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## Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010--8:00 a.m.

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

**Members Present:** Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Bill Browne-Economic and Community Development, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Sheri Cohen-Human Services, Jack Darin-Environment and Natural Resources, Luann Hamilton-Transportation, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Rick Reinbold-CMAP Board, Joanna Trotter-Housing

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Brett Baden, Randy Blankenhorn, Annie Byrne, Ylda Capriccioso, Bob Dean, Dolores Dowdle, Jesse Elam, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith

**Others Present:** Kristin Anderson-Metra, Mark Avery-DuPage County, Lenny Cannata-WCMC, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Marta Perales-IL MPO, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Dan Shea-CMAP Board, Keith Sherman-IDOT, Chris Staron-NWMC, Jan Ward-KKCOM and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

### 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 Minutes

A motion by Roger Claar was seconded by Al Larson to approve the minutes of March 10, 2010, as presented.

### 4.0 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Infrastructure Committee

Mark Angelini, representing the Urban Land Institute (ULI), provided a presentation describing the work of ULI's Infrastructure Committee on development opportunity along

the southern shoreline of Lake Michigan. The purpose of this group was to identify investments needed to bring disinvested industrial properties in this area to viable and productive use, many as mixed-use developments with open space components. The ULI committee identified a variety of infrastructure improvements that would support this reinvestment, including arterial improvements, upgrades to existing rail service, and the extension of the CTA Red Line to 130<sup>th</sup> Street.

The committee's discussion focused on the importance of planning comprehensively to support redevelopment in this area. Al Larson recommended creating a long-range plan for the overall area, and other members agreed that this would be helpful. Sheri Cohen suggested addressing health infrastructure and other elements of social infrastructure as part of planning for redevelopment at this magnitude. Mr. Angelini responded that ULI focused initially on physical infrastructure, but that further work to address these other issues would be needed as well.

Elliott Hartstein asked whether there were other examples of similar redevelopments. Mr. Angelini responded that conversion of disinvested industrial sites to other uses was common, but one unique element of this project was the interest in preserving the functional industrial uses in the area. He noted that this made the project more complex, but that maintaining the industrial base was an important component.

Frank Beal noted that the concept of redeveloping this area was consistent with the principles of *GO TO 2040*, but that it was important for it to be sustainable, and not rely on continued public sector support. Mr. Hartstein agreed, stating that investment should be done cautiously if there is not a market. Mr. Angelini emphasized that market studies, were underway, and that this part of the region had major existing assets – notably, access to Lake Michigan and good service by rail – that made its redevelopment feasible.

The committee asked that follow-up presentations be made to other relevant working committees.

## **5.0 Meeting Schedule for Plan Adoption**

Bob Dean reported that the committee would be asked to meet to discuss public comments received on the plan on September 8, and would be asked to meet again on September 29 to recommend its approval to the CMAP Board.

## **6.0 Priority Recommendation Areas**

Bon Dean described the organization of *GO TO 2040* and noted that initial drafts of plan chapters were being posted online for review as they were prepared. Ms. Cohen asked that the plan include links to the strategy papers that were written during its development process. Joanna Trotter asked whether the plan would include measures of progress, and Dean responded that each chapter contained several key indicators and targets.

## **7.0 Major Transportation Capital Projects**

Don Kopec described the comments that had been received on the plan's treatment of major capital projects. Several committee members commented on the status of relevant projects. Mr. Larson stated that northwest Cook County communities continued to support including the STAR Line among the fiscally constrained projects. Luann Hamilton asked about the financing approach to I-290 as a multimodal corridor, and Mr. Dean clarified that the cost of highway and transit modes in that corridor were estimated to be very similar. Jack Darin stated that the Environment and Natural Resources committee supported the overall list of fiscally constrained projects, but objected to the inclusion of the IL 53 extension as a fiscally constrained project. Roger Claar noted that the treatment of the Illiana Expressway was acceptable, though many Will County stakeholders would prefer for the entire project to be on the fiscally constrained list.

## **8.0 GO TO 2040 Website Preview**

Erin Aleman provided a preview of the *GO TO 2040* website. Mr. Hartstein emphasized that it was important to communicate CMAP's ownership of the site, and Ms. Aleman responded that that had been part of the design. Ms. Cohen asked about the overlap between this website and the indicators website, and Ms. Aleman clarified that these were separate sites but would have links between them.

## **9.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **10.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for September 8, 2010.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

At approximately 9:15 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Roger Claar was seconded by Al Larson.

Respectfully submitted,