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Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2010

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

- Board Members:** Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting member Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee
- Absent:** Roger Claar-representing Will County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, and non-voting member Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Ylda Capriccioso, Don Kopec, Amy Talbot, Annie Byrne, and Sherry Kane
- Others Present:** Thomas Snyder-UIC, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry COM, Vicky Smith-SCM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mark Pitstick-RTA, David Kralik-Metra, David Kotwasinski-SWC, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, from UIC, Graeme Miller, Josh Stillman, Olivia Marinelli, Rachedl Aukemar, Sara Hage, Celine Vanber, Jenniger Hale and Jacqueline Scanlan

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Mayor Gerald Bennett announced that board member Andre Rice had recently tendered his resignation from the CMAP Board to take another assignment. Mayor Bennett and Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn both expressed sadness and offered Rice a parting gift and many thanks for the work he had done for CMAP and its board.

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Russell Hartigan. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn walked through the *GO TO 2040* adoption schedule that had been included in the Board packet that ultimately concludes with adoption of the plan by both the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee at a joint meeting on October 13, 2010. Blankenhorn stressed that the Public Comment period will, without exception, close on August 6, 2010, thus allowing enough time for staff to prepare the final plan. It is expected that the July Board meeting may be cancelled.

Other matters in the Executive Director's report included the following. Blankenhorn reported that a draft of the FY 2011 Budget and Work Plan will be presented in May. Blankenhorn went on to say that CMAP needs funding stream flexibility, explaining that transportation funding is tied to transportation activities, that the funding match from IDOT is in the road fund and discussions should continue regarding opportunities for non-transportation and non-restrictive dollars.

5.0 Contract Approvals

A motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to approve the contract award for the 2010 Collaborative Aerial Imagery Project as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff, Ylda Capriccioso reviewed the Mid-Session Legislative Report that had been included in the Board packet, reporting that the General Assembly had been on break the past and into this week. Capriccioso went on to say that the General Assembly had made progress on the pension matter having introduced a two-tiered program and that funding for MPOs and regional planning had been included in the Governor's proposed IDOT FY2011 budget. Staff was asked to obtain additional information on SB 3139 introduced by Senator Harmon regarding tax caps and HB 4968 regarding annexation. Further, a concern was raised over HB 2516, the RTA Tax Opt-out, which when implemented (and CMAP was very clear on this) the RTA's additional $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 cent tax was specifically to be used for transportation or public safety activities. This bill would allow counties to opt

out of any tax increase imposed by the RTA tax. Blankenhorn stated that Staff will continue to monitor the bill.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects

CMAP staff Don Kopec, referring to material that had been provided in the Board packet, reported that the *GO TO 2040* plan, serving as the federally-mandated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), will include a fiscally constrained list of major transportation capital projects. Kopec reviewed the terms used in the document and reported that first a determination had to be made as to how much would be available for transportation expenditures. Staff determined that \$385 billion would be available from 2011 through 2040. Of this, \$330 billion is needed just to maintain the current transportation system in its current condition and another \$45 billion is needed to bring the current system up to a state of good repair, leaving roughly a balance of only \$10.5 billion for major capital projects. A call for proposals resulted in 50-60 projects being proposed, totaling over \$90 billion. Using the preferred regional scenario as a guide and considering performance measures and outside project specific studies, projects were placed into two categories: fiscally constrained and fiscally unconstrained. Very few of the projects are new, Kopec continued and most are expansion of existing projects. There are a number of managed lanes projects which entail variable pricing with accommodations for both transit and freight. There is also a very significant investment in transit. Further, to encourage additional study of fiscally unconstrained projects, \$100,000 would be allocated for the continued study and prioritization of those projects. These will be a part of the draft comprehensive plan considered for public comment, for the period June 11 – August 6, 2010. Comments were made and concerns were raised by Board members with Chairman Bennett wrapping up the discussion acknowledging the work of staff.

8.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Recommendations

Continuing the series of potential plan recommendations, this month's presentations included Education & Workforce Development and Local Food.

- CMAP Staff Annie Byrne presented on the topic of "Education & Workforce Development," reporting that CMAP had worked with the Chicago Community Trust and relied upon information obtained from the lead agencies and the many advisors in developing recommendations for *GO TO 2040*. The quality of our region's workforce, Byrne stated, attracts businesses and fuels innovation. Currently our workforce's access to quality education and training program is inconsistent and insufficient to meet the needs of a thriving economy. The issues are complex and challenging. Two overarching recommendations were cited: coordinated planning between systems-need to develop stronger partnerships and build coordination, and integration of data across education, workforce and economic development-bringing data together and making it more accessible. Sparking a lengthy conversation among board members, Executive Director Blankenhorn wrapped up the discussion stating that the education piece is not an area in which CMAP has much expertise, but there is a role for CMAP in developing, streamlining and coordinating workforce development. Blankenhorn also summarized

the importance of discussing this topic within *GO TO 2040* by illustrating the connection between education and workforce development to the region's economy, jobs, and ultimately to transportation.

- Regarding Local Food, CMAP Staff Amy Talbot's presentation included an overview of the importance of a local food system. Talbot reported that we must increase local food production and increase access to those foods. This could be accomplished by linking federal program to local food production, informing public officials, gathering data and conducting research, creating a regional identify for local foods, promoting land and environmental conservation strategies, and finally, linking local food policies with anti-hunger strategies. Talbot fielded questions raised and Blankenhorn wrapped up the discussion stating that CMAP has a role to play especially related to impacts on land use and health.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Board, although Executive Director Blankenhorn reminded the Board of FLIP's final presentation scheduled for April 20, 2010 and extended an invitation to attend.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

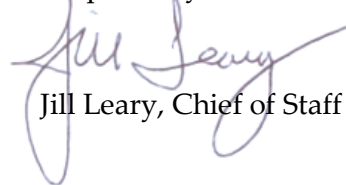
11.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on June 9, 2010.

12.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:10 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved with a minor correction under Agenda Item No. 7.0, by unanimous vote May 12, 2010