



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Land Use Working Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2013  
9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
DupPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), Robert Cole, Lisa DiChiera, Sheena Frèvre, Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Tabbert, Norm West, Kate Witherspoon (for Heather Smith), Ruth Wuorenma, Angela Zubko.

**Members Absent:** Judy Beck, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Kimberly Flom, Elaine Romas, Todd Vanadilok, Mark VanKerkhof, Eric Waggoner, Nathaniel Werner, Nancy Williamson.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Erin Aleman, Alex Beata, Lindsay Broughel, Brian Daly, Teri Dixon, Jesse Elam, Jason Navota, Elizabeth Schuh, Samyukth Shenbaga, Todd Schmidt, Andrew Williams-Clark, Louise Yeung.

**Others Present:** John Bartman (IDOT), Bruce Carmichael (IDOT), Mike Klemens (WCGL), Katie Kukielka (IDOT), Ryan Richter (Metra), Steve Schilke (IDOT), Mike Walczak (NWMC).

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – August 20, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2013, was made by Rob Cole and seconded by Dave Galowich. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### 4.0 GO TO 2040 Update

Federal regulations mandate the update of GO TO 2040 by October of

2014. CMAP staff have begun work updating the financial plan, major capital projects, indicators, and implementation actions to inform the plan update. These components are expected to be complete in the early spring so that the plan can be drafted for public comment release at the June, 2014 meetings of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

### **Major Capital Projects Overview**

Major capital projects are large, regionally significant projects that add capacity to the transportation system. Todd Schmidt (CMAP) presented an overview of the process CMAP will employ to update the fiscally constrained and unconstrained menu of major capital projects in the GO TO 2040 plan update.

### **Implementation Actions Overview**

As part of the GO TO 2040 plan update, the FY 2014 work plan calls for a review of the implementation action tables at the end of each of the twelve chapters in GO TO 2040. Specifically, the work plan calls for these actions to be updated to reflect their implementation status. Alex Beata (CMAP) presented an overview of the process CMAP will employ to update the implementation actions. This will involve substantial discussion at October and/or November working committee meetings.

## **5.0 Criteria for selecting projects for Transportation Alternatives funding**

CMAP received 11 applications from its call for projects this summer and had an additional 28 potential projects previously solicited. Jesse Elam (CMAP) presented proposed evaluation criteria for the projects for committee feedback. Link to memo: [Criteria for selecting projects for Transportation Alternatives funding](#)

## **6.0 Proposed Amendment to GO TO 2040 – Illiana Corridor**

CMAP received a formal request from IDOT to consider inclusion of the proposed Illiana Expressway as a fiscally constrained major capital project in GO TO 2040. Under federal regulation, this proposed new highway facility must be included in GO TO 2040 in order to complete the upcoming Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement. A special August meeting of the Land Use Committee was scheduled to review the [CMAP staff analysis of the proposal](#).

Staff had prepared a [memo summarizing public comments](#) for the CMAP Board, which will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11. The memo includes links to all 965 public comments, 169 supporting the proposed amendment and 796 opposing it. Those numbers do not include two petitions submitted in opposition, with more than 3,700 total signatures. Erin Aleman (CMAP) provided committee members with an overview of the memo.

For the remainder of this agenda item, here is the text from the [committee report summarizing the discussion](#):

The CMAP Land Use Committee met on August 20, 2013 and again on September 18, 2013 to hear presentations from CMAP staff on the proposed inclusion of the Illiana Expressway in the fiscally constrained portion of the CMAP 2040 Plan. In addition, IDOT was available to respond to questions from Committee members.

At the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, each Land Use Committee member was given the opportunity to express the views of their organization or themselves personally if their organization did not have a position on the matter.

Following lengthy deliberations and discussions, the Land Use Committee was unable to reach consensus on the issue and thus will have no recommendation to the Regional Coordinating Committee. The Committee did feel that it was important for us to communicate the major opinions both for and against the inclusion of the Illiana.

#### Reasons for Opposing

- Doesn't seem to fit main principles/priorities of Go To 2040
- Cost for construction/financing and ongoing maintenance not clearly defined
- Money is needed for other priorities
- Potential benefits are overestimated
- Potential negative environmental impacts

#### Reasons for Supporting

- Existing congestion on Interstate 80 and other regional highways due to large truck volumes which are expected to continue to increase and needed to support existing and proposed intermodal/distribution facilities
- Claims of new "sprawl" caused by Illiana ignore the distance of the facility from the center of the region/downtown Chicago is comparable to existing suburban development to the north and west
- Must be included in the plan to allow the public/private partnership effort to continue to move forward. It is through that process that many unanswered questions and concerns will be able to be addressed.

- Freight movement and logistics are an essential and major component of the regional economy and the south suburban/Will County economy and the facility is needed to support this economy.

## **7.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

The committee is scheduled to visit Orland Park's Ninety7Fifty on the Park development in lieu of our regular committee meeting on October 16, 2013.

## **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison

October 10, 2013