

CMAP Working and Advisory Committees meeting summary

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met on November 10. Staff introduced CMAP's next comprehensive regional plan and discussed vision, priorities, and audiences. Members were receptive to the topics of resilience and equity as overarching themes for the next plan and suggested groups and engagement ideas for the public process. Staff also gave a presentation on the 22 new Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects approved at the October 14 CMAP board meeting. Committee members reviewed the proposed 2016 CAC meeting scheduled with no objections to the meeting dates. The Citizens' Advisory Committee will meet next on February 9, 2016.

COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Staff Contact: Holly Ostdick

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met January 12, 2016. The Illinois Tollway gave a presentation on the I-294 Central Tri-State Corridor Planning Council and how municipal involvement is important during the planning stages of the project. The Executive Committee approved the Unified Work Program (UWP) request to submit to the UWP committee for the fiscal year 2017 UWP, and approved advance funding for seven projects totaling nearly \$6 million. Additionally, they discussed the growing unobligated balance of STP funding. The unobligated balance has exceeded the amount of new money received annually and is not indicative of the needs of Northeastern Illinois. The Executive Committee is working towards a regional solution to encourage project accomplishment. The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee is scheduled for April 12, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Staff Contact: Nora Beck

The Environment and Natural Resources committee met on January 7. CMAP staff presented several items related to the next plan, including the schedule for public engagement and voting opportunities, and information on place-based approaches and green infrastructure co-benefits. In addition, staff presented zoning techniques to reduce the environmental impacts of new development. The next meeting will take place in February.

HOUSING

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

The Housing Committee meets next on February 18, 2016.

HUMAN & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Staff Contact: TBD

The Human & Community Development committee is on hold.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE

Staff Contacts: Simone Weil (ED) and Stephen Ostrander (LU)

On December 2, the CMAP Economic Development and Land Use Committees held a joint meeting. All agenda items were related to the next regional plan. First, CMAP staff gave an overview of the strategy paper being prepared on the topic of reinvestment and infill. Staff next discussed potential “place-based” approaches being considered for structuring recommendations for the next regional plan and gave an overview of the strategy paper being prepared on the topic of tax policy and land use. Staff also provided a brief update on select snapshot reports and strategy papers that are related to the work of the Economic Development and Land Use Committees. The Land Use and Economic Development Committee will next meet on January 20 and 25, 2016, respectively.

TRANSPORTATION

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on November 20. Staff announced that a solution to restore access to federal highway funding for Illinois MPOs was in place. The committee approved the FFY 2014-2019 TIP amendment and accepted the 2016-2020 State/Regional Resource Table and update of the selected years of the TIP. There was an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), which reduced its unobligated balance to just \$23 million in FFY 2015, and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L), which is actively managing its projects. The committee discussed regionally significant projects, the proposed content of the transportation and network trends snapshot report, funding concepts, outcomes from the “Setting Pavement Condition Targets” Forum and an updated committee engagement schedule for the next plan development. An overview of the RainReady community planning process was presented. On the federal legislative front, staff provided information on the status of the House and Senate transportation bills. Staff also reported that there was no progress on the adoption of a state budget.

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