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Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members: Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County (via tele-conference), Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), 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: Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties and Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Greg Sanders and Sherry Kane.

Others Present: Chris Staron-NWMC, Robert Munson-CAC, Mike Sullivan and Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, Bruce Christensen-Lake County DOT, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Xochitl Espinosa-TRP and Catherine Kannenberg-Metra.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Dan Shea. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported briefly that CMAP will host an event on January 21, 2010 "Burnham Goes to 2040" meant to invite last year's Centennial Partners to join in our *GO TO 2040* activities. CMAP will introduce its preferred Regional Scenario and a series of quarterly meetings will be scheduled to keep the centennial participants connected, moving toward October 2010 when the comprehensive regional plan will be complete.

Regarding Transportation Rescissions, CMAP staffer Don Kopec reported that rescissions totaled $290 million for the State, $83 million of which will impact the CMAQ program. To offset the rescissions, projects that had not experienced an obligation or had any phase of work initiated, totaling $120 million (which satisfies the rescission) were moved out of the TIP. Unobligated balances, Kopec continued, have been a problem in the past for the CMAQ program, but CMAP will work with the project implementers and when the time comes, those projects will go back into the TIP. It is believed this will result in the least impact on programs. Kopec went on to say that CMAP will work with IDOT, the City of Chicago and the Council of Mayors to curtail the $20-23 million rescission on the STP program.

5.0 Contract Approvals

A motion to approve the contract award for an Alternative Transportation Study for Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie to AECOM in the amount of $89,985 made by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Alan Bennett and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Report(s)

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported the early morning meeting's discussions on the following. The preferred Regional Scenario was presented and with minor modifications could be recommended for approval by the CMAP Board. Staff is currently working on developing plan recommendations for freight, a presentation of which will likely be made to the Board in March and staff had updated the committee on the development of a financial plan for transportation elements and the evaluation of major capital projects.

7.0 State Legislative Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP's legislative priority this year will be to restore the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF), working with the

Governor's office and IDOT to insure funds are included in the Governor's budget within IDOT. CMAP is also meeting with legislators reinforcing the importance of funding in compliance with state statute and Blankenhorn asked that CMAP Board members help carry this message to Springfield, as well. CMAP will continue to monitor, Blankenhorn continued, and in some cases provide support for legislation that impacts transportation, water supply planning, housing and the environment throughout the region but that also complements the Regional Vision and the preferred Regional Scenario. Blankenhorn also reported that a prioritized list of bills that may include a recommended position for Board consideration will be provided on a monthly basis and introduced CMAP staffer Ylda Capriccioso who has recently been reassigned to work primarily on state legislative activities.

8.0 Preferred Regional Scenario Presentation

As was previously reported by Mayor Hartstein, CMAP's Planning Coordinating Committee had discussed and recommended endorsement by the Board, the Preferred Regional Scenario. A motion made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Frank Beal to endorse the scenario as presented. A lengthy discussion ensued and board members offered feedback on such topics as congestion, maintenance/improvements/enhancements as well as expansion to existing systems, stormwater management, high-speed rail, data and public service sharing by local municipalities and community reinvestment practices. Finally, with all in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Potential *GO TO 2040* Recommendations

Continuing in the series of potential plan recommendations, this month's presentation on data sharing and transparency was given by CMAP staffer Greg Sanders, who explained that a top recommendation to improve government efficiency and accountability can be attained through data sharing and that CMAP can and should play a major role in facilitating this throughout the region. Generally agreed that the recommendation is one to embrace, caution was given regarding maintaining security and costs associated with CMAP being the custodian of the data.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

11.0 Public Comment

CMAP staffer Jon Hallas reported that CMAP is taking steps to comply with the new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that was effective January 1, 2010 and that a presentation about how CMAP will be impacted by these revisions will be made to the Board within the coming months.

12.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on February 10, 2010.

13.0 Adjournment

At approximately 10:57 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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