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Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

January 14, 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, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Lori Clark-NIU, Adam Gross-BPI, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Andre Rice-CMAP Board, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Water Agency (by phone), Phil Smith-DuPage County

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Lindsay Banks, Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Jon Hallas, Kristin Heery, Don Kopec, Matt Maloney, Ross Patronsky, Kermit Wies, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Jon de Vries-URS, Benet Haller-City of Chicago, Krista Kahle-URS, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Alan Mammoser-SETF, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Mike Walczak-NWMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 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 October 8, 2008, meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Al Larson and a second by Phil Smith.

4.0 Chicago Central Area Action Plan

Benet Haller and Jon de Vries described the City of Chicago's Central Area Action Plan. This plan is meant to implement the 2003 Central Area Plan, and contains policy and

investment recommendations for the downtown area of the city. Mr. Haller and Mr. de Vries described the key projects that were included in the plan.

Elliott Hartstein noted that the plan was ambitious, and asked about its focus on downtown in the context of the needs of other neighborhoods in the city. Mr. Haller responded that this required a constant balance, but there were reasons for a specific focus on downtown, including its high concentration of employment and its status as a regional destination. Adam Gross noted that the plan did not address affordability, and Mr. Haller responded that the city was committed to this issue but that downtown was not necessarily the most appropriate place for concentrations of affordable housing. Mr. Gross noted that connections to affordable housing in other neighborhoods should be at least acknowledged.

Mr. Larson asked why the STAR Line was not included as a project in this version of the plan, when it had been in previous versions. Mr. Haller stated that the STAR Line did not enter downtown, but Mr. Larson responded that it did connect to the airport and the Blue Line, facilitating travel to downtown. Mr. Hartstein and Mr. Larson asked that the inclusion of the STAR Line in the document be reconsidered. Other committee members asked clarifying questions concerning the scope of the STAR Line.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Status Update

Mr. Dean provided an update on the status of the *GO TO 2040* plan and reviewed the memo that had been included with the meeting materials. He stated that technical evaluation of alternative scenarios was ongoing, and public involvement would begin in the summer. He also stated that the treatment of major capital projects was underway, and that an upcoming activity was the development of evaluation measures for them.

Mr. Hartstein noted that the selection of evaluation measures for capital projects was an important activity, both to support the economic stimulus plan and the state's development of a capital plan. Mr. Dean noted that discussion of these topics was expected at the Board meeting following the Committee meeting.

6.0 Regional Scenario Analysis

Staff demonstrated the methods being used for scenario analysis, using open space preservation as an example. Jesse Elam and Matt Maloney described the spatial and financial analysis being undertaken for this project, and noted that similar methods were being used for others.

7.0 Regional Snapshot Reports

Mr. Dean stated that the committee was asked to approve the release of two Regional Snapshot reports on the subjects of jobs-housing balance and Latino population growth. Mr. Gross stated that he had some comments on the jobs-housing balance report that he would communicate to staff after the meeting.

Frank Beal made a motion to approve the release of the jobs-housing report with Mr. Gross's changes incorporated. Mr. Smith provided a second and the motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the release of the Latino population growth report. Andre Rice provided a second and the motion carried.

Kristin Heery gave a brief presentation on the status of an ongoing Regional Snapshot report on air quality. Mr. Hartstein recommended that the work of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on Clean Air Counts be incorporated into the report.

8.0 Staff Updates

No other business was raised.

9.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

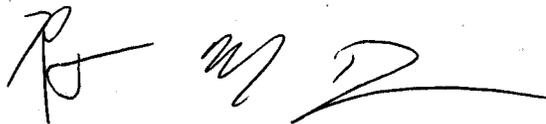
11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled for March 11, 2009.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Larson, second by Mr. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Dean', written in a cursive style.

Bob Dean, Staff Liaison

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Approved, as presented by unanimous vote, March 11, 2009.