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## Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 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-representing the City of Chicago, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County and Dan Shea-representing McHenry County and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago.

### Absent:

Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, and non-voting members Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Ian Doughty-representing the Governor's office.

### Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Gordon Smith, Bob Dean, Doug Ferguson and Sherry Kane.

### Others Present:

Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, David Seglin-CDOT, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Government League, Sheene Frève-Metropolis 2020, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Paul Heltne-Center for Humans and Nature, David Seglin-CDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Holly Smith-Kane/Kendall, Conor Altier-Kane County, Len Cannata-WCMC, David Kralik-Metra and Mike Walczak-NWMC.

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

Gerald Bennett, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other Board members introduced themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced CMAP's Employee of the Quarter, Doug Ferguson who received the award for the work he had done on the CMAQ program as well as mentoring newer employees and participants in understanding the process. Doug is also CMAP's bike-to-work coordinator.

There were no agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics. Ten *GO TO 2040* indicator workshops have been scheduled throughout the region during the months of July and August. Board members were encouraged to attend and help spread the word. A recent publication, The *GO TO 2040* booklet, Blankenhorn continued, illustrates 5 ways to engage a broad public in the planning process.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

The following procurement approvals were recommended by CMAP staff. A motion by Mayor Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried, approving an amendment to the Water Demand Scenarios contract with Southern Illinois University by \$24,616. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch that was seconded by Alan Bennett with all in favor carried approving a two-year contract award to Web Solutions not to exceed \$75,000 per year for web hosting and support. A motion to approve by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Michelini carried awarding a three-year, with optional two one-year extensions contract to Clark Dietz or if a conflict of interest should arise, Engineering Enterprises for technical and policy support for wastewater Facility Planning Area (FPA) reviews. Mayor Roger Claar suggested the award may be unnecessary to support CMAP's Wastewater Committee. Alan Bennett supported Mayor Claar's position and both voted no to the award of contract.

## **6.0 Regional Water Supply Planning Update**

CMAP's Timothy T. Loftus provided an update on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's (RWSPG) progress and accomplishments over the past year and presented next year's goals and objectives. Board Chair Gerald Bennett thanked Loftus for the presentation. A press release entitled "Northeastern Illinois water demand could

increase up to 64 percent through 2050, prompting shortages” embargoed until noon on July 9, 2008 was distributed to the Board. Third year funding of the water study is in jeopardy, Bennett reported, due to the State’s budget shortfall. Additional reporting on the topic will be made in the legislative update section.

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Coordinating Committee Chair, reported that the committee is at work on the following three principal areas. 1. Regional indicators measuring scenario success workshops are scheduled for the months of July and August; 2. The Regional Snapshot draft Jobs and Housing, which covers the mismatch of jobs to affordable housing was given an approved release in August, subject to committee’s recommended changes; and 3. In its first stages of development, growth of the Latino population Regional Snapshot will be reviewed by the Committee with an anticipated fall release. Additionally, Hartstein reported, staff presented the *GO TO 2040* work plan and campaign strategy describing the activities for FY 2009.

Written summaries of the working committees and the Citizens’ Advisory Committee were also distributed.

## **8.0 Legislative Update**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Governor had called a special session of the General Assembly to address a \$2 billion gap in the FY 2009 budget and capital bill. Matters that affect CMAP include potential cuts to the water supply funding and others that would also affect other CMAP work including Amtrak and RTA as well as other components including environment and economic development. A press release was issued from the Governor’s office detailing the potential cuts if the General Assembly does not take action. CMAP’s press release mentioned in a previous agenda item related to water supply is being issued today and includes a statement highlighting that the funding for water supply funding is in jeopardy. Additionally, CMAP’s Gordon Smith is in Springfield today to testify on CMAP’s behalf on the capital plan and to monitor the General Assembly’s actions. The situation will be monitored and the board will be informed as more information is available.

## **9.0 Capital Plan**

Regarding the state’s capital plan, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that a letter had been drafted under CMAP Board Chair Jerry Bennett’s signature that reiterates CMAP’s five principles and points made in previous correspondence. There does not appear to be a lot of transparency in the State’s current \$20 billion plan. CMAP has said that accountability and transparency are critical and the current amendments to HB 6339 contain very few details about how billions of taxpayer dollars might be spent. Board Chair Bennett stated that CMAP must continue to be involved since the matter is publicly essential to the State of Illinois and the region.

#### **10.0 Resolution to Support the City of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that staff has been working with partner agencies providing information in support of the bid and asked that the Board adopt a resolution in support of the City's bid for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Rita Athas, and all in favor, carried.

#### **11.0 FLIP Youth Program**

Erin Aleman reported that 36 young men and women from across northeastern Illinois have been chosen to participate in the FLIP Youth Program, including 11 from the City of Chicago, six from Suburban Cook, five from Will, four from DuPage, four from Lake, three from McHenry, two from Kane, and one from Kendall Counties. There are 19 females and 17 males representing 29 different schools. All the 2008-09 FLIP students have been notified and will receive acceptance packets next week. Participants will share their thoughts with other teens from the 7-county area and meet and interact with selected regional leaders -- including CMAP Board members -- who make key planning decisions in our communities. In conclusion, Aleman asked that the Board refer any potentially interested rising high school sophomores or juniors to Diana Torres ([dtorres@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:dtorres@cmap.illinois.gov) or 312-386-8774), since they would like to see additional participation from the collar counties.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

A resolution adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors at its 76<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Miami entitled "Surface Transportation Policy Framework for Federal Successor Legislation to SAFETEA-LU" was distributed for informational purposes.

#### **12.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

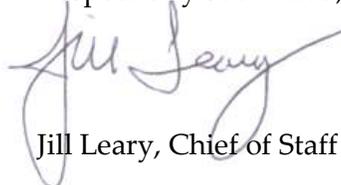
#### **13.0 Next Meeting**

The August Board meeting was cancelled. The Programming Coordinating Committee will meet in August and the next scheduled meeting of the Board will be September 10, 2008.

#### **14.0 Adjournment**

At 10:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote September 10, 2008.*