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## Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2009--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, Roger Claar, CMAP Board, Ingrid Danler-Fox Waterway Agency, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Sid Weseman-RTA (representing Luann Hamilton)

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Lindsay Banks, Randy Blankenhorn, Ylda Capriccioso, Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Kristin Heery, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Ross Patronsky

**Others Present:** Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Don Fisher-City of Joliet, Paul Heltne, Kendall Jackson-City of Joliet, David Kralik-Metra, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, David Palia-Planning Communities, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-KKCOM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

### 3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present.

### 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 a fiscally-constrained list of major capital projects. He noted that the Planning Coordinating Committee would be asked for a recommendation to endorse the evaluation measures to be used as part of the project selection process at their June meeting, and reviewed the recommended measures.

Mr. Hartstein noted that it was also important to measure the connectivity and multimodal linkages that a project provides. Mr. Dean agreed that these were important measures that a way to incorporate them should be sought. Ed Paesel asked how underserved communities would be addressed, and Mr. Dean responded that the measures did include environmental justice.

Mr. Claar asked for a definition of a major capital project. Staff explained that it included expressway expansions or extensions or similar projects for rail, as well as BRT projects if they involved dedicated lanes on an expressway, but that projects involving arterials such as interchanges were not considered major capital projects. Staff also noted that other projects could be examined as major capital projects if the project sponsors requests it. Mr. Claar asked that a definition and list of potential projects be sent to committee members.

Mr. Claar also asked how projects would be evaluated against each other. Mr. Dean responded that the evaluation measures were meant to provide information that decision-makers could use, but that there would not be a "ranking" of projects. Ms. Danler noted that groundwater recharge areas could be considered among the sensitive environmental features, and Mr. Dean responded that staff would investigate that. Mr. Paesel noted that he would like an explanation of how the South Suburban Airport would be treated with in the *GO TO 2040* process.

Mr. Hartstein asked about next steps in the process. Mr. Dean stated that the draft list of potential projects would be available during the public engagement process during the summer, and that new project ideas would be accepted, with capital project evaluation occurring during the fall.

#### **5.0 Public Engagement Update**

Mr. Dean updated the committee on public involvement plans for summer 2009, which included a series of public meetings and online interactive software. Erin Aleman provided an additional update on the planned locations of public meetings. Ylda Capriccioso provided a brief presentation on the results of recent "Bold Ideas" contests sponsored by CMAP to get schools involved in the *GO TO 2040* plan.

#### **6.0 Collaboration with Chicago Community Trust**

Mr. Dean updated the committee on CMAP's work with the Chicago Community Trust, which has involved the preparation of reports on a number of topics such as education, workforce development, health, and others. Mr. Hartstein asked about the timing of the release of these reports, and Mr. Dean stated that report summaries would be up by the end of June, with full reports released over the course of the summer.

#### **7.0 Staff Updates**

No other business was raised.

**8.0 Other Business**

Sid Weseman noted that the RTA had asked CMAP for assistance in modeling the impacts of the recent proposal by Pace to operate express buses on I-55.

**9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

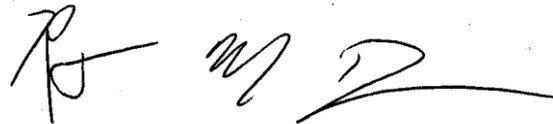
**10.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for June 10, 2009.

**11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Dean, Staff Liaison

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 10, 2009.*