



Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2008--8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Zenovia Evans-CMAP Board, Adam Gross-BPI, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Andre Rice-CMAP Board, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Waterway Agency

Staff Present: Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Sean Glowacz, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Paul Heltne-Center for Humans and Nature, David Kralik-Metra, Anja Klaus-Center for Humans and Nature, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Chris Staron-Northwest Municipal Conference

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes from the July 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Roger Claar.

4.0 Scenario Construction

Mr. Dean reviewed the memo on scenario construction that had been included in the meeting materials. He stated that several options were considered by CMAP for how the scenarios could be organized, and that the thematic method described in the memo was identified as the best option. Mr. Dean described the four alternative scenarios that had been developed. The basic identities of each included: 1) continue current trends; 2) preservation and human capital; 3) infrastructure and physical investment; 4) innovation.

He stated that a preferred scenario that combined the best aspects of all of these would be developed, rather than adopting one of these scenarios to the exclusion of others.

Ms. Ruttendjie asked how the working committees would continue to be involved in developing the scenarios. Mr. Dean responded that the committees would be asked to help develop more details for the scenarios during fall and winter, with the major public involvement beginning in June 2009.

Mr. Paesel asked about the technical evaluation and modeling necessary for the scenarios, and in particular for areas outside of the transportation and land use area. Mr. Dean stated that CMAP had contracts with some external groups to help with this work, such as the University of Illinois, who would be evaluating the economic impacts of different education and workforce options. Mr. Paesel asked for more information on this modeling process at a future meeting.

Ms. Hamilton noted that the *GO TO 2040* plan would need to address major capital projects, and asked how that related to scenarios. Mr. Dean answered that these would be evaluated after a preferred scenario had been identified, but that major capital projects were deliberately being addressed as a later step. He noted that staff would provide a memo on the proposed process at the next Transportation committee.

Ms. Evans noted that scenarios 3 and 4 seemed mutually supportive, and that a combination of these would be most effective. She also asked whether the scenarios were listed in prioritized order. Mr. Dean stated that they were not prioritized, and emphasized that a preferred scenario that included elements from all of these would be developed. Ms. Evans also noted that it would be helpful to understand the regional impacts of growth in one part of the region rather than another.

Ms. Rupp Srch asked whether the actions in the scenarios were expected to be spurred by grants, incentives, encouragement, or other techniques. Mr. Dean responded that some combination of these would be used, and that financial assessments of the costs and revenues of each scenario would be conducted. Mr. Paesel and Ms. Evans emphasized that examples of real projects would help to understand the true costs of implementing some of these strategies.

5.0 Regional Indicators

Mr. Williams-Clark reviewed the memo that had been provided in the materials concerning development of regional indicators. He explained the purpose of the project, that process that had been used to develop these indicators, and the stakeholder groups that had been involved. Particular attention was given to the indicator workshops that had occurred in July and August. Mr. Williams-Clark noted that the indicators item today was for information, but that a recommendation would be requested at the October meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Hartstein urged staff to reach out to elected officials, in addition to local government staff. Mr. Williams-Clark confirmed that several elected officials had attended the indicator workshops, and that outreach to them was an important CMAP priority.

Ms. Rupp Srch asked how workshop participants would be updated on the indicators process, including the results of their participation. Mr. Williams-Clark stated that they would receive a report on the indicator workshops and would be kept interested through the release of interim products before the entire indicators project was completed.

Several committee members asked questions concerning the draft report on the results of the indicators workshops. Mr. Dean clarified that only certain themes were discussed at each workshop, as selected by the audience, and that heavy attendance by local government representatives meant that topics most directly relevant to local governments were discussed most frequently. Several committee members were concerned that this could be misinterpreted to mean that some topics were therefore not important for CMAP to address. Staff stated that the format of the report would be changed to ensure that this misinterpretation did not occur.

Mr. Beal noted that ratios or proportions were often more useful than absolute numbers for indicators, and Mr. Williams-Clark agreed. Mr. Paesel added that being able to compare across different parts of the region was important, and Mr. Williams-Clark responded that the ability to measure these indicators at small units of geography was a criteria in selecting data sets.

Mr. Dean asked for committee comments prior to the October meeting, when action would be requested.

6.0 Regional Snapshot Report: Jobs-Housing Balance

Mr. Dean stated that work on this snapshot continued based on feedback received from the committee at their July meeting, with additional analysis underway on fuel prices and travel patterns to employment centers.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Partnership Program

Mr. Dean stated that the Board and all working committees would receive more information about the *GO TO 2040* partnership program at their next meeting.

8.0 Staff Updates

Mr. Dean informed the committee that the Board would receive an update on the planning process, and also that several procurements related to *GO TO 2040* were on the Board agenda for research on energy, greenhouse gas emissions, and several transportation topics.

9.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Next Meeting

A special meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled to allow action on the regional indicators. This meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2008.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch, second by Luann Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rae Rupp Srch', written in a cursive style.

Principal Regional Planner, Staff Liaison

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, October 8, 2008.