman Moore stated he will follow up on creating a not-for-profit entity for the ILMPOAC and expects this work to conclude in a couple of months.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

FEDERAL UPDATE - AMPO

Ms. Hardy, Executive Director of Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations provided members with a federal transportation update. She also informed members about the recent discussion in regards to grandfathering MPOs as well as the potential threat of increasing the MPO size from a minimum of 50,000 to 200,000. She further anticipates a federal transportation bill to be submitted by the July 4th Recess. Senator Boxer is working in a partisan matter to submit a less robust transportation reauthorization bill. On the grandfathering issue, AMPO submitted letters of concern to Senate transportation leaders with nearly 100 MPOs signing onto the letter. Mr. Boyagian provided members

with an update on national infrastructure bank legislation as well as providing an analysis on the difference between the two legislative proposals. AMPO anticipates that both bills will be given floor time by the August break, so staff can sort out the differences with a possible concurrence at the end of September.

STATE TRANSPORTATION INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM (STILT)

Mr. Kohler provided members with a briefing on Everyday Counts which is an initiative of the Federal Highway Administration in coordination with AASHTO. Everyday Count focuses on ways to improve project delivery since 98% is resurfacing types of projects and safety improvements. FHWA Administrator Mendes wants to advance project delivery but also five technologies that could be quickly implemented such as traffic flow, pavement performance and so forth. Those initiatives began in October. The purpose of STILT is to bring together a very broad group of professionals in the transportation field including local, state and federal agencies but construction companies, academia, etc. Chairman Moore expressed his interest in serving on the STILT team and will be representing ILMPOAC at their meetings. They expect to meet at least quarterly.

NEW REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS (IDOT)

Mr. Sherman informed members that IDOT has hired a new internal auditor to advise their agency to further their mission for accountability. He further expects his staff to provide more communication to MPOs with additional face-to-face meeting with key people to review progress of the UWP. This will provide greater engagement of staff to help keep managers more up to speed. While there is no requirement to keep timecards of each subcontractor, Mr. Sherman recommended keeping some accountability of hours worked.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gordon Smith reported the outcomes of the nominating committee meeting. He indicated there was a motion by Mr. Sims to retain the officers as they currently were. CMAP was in discussion with Steve Ernst in consideration for the position. The motion was amended to have Steve Ernst as the Chair and Terry Kohlbus as the Secretary. Chairman Moore reminded members that CMAP is the permanent Vice Chair. A motion to approve the nominating committee report was moved by Mr. Blair, second by Ms. Bulat. All members voting aye. None opposed.

IX. CALENDAR

The date for the next meeting was not scheduled. Ms. Perales will meet with the incoming Chairman to acquire his availability for future meetings and a new calendar will be sent out sometime in July.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Moore entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Soltau motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marta Perales

In attendance:

Others: Jon-Paul Kohler, Federal Highway Administration; Keith Sherman and Susan Stitt; Illinois Department of Transportation; DeLania Hardy and Levon Boyagian, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and Marta Perales, Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council.