

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**



ATTENDEES:

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
David Brady	President – Committee Chairman	Village of Bedford Park
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
John Mahoney	Mayor	Village of Palos Park
Brian Reaves	President	Village of Lemont
Rick Boehm	Administrator	Village of Palos Park
Bill Cunningham	Administrator of Public Works	Village of Orland Park
Dave Vandervelde	Engineer	Christopher Burke Engineering
Kristen Bennett	Acct. Manager	Metro Strategies Inc.
Bunny Anderson	Engineer Project Liaison	Illinois Tollway
Mitch Bright	Sales Representative	Traffic Control Corp.
Dave Palia	Director of Marketing	Planning Communities
Andy Plummer	Regional Municipal Consultant	RTA
Mel Mangoba	Engineer	IDOT
Sue Rushing	Representative	PACE
Steve Buchtel	Program Coordinator	Active Transportation Alliance
Tim Klass	Engineer	F. Novotny & Associates
Tom Gill	President	Thomas Engineering Group
George Johnson	Planning & Programming	CMAA
Earl Dunn	Area Programmer	IDOT
Joe Vondra	Engineer	Ciobra Group
Valbona Kokoshi	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors

NOTE: Copies of all attachments referred to in these minutes are available by contacting the Southwest Conference of Mayors at (708) 403-6132.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. The roll was called. On a motion by President Reaves and a second by Mayor Wasowicz, the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting were approved (*See Attachment A*).

II. PROGRAM UPDATE

A. IDOT PROGRAM UPDATES (Earl Dunn)

Mr. Dunn reported that next IDOT letting is scheduled for November 5th, 2010.

IDOT is holding a series of Open Houses to present their Fall 2010 Region One Multi-Year Program in order to get the public's input for projects programmed for the next six years (*See Attachment B*).

Mayor Wasowicz commented on the CCDD Public Act and expressed how this new, unexpected act has affected construction projects throughout local agencies. The IEPA held three meetings in August to discuss the new public act, but Mayor Wasowitz felt there was not enough explanation on the procedures and/or standards the local governments are to follow.

President Brady expressed a concern regarding a barrier over a bridge and trees on Archer.

B. METRA REPORT (Demetrios Skoufis)

SW Service is down 1.8% and System Wide ridership has decreased by 1.4%. The average SW Service Saturday services have declined. The average June 2009 ridership for Saturday was 430 and the average for June 2010 has dropped to 311 riders, which maybe a reflection of the weak economy (*See Attachment C*).

C. PACE REPORT (Sue Pershing)

The preliminary 2011 Pace budget do not suggest fare increases or reductions in services. Pace anticipates a 3.1% increase in expenses for fixed routes services for bus, vanpool and dial-a-ride, due to inflation, health care and fuel costs. The proposed 2011 Budget will be approved by the Pace Board on October and will then be open for public comment at public hearing, scheduled for October 20th from 4:30-6:30pm, in the Oak Lawn Village Hall (*See Attachment D*).

D. COOK COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT (Steve Vaughn /Scott Van Der Aa)

No report given at this meeting. A full report is expected at the SCM Business meeting on September 28th. For a copy of the report *see Attachment E*.

E. CMAP REPORT (George Johnson for Janet Bright)

Mr. Johnson thanked the SCM for their help and support with the GO TO 2040 PLAN. The CMAP Board will vote to approve the GO TO 2040 Plan at their October 13th. The plan implementation kick-off celebration will take place on October 13th at the Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace in Millennium Park and all are welcome to attend. The ARRA funded projects scheduled for the September 17th letting used the majority of the ARRA funds, which the Councils worked together to fulfill cost needs.

CMAP has received a \$25million dollar retrofitting grant and is working on putting together a program to identify criteria and develop procedure on applying for funding. IDOT has put out a Safe Routes to School Call for Projects – 100% funding. This is the 2nd time this is happening and there will be several meetings and workshop for interested parties to fill out applications. Two handouts from CMAP staff were handed out as well – Final Legislative Report (*See Attachment F*) and Public Comment and Recommended Edits to GO TO 2040 PLAN (*See Attachment G*).

