



MCHEMRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
STP WORKING GROUP MEETING

16111 Nelson Road
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AGENDA

Thursday, August 25, 2017
9:00 AM

City of Crystal Lake City Hall

P105 - P106 Training Room

100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

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1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

3. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REVISIONS

A. Discussion on CMAP’s proposed revisions to our region’s Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) and the possible impacts to our council’s STP program.

4. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. A special Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 9:30 am at CMAP’s office, Cook County conference room, 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL. This meeting will discuss the City of Chicago and Council of Mayors agreement regarding the distribution and active program management of STP-L funds.

5. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

A. The next regular McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting is Thursday, September 21, 2017, at 2:00 pm at the McHenry County Division of Transportation office, main conference room, located at 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL.

6. ADJOURNMENT



MEMORANDUM

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TO: McHenry County Council of Mayors members
FROM: Janell Jensen, Planning Liaison
DATE: August 18, 2017
RE: Agenda Item 3.A. – Surface Transportation Program Revisions

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SUBJECT:

Discussion on CMAP’s proposed revisions to our region’s Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) and the possible impacts to our council’s STP program

BACKGROUND:

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has been holding STP Programming/Suballocation Working Group meetings to discuss renegotiating the agreement between the City of Chicago and the suburban Councils of Mayors regarding the STP program. This is in response to requests from the Federal Highway Administration to incorporate performance measurements into local STP programming instead of suballocating STP funds to Councils based on population alone.

Our council sent a letter to CMAP on July 19, 2017, that summarized the concerns/questions that arise from MCCOM’s July 14, 2017, STP Working Group meeting. Since the July letter, our chairman Rick Mack has met with CMAP staff to discuss our council’s concerns/suggestions.

DISCUSSION:

CMAP’s draft Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Revision proposal has not changed since our last meeting on July 14, 2017, and is not anticipated to. The four main changes are:

1. New shared funding program

A regional STP fund of approximately \$43 million per year generated from the current set aside for the City of Chicago and reprogramming of excess carryover. Shared funding program is meant for larger, regionally-significant projects that individual Council allotments cannot readily fund.

2. Local funding distributed using a needs-based formula

Local STP funding distributed to Councils based on five performance measures from MAP-21 – Pavement Condition, Bridge Condition, Congestion, Safety and Non-SOV travel. This new distribution formula is estimated to result in an additional \$210,000 per year for the McHenry County Council of Mayors (new annual allotment of \$4,161,715).

3. Supplemental local project selection criteria based on ON TO 2050

Each Council will be required to incorporate regional priorities into the local programming decision-making with a weighting of at least 25%. Regional priorities include - Using green infrastructure, serving reinvestment areas, improving access to economically disconnected

areas, benefiting freight movement, sponsor having a complete street policy and sponsor permitting density at transit-supportive levels.

4. Enhanced program management

All project phases will be required to meet accomplishment goals, with missed goals resulting in funding returned to shared fund.

If adopted, this proposal will be phased-in over the next two years with revisions to local methodologies occurring in 2018 or 2019.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S STP PROGRAM - FFY 2017-2020:

Our council's current STP Program for FFY 2017-2020 (rev 3/16/2017) should not be negatively impacted by CMAP's proposed changes. Rather, all projects listed on the program are anticipated to continue as scheduled. In addition, our council will not need to request Advance Funding (AF), since that procedure is proposed to be removed.

Projects scheduled in FFY 2018-2020 should be let for construction by the end of FFY 2020, which means that the last possible IDOT letting is November, 2020 (federal authorization in September, 2020). If not let in time, it's possible that councils could "grandfather" projects into their new STP program or have projects reapply during a new Call for Projects.

If a project on our program (FFY 2018-2020) was withdrawn, that project's STP funds could be reallocated to another scheduled project on our program (FFY 2018-2020).

