

## **CMAP Working and Advisory Committees meeting summary**

### **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory Committee that was scheduled to meet on November 18 was cancelled and is scheduled to meet next on February 10, 2015.

### **COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Staff Contact: Patricia Berry

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on November 18. Updates were given on the current status of the CREATE Program, and FUND 2040, and an opportunity to discuss state legislative initiatives was given. The Committee discussed numerous issues regarding regional programming, approved a mark for the Local Surface Transportation Program that is the highest mark in the history of the program at \$290 million, and at the end of FFY 2014, the suburban councils added \$39.5 million to the region's unobligated balance. A presentation was given on the history of the STP-L program and implications of advanced funding, after which the Council unanimously approved an Advance Funding request of just over \$1 million. Finally, there should be no problem meeting the obligation goal set for FFY 2015 for CMAQ at \$162 million. The Council is scheduled to meet next on January 27.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff Contact: Simone Weil

The Economic Development committee met November 13. Cook County Department of Planning and Development provided an update on its Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy planning process. CMAP staff presented the findings and conclusions from the Local Technical Assistance program evaluation. Staff also shared findings from the recent *Reorienting State and Regional Economic Development* report. Finally, staff discussed scoping future research to inform the next long-range plan. The committee meets next on January 26.

### **ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**

Staff Contact: Nora Beck

The Environment and Natural Resources committee met on January 7. Staff provided initial information about the regional infrastructure fund proposal, updates on CMAP watershed planning efforts, and some initial information about the Calumet Stormwater Collaborative, which is a priority project of the Millennium Reserve. The committee meets next on February 4, 2015.

### **HOUSING**

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

The Housing Committee met on November 20. CMAP staff presented on the Immigrant Integration Toolkit and provided an introduction to the next regional long-range planning process. An update on the current *Homes for a Changing Region* projects (Kane/Geneva

completion, DuPage County [2 projects] and Lake County [2 projects]) was also given and the committee had an opportunity to review the draft plan for the Cook County Planning for Progress LTA project, following a presentation by staff from the Bureau of Economic Development. The December meeting was cancelled; the committee will meet next on January 15, 2015.

## **HUMAN & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human & Community Development committee met on November 3. The committee heard from Jennifer Miller of the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development about Planning for Progress in Cook County. CMAP staff gave presentations related to the City of Chicago Heights's comprehensive plan, the Immigrant Integration Toolkit, and discussed the approach to human and community development in the next long-range plan. The committee met again on December 8, with staff presenting the conclusions of the LTA plans assessment and CMAP staff along with Gina Massuda Barnett of the Cook County Department of Public Health giving an overview of the [Lan-Oak Park Master Plan](#) and discussing lessons learned from integrating health into the local plan. Staff also gave a presentation on 'aging and disability', and how this topic might be addressed in the next long-range plan. The committee meets next on February 9.

## **LAND USE**

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on November 19. CMAP staff discussed the approach planned for addressing land use topics in the development of the next regional plan. In the fourth component of the evaluation of the Local Technical Assistance program, CMAP staff highlighted the adjustments CMAP is making to the program as a result of the evaluation. Planners from Lake County presented an overview of the Sustainability Chapter amendment to the Lake County Regional Framework Plan, adopted by the Lake County Board in October 2014, that had been developed through a CMAP LTA grant. The chapter provides guidance to help advance initiatives to achieve the County's sustainability goals. CMAP staff gave an overview of CMAP's new Immigrant Integration Toolkit and CMAP policy staff gave a summary of their recent analysis of property tax classification in Cook County. The committee is scheduled to meet next on January 21.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

At its November 14th meeting, the Transportation Committee accepted an update to the FFY 2015-19 State/Regional Resources Table and approved TIP amendments and approved the inclusion of both FFY 14 and FFY 15 as selected years of the TIP, a decision made to ensure continuity in programming, as a new federal fiscal year is underway and implementers are still in the process of moving line items out of FFY 14. After a presentation on the update to the region's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture, the committee recommended approval of the updated ITS Architecture to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Staff gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). The call for TAP-L

projects will be concurrent with the next call for CMAQ projects beginning in January 2015. A presentation on the development of Cook County's Long Range Transportation Plan was given. The 2015 meeting schedule was approved and is posted on the webpage. The Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 16.

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