F. RTA REPORT (Andy Plummer)

Mr. Plummer reported that John Gates is the RTA has a new Chairman.

- RTA is on a calendar year and the 2009 Budget is hurting; Ridership is down; the Real Estate Transfer Tax is not working; the State is \$300 million behind in reimbursing the Service Boards for reduce fare rides. RTA has reduced costs, in some cases up to 40%, however the next year's budget is not expected to be any better, or positive. Capital funds will have to be shifted in order to maintain status quo. The 2010 Budget is still to be decided and worked out.
- During the Call for Projects, SWC submitted a project for Cicero Avenue Corridor Study. The Board will review the projects and vote on the projects to fund.
- RTA is doing several studies for Pilot Programs, like having consistent Signage for Mode Changes. Four locations have been identified and one of the locations is located in the Village of Evergreen Park.

G. ILLINOIS TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY (Bunny Anderson)

Ms. Anderson presented a few projects expected to be done by the end of the year, on their targeted dates. 75% of traffic is on an IPASS account, which to date there are 3million IPASS accounts.

III. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A. IDOT LOCAL PROGRAM REPORT (Mel Mangoba)

An update was given on the STP projects, as well as the current low bids for the ARRA projects and STP Projects from the September 17th (*See Attachment H*).

B. SCM STP REPORT (Valbona Kokoshi)

- The City of Hickory Hills requests additional \$70k STP funds to cover a high bid for construction for the Roberts Road Enhancement project – TIP 06-10-0010 (STP & ARU funded). On a motion by President Brady and a second by Mayor Mahoney, the request for additional STP funds was approved by the Committee and will be recommended to the full SCM Membership for their approval (*See Attachment I*).
- The current SCM FY 2010-15 Program does not have any projects for FY 2012-14, and with many projects waiting in the Multi-Year List (*See Attachment J*).
- An update on the four New STP projects was presented (*See Attachment K*).
- Funding Sources Mentioned:
- IDOT is accepting Safe Routes to School 2010 applications – 100% CMAP and T.Y. Lin are holding several workshops and seminars for local communities to fill out the applications. (*See Attachment L*).

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman Brady)

No report given.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Vicky Smith)

No report given. Ms. Smith will report at the SCM Business meeting on September 28th, 2010.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant Presentation** (Steve Buchtel)
Mr. Buchtel presented the new \$4 million dollar grant that will be open for RFP within the Cook County boundaries, sans Chicago. The grant's focus is to create policy to make it easier for residents to eat healthy and live active lives. There will be workshops in October and more information will be presented (*See Attachment M*).
- B. **Final Committee Discussion on the New Projects to be Presented to the Full SCM Membership for Approval on September 28th** (Valbona Kokoshi)
A request to approve the four new STP projects was sent to the SCM Members via fax in early August. All new STP projects were approved and no further discussion necessary.
- C. **Village of Orland Park's Request for Additional Funding for Two 143rd Street STP Projects: 06-00-0042- & 06-03-0005** (Valbona Kokoshi)
On a motion by President Brady and a second by President Reaves, the request for additional STP funds was approved by the Committee and will be recommended to the full SCM Membership for their approval (*See Attachment N*).
- D. **Village of Orland Hills's Request for Two FAU Route Additions: 94th Avenue, U.S. 6 to 167th Street (South Leg) and 163rd Street/Meadowview Drive, 94th Avenue to 88th Avenue** (Dave Vandervelde –CBBEL Engineer on behalf of the Village) (*See Attachment O*).
- E. **Village of Orland Park's Request for a FAU Route Additions: 94th Avenue, 151st Street to 167th Street (North Leg)** (Dave Vandervelde –CBBEL Engineer on behalf of the Village) (*See Attachment P*).

On a motion by President Brady and a second by President Reaves, the two FAU Route Requests by the Village of Orland Hills were approved to be presented to the full SCM Membership for final endorsement to be send to IDOT for consideration, along with the FAU Route Request by the Village of Orland.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next SCM Transportation meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, December 14th at 9:30 A.M.

Bedford Park Village Hall

6701 South Archer Road

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mayor Mahoney and a second by Mayor Wasowicz the SCM Transportation Committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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