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## Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2009

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, Ingrid Danler-Fox Waterway Agency, Adam Gross-BPI, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Phil Smith-DuPage County

**Others Present:** Len Cannata-WCMC, Paul Heltne, Damon Lee-Sustainable Transitions, Colin Murphy-CNT, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, David Seglin-CDOT, Thomas Snyder, Chris Staron-NWMC, J.D. Stevenson-FHWA, Mike Sullivan-KKCOM, Maria Choca Urban-CNT, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-KDOT, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Doug Willett-Environment and Energy

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Rae Rupp Srch. Elliott Hartstein arrived at 8:10 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

### 3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of March 11, 2009 and May 13, 2009 were approved on a motion by Roger Claar and a second by Ingrid Danler.

### 4.0 Major Transportation Capital Project Evaluation Measures

Mr. Dean explained that the *GO TO 2040* plan, as the federally required long-range transportation plan, would include the evaluation of major capital projects and the development of a fiscally-constrained list. He noted that the committee had discussed a draft list of evaluation measures at their June meeting, and that a recommendation to the

Board and MPO Policy Committee to approve the evaluation measures was now being requested. Rae Rupp Srch made a motion to recommend approval of the evaluation measures for major transportation capital project. Ingrid Danler provided a second and the motion carried.

#### **5.0 Center for Neighborhood Technology H+T Index**

Maria Choca Urban provided a presentation on the H+T Index, a measure developed by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) that combines housing and transportation costs to develop a more comprehensive measure of affordability. She noted that the use of the H+T index made the transportation costs associated with living in different parts of the region more apparent. Ms. Choca Urban highlighted recommendations directed to the state, regional agencies, and local governments to improve the coordination of land use and transportation planning; these included improving transit service, supporting transit-oriented development, and planning specifically for affordable housing near transit, among others.

Elliott Hartstein noted that many concentrations of affordable housing did not currently have transit access, and that a focus on transit-oriented development missed opportunities to improve connections to existing affordable housing. He proposed that “development-oriented transit” be considered to bring transit service to underserved locations, further increasing their affordability. Al Larson added that increasing transit options could spur redevelopment of adjacent land, such as the development plans along the proposed STAR Line.

Several technical questions regarding the measure’s calculation were also discussed.

#### **6.0 Regional Snapshot Reports**

Bob Dean stated that drafts of two snapshot reports, on industry clusters and air quality, had been completed and that approval to release these reports was requested. He described the purpose and conclusions of each report.

Ed Paesel noted that a more detailed geographic breakdown would be helpful, since different parts of Cook County had considerably different industry clusters. Elliott Hartstein added that different parts of the region had distinct economic strengths, and trends differed across the region. Mr. Dean stated that a next step in the study would look at more geographic detail.

Al Larson noted that a cluster of East Asian high-tech industries had emerged in Schaumburg based partly on specialized services such as dual language programs. Other committee members noted the importance of this type of incremental approach in clusters development.

Phil Smith made a motion to approve the industry cluster snapshot for release. Rae Rupp Srch provided a second and the motion carried.

Mr. Dean stated that the air quality snapshot was also recommended for release. Ed Paesel made a motion to release this report. Al Larson provided a second and the motion carried.

**7.0 Online Public Engagement**

Bob Dean described the online public engagement opportunities that would be available during the summer, and demonstrated the newly launched *GO TO 2040* website. Elliott Hartstein asked what was being done to promote the opportunities for engagement, and Mr. Dean responded that outreach had begun to work with various media sources to publicize the public engagement activities. Phil Smith asked whether the online software and kiosks allowed users to provide feedback, and Mr. Dean responded that they did.

**8.0 Staff Updates**

No other business was raised.

**9.0 Other Business**

No other business was raised.

**10.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for September 9, 2009.

**12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliott Hartstein', written in a cursive style.

*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 9, 2009.*