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Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 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, Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook 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, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County and Tom Cuculich (sitting in for Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee).

Absent:

Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago, 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, Andrew Williams-Clark, Ylda Pineyro and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Paul Heltne and Anja Claus-Center for Humans and Nature, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Holly Smith-Kane/Kendall, Mike Sullivan, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Conor Altier-Kane County, Leanne Redden-RTA, Ingrid Ruttendjie, Fox Waterway, Joel Stauber-CMAP Citizens' Advisory, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County 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

There were no agenda changes. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced Erika Young from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) who was visiting from Washington.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following. Regarding the state budget, the Governor had line item vetoed a number of items including \$2.1 million to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that included CMAP's water supply planning funding and additionally funding for the state surveys' work. Commitments of approximately \$300,000 have been made by the University of Illinois (where the surveys are located) and it is hoped that another \$100,000 could be raised by the region to help fund the state water and the state geological surveys work through December. Regarding the \$100,000 Blankenhorn suggested that CMAP enter into inter-agency agreements and accept the donations as a pass-through. Then if funding were to be restored, CMAP would simply refund the contributions to the contributors. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Micheleni was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to allow CMAP to collect and pass through contributions for water supply planning and with all in favor, the motion carried. Blankenhorn went on to say that CMAP is working with its partners and legislators to get the funding restored. A 3% overall cut reduced state funding from the Regional Comprehensive Fund by \$100,000 resulted in a total State of Illinois reduction of \$500,000 from the CMAP budget.

Blankenhorn reported that he will be joined by Rita Athas, Mayors Bennett and Evans on an Illinois Municipal League panel on September 26 at 8:30 a.m., to promote the *GO TO 2040* campaign.

Final touches are being made to the agency's annual report that is expected to be forwarded by month's end. The report will recap last year's work, projects and budget. It is not necessary, Blankenhorn continued, to obtain Board approval but the report will be forwarded to Board members before going public.

A Joint Purchasing Resolution that would allow CMAP to purchase some of its equipment (computers, cell phones, etc.) under state contracts required Board approval. A motion

made by Alan Bennett to adopt the Joint Purchasing Resolution was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

Finally, Blankenhorn reported that the Regional Vision document that was approved by the Board in June was being distributed both in English and Spanish and it contains pictures (and words) from the photo contest and asked that Board Members request additional supply as needed. Blankenhorn also mentioned that the document is on display in the illuminated boxes in the lobby areas and complimented staff on the nice work.

5.0 Contract Approvals

The following procurement approvals were recommended. A motion by Mayor Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried, approving the procurement of freight and commodity data from Global Insight, Inc., in the amount of \$62,500. When queried, staff reported that data forecast would be for years 2030 and 2040. A suggestion was also made that six (6) freight companies that are Policy Committee members and CMAP might look to them to help compile data or underwrite the cost.

A motion by Rae Rupp Srch that was seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried approving a contract award to the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) in the amount of \$75,000 to provide the technical detail necessary for the development of a Regional Snapshot related to the region's energy production and consumption.

A motion to approve by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried awarding the sole-source contract in the amount of \$25,000 to CNT to provide a baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and projection of greenhouse gas emissions to 2040.

The Interagency Governmental Agreement to the Volpe Center in the amount of \$125,000 to prepare strategy reports on various topics and assistance with developing evaluation measures for major capital projects was approved on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch that was seconded by Rita Athas, and with all in favor carried.

The contract award for community data internet mapping system (IMS) to the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in the amount of \$50,000 was approved with a motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini that was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

On behalf of CMAP's Programming Coordinating Committee, Chair Rita Athas reported that an intense discussion was had earlier in the morning regarding the DRI process. Athas thanked the staff for having presented the comments from all CMAP's working groups in a matrix that helped the committee form a consensus on the document that is

now to be released to stakeholders. Athas went on to say that the document will be a model or prototype to present to the stakeholders for feedback and input, and that comments will be presented back to the Programming Coordinating Committee and for their consideration and ultimately a recommendation for approval to the to the Board. Again, staff did a great job and the Programming Committee spent about a year getting the draft document ready for public and stakeholder input. Athas was also complimented and thanked for her efforts as Chair to the Committee.

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Mayor Elliott Hartstein reported that its committee meeting focused on two topics. First, scenario construction, scenarios are combinations of actions (policies, strategies, and investments) that represent alternative paths that the region could take toward reaching its desired future, as expressed in the Regional Vision. There are 4 thematic scenarios: 1) continue current development and investment patterns; 2) preservation and human capital; 3) reinvestment; and, 4) innovation. The Board is scheduled to adopt a preferred scenario in the fall of 2009. The second topic presented was the process of indicators developed to measure success. Originally, about 180 were identified; that list has been narrowed down to about 150. After next month's committee meeting, a recommendation will be brought before the Board at its November meeting to approve the indicators that will be used. Staff was asked to forward the full list to the Board.

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

7.0 CN's Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn called the Board's attention to the DRAFT letter that had been prepared to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in response to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The letter was not intended to say whether the Board is in favor of or opposes the acquisition, rather just to address issues contained in the EIS. The dollar amount for mitigation was arrived by calculating approximately \$30 million for each of the 9 SRAs that would be affected, rounded to \$300 million, half of which should be the responsibility of CN. Blankenhorn requested the Board offer very specific changes to the letter so that it could be forwarded to the STB by month's end. A lengthy discussion ensued with Board members weighing in on the topic. Finally a motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried, directing staff to re-write the letter, forwarding it to the Board with comments due back within a week and a half to meet STB's month end deadline commenting period.

8.0 Legislative Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the House was scheduled to meet today to discuss a scaled down capital plan, that still contains no process for project selection and which CMAP cannot support. CMAP's position is clear that the process has to be needs-based and transparent.

9.0 GO TO 2040 Update

CMAP staffer Bob Dean, referring to Agenda Item 9.0 brought the Board up-to-date on the 2040 indicators project while Andrew Williams-Clark talked about scenarios, evaluations, public involvement and local workshops.

10.0 GO TO 2040 Partnership Program

CMAP Staffer Gordon Smith introduced the *GO TO 2040* Campaign Partnership. CMAP will ask organizations to commit to being an active partner (delegate, friend, team member, etc.) to the *GO TO 2040* Campaign and ask that the partner organizations promote the *GO TO 2040* Campaign programs and events in their publications and on their websites, mail or e-mail announcements, pass a resolution or have members sign pledge cards supporting the *GO TO 2040* Campaign and regional planning.

Talking points that had been developed for staff when referring to the *GO TO 2040* Partnership Program were distributed for Board members' use.

11.0 Other Business

CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett will be delivering the opening welcome to the FLIP program participants at the Field Museum on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., and invited other Board members to join him there.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

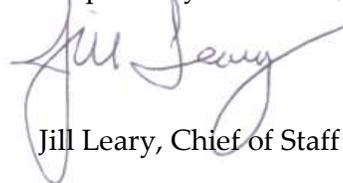
13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for October 8, 2008.

14.0 Adjournment

At 11:07 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Russell Hartigan. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote October 8, 2008.