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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2008

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**

Rita Athas (Executive Director, World Business Chicago), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Alan Bennett (Trustee, Elmwood Park), Roger Claar (Mayor, Bolingbrook), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale) via tele-conference, Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner Rich Township), Marilyn Michelini (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Representing DuPage County) and Dan Shea (McHenry County Board). Non-voting members: Ian Doughty (representing Governor's office).

### **Absent:**

Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Forest Park), Al Larson (Mayor, Schaumburg), Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, RTA-MPO Policy Committee), Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP)

### **Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Patricia Berry, Joy Schaad and Sherry Kane.

### **Others Present:**

Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Chalen Hunter-McHenry County Council, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Mike McLaughlin-MPC, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Fluturi Dem'rouski-RTA, Laura Wilkison-Wilkison Consulting, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Len Cannata-WCMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Robin Kelly-Illinois Treasurer, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Karin Sommer-MPC, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra and Rick Powell-IDOT District 3.

## **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Rita Athas, Board Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn welcomed two new Board members: Alan Bennett, a trustee from the Village of Elmwood Park and a former NIPC Commissioner, who is replacing Calvin Jordan as the representative from Cook County; and Ian Doughty, also a short-time NIPC Commissioner, recommended as a non-voting member of the Board, representing the Governor's office. A motion by Mayor Elliott Hartstein to approve the appointment of the non-voting member to the CMAP Board was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Other Board members introduced themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Listed under Agenda Changes and Announcements, the Employee of the Quarter recognition was included in error. There were no other agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2007**

A minor correction to the minutes had been identified on page 3 agenda item 8.0, 3<sup>rd</sup> line from the bottom, "exited" should be "excited". A motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 board meeting, with the correction, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. Board member Alan Bennett asked that the record reflect that he did not vote on the motion because he had not been present at the meeting. Otherwise, all in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following.

An agreement has been reached between the city of Chicago and the Council of Mayors on the City/Suburban Surface Transportation Program (STP) split that is reviewed after every new federal transportation program. The agreement is that 5% of the region's local STP allocation is to be used to program projects within the city of Chicago that have a regional impact. The balance of the funding will be split 55% to the suburbs and 45% to Chicago.

A brief update on Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process, Blankenhorn reported that the subcommittee had met last week and will meet once again next month before reporting to the Programming Coordinating Committee in April.

Board approval of the appointment of a new Citizens' Advisory Committee Member, Angela Larsen, was sought. A motion by Alan Bennett concurring with the recommendation appointing Angela Larsen to the Citizens' Advisory Committee was seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

A resolution establishing a Flexible Spending Plan checking account was presented for Board adoption. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Michelini to adopt the resolution as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Finally, Blankenhorn reported, that the *GO TO 2040* website ([www.goto2040.org](http://www.goto2040.org)) will go live at the conclusion of the meeting.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

The following contracts, described in accompanying memos in the Board packet were presented for approval: (1) COTG, for the purchase of 2 mid-level color and black and white copiers totaling \$34,995, (2) the purchase of information technology hardware and software at a total cost not to exceed \$290,000, (3) the contract award for research assistants from the UIC Urban Planning and Policy Program in an amount of \$135,971, (4) the reimbursement of costs to the Cook County Assessor's Office for real-time data feeds not to exceed \$40,000, (5) the contract award to the University of Illinois Extension for the reimbursement of 33.3% of the salary, benefits and operating budget of a water resource economist, estimated at \$94,927, (6) two contract awards to MCIC for \$115,000 and URS at \$25,000 for the development of indicators, or quantitative measures that relate to the major themes identified in CMAP's vision, and (7) an amendment to the contract with Martin Pinnau for an extension of time and an increased contract amount of \$7,500 to make corrections to the 2001 Land Use Inventory in preparation of the simultaneous release of the 2005 Land Use Inventory. A motion by Mayor Michelini to approve the contract awards as presented was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. A question was raised regarding the purchase of data from the Assessor's office, staff responded that it was not to purchase data from the county, but to establish and maintain a mechanism to receive real-time data feeds. All in favor the motion carried.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Committee Chair reported that the Planning Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning and discussed the indicators project, considered the DRAFT Regional Snapshot-Infill and had seen the unveiling of the new website.

Written summaries of CMAP's working committees and the CAC were also provided.

## **7.0 Appointment of Non-Voting Member to the CMAP Board**

This topic and the resulting action had been covered earlier in the meeting (1.0 Call to Order and Introductions).

## **8.0 Legislative Update**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that staff has a new legislation tracking system that, when testimony or a position is needed, allows the Board a 48-hour notice to offer its opinions. Blankenhorn also stated that the Governor had appointed former

Speaker Dennis Hastert and Glen Poshard to co-chair the Illinois Works Coalition, the state's capital initiative.

Lastly, related to the RTA legislation, Blankenhorn reported that House Bill 656 that passed in January 2008, resulted in new revenues for suburban counties and included public safety as an eligible use of the local funds. As background, the Board was an early and ardent supporter of the effort to generate additional operating funds for the Regional Transportation Authority and its operating agencies. CMAP's support called for the State of Illinois to provide new revenues for suburban counties to address local transportation needs. While the legislation that passed as House Bill 656 in January 2008 includes public safety as an eligible use of those local funds, the CMAP Board's support was predicated on these revenues being used to meet transportation needs. A proposed draft letter that would be addressed to County Board Chairs on behalf of the Board was circulated that reiterated that CMAP support of the legislation had been offered based on the use of the funding for transportation projects. Many board members weighed in on the topic and most agreed the letter should be sent. Mayor Roger Claar and Alan Bennett, however, opposed the action.

#### **9.0 Transportation Consent Agenda**

In a memo regarding *Consent Agenda for Programmatic Transportation Decisions*, staff offered a comprehensive example of a proposed consent agenda and asked that the Board consider the programmatic and administrative transportation-related agenda items as a consent agenda. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Michelini to use a consent agenda for such programmatic and administrative transportation-related matters and that the consent agenda as presented be approved. These matters would have already come through the Programming Coordinating Committee and at any time anyone may ask that an action be pulled from consent and discussed in greater detail. Alan Bennett requested that dissenting opinions by members of the Transportation or Programming Committees be included in the memos. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **10.0 Transportation Policy Briefing**

CMAP Chief of Staff Jill Leary presented a Transportation Policy Brief summarizing the recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission that had submitted its final report to Congress on January 15, 2008 and the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission's interim report submitted in February. A copy of the brief and a more detailed summary of the Policy Commission report are attached and made a part hereof.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **12.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

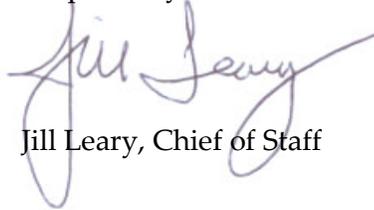
**13.0 Next Meeting**

The Board meeting that was scheduled for April 9, 2008 was cancelled. The Board will meet next on May 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

**14.0 Adjournment**

At 10:50 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote May 14, 2008.*