

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Erin Aleman

The Citizens' Advisory Committee did not meet last month. Staff continues its work recruiting new members and the Committee is expected to meet towards the end of March or early April.

Economic Development

Staff Contact: Annie Byrne

The Economic Development Committee did not meet last month. Staff continues its work recruiting new members and the Committee is scheduled to meet March 22, 2011.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on March 2, and reviewed the synopses of the Local Technical Assistance program applications, offering comments on projects and discussing the program in general. The committee also reviewed legislation being tracked by CMAP or otherwise of interest to members. Finally, the committee concluded its brainstorming process on ENR roles and responsibilities for the coming year or so. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 9:30 am.

Housing

Staff Contact: Jill Leary

The Housing Committee met February 17. Staff from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and Fregonese Associates gave an update on the work that is underway on the latest state of the "Homes for a Changing Region" program, covering four communities in south suburban Cook county. Staff gave an update summarizing the projects for technical assistance for local planning projects that had been received in response to CMAP's call for projects, encouraging committee discussion of relevant proposals. Staff also provided a brief update of ongoing state legislative activity. The committee meets next on March 17.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human Services committee met for the last time on February 14. The committee discussed its transition to the Human and Community Development Committee, including expanded membership and the new focus on plan implementation. Staff gave an update on plan implementation via the Local Technical Assistance program and Committee members provided input on project proposals. Other staff provided an overview of the agency's state legislative agenda, as well as the recently launched MetroPulse website, built in collaboration with The Chicago Community Trust.

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Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on February 16. Following S.B. Friedman's presentation to the committee on value capture strategies in January, several committee members encouraged CMAP to actively pursue such strategies, and requested further information on next steps being planned or taken by CMAP. To this end, CMAP staff provided a brief update. Other staff led the committee's discussion of applications submitted for the GO TO 2040 Local Technical Assistance program. The committee meets next March 16, 2011.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on March 4. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments were approved and administrative modifications were noted. The committee recommends approval of the Semi-annual TIP/GO TO 2040 Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The committee is also recommending that the MPO Policy Committee approve the FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and naming the RTA service boards as Designated Recipients of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds, pending RTA Board approval of the same. The committee discussed the Local Technical Assistance program and CMAP's state agenda. The committee meets next on April 29.

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