New projects cannot be added to our program in FFY 2017-2020, which means delaying releasing a Call for STP Projects until FY 2020. Also, we cannot change our Methodology/funding levels for projects scheduled in FFY 2017-2020.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL'S STP PROGRAM - FUTURE:

CMAP's proposal "forgives" our council's Advance Funding (AF) requests. This is extremely important, since we don't need to repay the 3 plus years' worth of future money that we used (AF into FFY 2021). Starting in FFY 2021 we'll have a clean slate and one years' worth of money to spend on projects going forward.

All councils will have to revise their current Methodology (Project Selection & Programming Procedures) to adhere to the new STP Allocation/Programming Agreement.

CMAP anticipates releasing the Regional Call for STP Projects every 2-3 years, with the first one in FY 2019 for FFY 2020-TBD. Then each council could release their own Call for STP Projects in FY 2020 for FFY 2021-TBD.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. A special Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 9:30 am at CMAP's office.
2. CMAP is targeting approving the STP Allocation/Programming Agreement (between Chicago & councils) at the October 11, 2017, joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting.

ATTACHMENT: MCCOM STP Revision response letter to CMAP - 7/19/2017



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Joseph C. Szabo
Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: STP-L Programming Proposal

Dear Mr. Szabo:

The McHenry County Council of Mayors (MCCOM) met on July 14, 2017 to discuss the draft proposal created by CMAP’s working group on Surface Transportation Program (STP)-Local programming. MCCOM appreciates the time and effort that went into crafting this proposal and respectfully submits the following suggestions.

Local Funding Distribution

- MCCOM requests that CMAP adjust the weighting of the performance measures that are used to calculate the local funding allocations. MCCOM believes that more weight should be placed on the total number of lane-miles in poor condition (50%) and less weight should be placed on congested centerline miles (10%), annual serious injury and fatal crashes (10%), and bridge deck area in poor condition (10%). This revised weighting structure would more accurately distribute STP-L funds to Councils with the most need and incentivize municipalities around the region to prioritize pavement maintenance in the future.
- MCCOM requests that CMAP include a \$10 million ceiling on local funding allotments for the suburban Councils, similar to the proposed \$3 million floor. A maximum threshold will help equalize funding amounts, thus reducing the variations that some councils are projected to experience.

Shared Local Fund/Active Program Management

- With regards to Active Program Management, MCCOM requests that the final proposal specifies exactly how long grace periods will be and when, after missed goals, programmed funds will be moved to the shared fund.
- Should a Council have programmed money that needs to be returned to the shared fund, MCCOM suggests setting aside a percentage of this to be re-

programmed by other Councils. Because this funding was originally designated for local projects, we believe that it should remain local and be reallocated to Councils that are successfully using their allocations - as opposed to being entirely shifted to the shared fund, which we understand is for regional projects.

- MCCOM requests that projects funded from the shared fund be distributed equitably throughout the region. As demonstrated through our Council's repeated request of Advance Funding, our yearly allotment has not met the needs of our area for several years. Our municipalities look forward to being competitive when applying for additional funding through the shared fund.

Regional Priorities for Local Programming

- MCCOM would like clarification regarding the Pavement Management System requirement. Within the McHenry Council, 20 of the 29 members have a population under 10,000 (according to the 2010 U.S. Census). In these areas, resurfacing projects play an important role and help keep traffic moving smoothly throughout the region and on the federal aid roads. These small communities do not have the funding available to continually update existing pavement management plans, create new plans or hire consultants simply for this purpose. Although representatives agree on the value of Pavement Management Systems, CMAP needs to clarify how this can realistically occur in small or rural areas with limited funding.
- Finally, in order to ensure that STP programming criteria mirrors local needs, MCCOM requests that the weight for ON TO 2050 priorities be reduced from the proposed 25% to 15% of total points.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these suggestions.

Sincerely,



Rick Mack, Chairman
McHenry County Council of Mayors

CC: Tom Kotarac, Jesse Elam