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## Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

9:30 a.m.

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 Present:** Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park) via tele-conference, Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member) via tele-conference, Michael Smith (Mayor, New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP). **Non-Voting Members:** Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC)

**Absent:** Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS)

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Ron Thomas, Don Kopec, Bola Delano, Tom Garritano, Joy Schaad, Kerry Leigh, Bob Dean, Ty Warner and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:** The Honorable Julie Hamos-Illinois State Representative 18<sup>th</sup> District and Chair of Mass Transit Committee, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Tom Cuculich (DuPage County) alternate to Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS), Rick Curneal-DMMC, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Beth McCluskey-WCMC, Les Nunes-IDOT, Clint W. Sabin-Rep. Tom Cross' Office, Holly Smith-KDOT, Vicky Smith-SWCOM,

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the CMAP Board called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Board members introduced themselves.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. CMAP's Employee of Month was recognized with Board Chair Jerry Bennett's presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Thoa Doan.

**3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Micheleni and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

**4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Included in Executive Director's Report were updates on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group activities, CMAP's involvement with the Urban Partnership Agreement (re: tolling and transit) proposal, promotion and support of a capital plan for Illinois, expiration of terms of office of CMAP Board members (Cook, DuPage, Kane/Kendall Counties, (2) for the City of Chicago, Northwest and Southwest Cook Counties), and a new reporting mechanism of CMAP Working Committees that was and will continue to be included in the distribution of the Board packet.

**5.0 CMAP Policies and Procedures**

As illustrated in a Memorandum to the Board, CMAP Administrative policies were presented for consideration and approval. Incorporating the best practices of government management, compliance with state and federal laws and reflecting CMAP management philosophy and style, policies and procedures were presented covering the following topics: Accounting Procedures, Ethics, Grants and Contracts, Business Travel, Procurement for purchasing supplies, services and equipment, a Personnel Handbook and guidelines and standards for appropriate use of Information Technology resources, all of which are subject to final review by legal counsel.

Staff was instructed to review the per-diem allowance of \$24, and it is anticipated that the entire document will be reviewed on an annual or semi-annual basis.

A motion by Mayor Elliott Hartstein is seconded by Mayor Al Larson to approve the policies and procedures as presented, subject to legal review. All in favor, the motion carried.

**6.0 Legislative Update**

Recognizing and welcoming the Honorable Julie Hamos 18<sup>th</sup> District Illinois State Representative and Mass Transit Committee Chair, Executive Director Randy

Blankenhorn gave an update on HB 1134, stating that the bill had moved out of committee with the understanding that the language would be entirely replaced by house amendment 1. Numerous conversations have taken place with IDOT, and while they understand the need to match federal funds, they question the ½% for planning for MPOs and rural areas state-wide. IDOT maintains that transportation dollars are paying the freight and asks why other agencies' and local funding dollars have not been tapped. Chair Jerry Bennett, along with Vice-chairs Rita Athas and Mike Smith weigh in regarding CMAP's need for a stable and secure funding source to conduct comprehensive land-use and transportation planning, with Representative Julie Hamos suggesting that a small portion of a capital bond program might be a source of funding. Further, Representative stated that there are many revenue issues out there and somehow consensus about what the revenue possibilities are will be reached and that it is important not to focus on one revenue source, rather that CMAP use its contacts with local legislators to get more people invested in the idea of regional planning, doing a little more during the next 2-3 weeks making sure that when the revenue sources are identified then the critical masses of legislators can push for that idea. Blankenhorn concluded that MPOs around the state as well as ILARC and downstate legislators are supportive and CMAP will continue working with its delegation here in northeastern Illinois, while continuing to talk about planning to obtain a flexible and relatively stable funding source. Blankenhorn added that Representative Bassi will be meeting again with IDOT and CMAP staff to try to work through any issues that may still be unresolved.

## **7.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan Development**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that this work has been in both the Planning and Programming Coordinating Agendas and will continue to be on every Planning Agenda over the coming months. Deputy Executive Director of Planning Ron Thomas is called upon to give details about how committees will be engaged and how CMAP will deal with policy questions. Blankenhorn concluded stating that a number of graduate student interns will work over the summer doing policy research examining the 52 policies from the framework. Much of what we do in this first year will be baseline work. The second year different scenarios and strategies will be considered and how they work together. Worth noting is Vice-Chair Rita Athas' caution not to be here in 2009 with another regional framework plan.

## **8.0 Facility Planning Areas (FPA)**

Deputy Executive Director of Programming Don Kopec gave an overview of the facility planning areas (FPA) process, defining FPA and the function that it performs. One of NIPC's roles has been to make recommendations to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on proposed changes to either the geographic area covered by an FPA or the processing capacity of the facility. The review process covers both environmental and land use impacts with NIPC's Water Resources Committee facilitating an initial review, using input from staff. The major change requests are then reviewed by the full NIPC Commission and a recommendation of support or non-support is forwarded to IEPA.

The CMAP Board will need to deal with the short term issues of how to replace the Water Resources Committee and whether to include Kendall County (currently outside NIPC's jurisdiction).

In the long term there are improvements that could be made to the review process, particularly in light of developing a true regional, comprehensive plan, Kopec continued. The FPA process might be covered under the Developments of Regional Importance process, the goal of which should be to develop a process that implements the objectives of the comprehensive plan that is being developed.

#### **9.0 Executive Director's Performance Review**

The Board, by motion of Mayor Marilyn Michelini, second from Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, adjourned to an executive session for the purpose of discussing the executive director's annual performance review.

By motion of Mayor Elliott Hartstein, a second from Mayor Al Larson and with all in favor, the Board adjourned its executive session and continued its regular business.

#### **10.0 Other Business**

CMAP CAC Vice-Chair Joel Stauber updated the Board regarding the activities of the CAC.

#### **11.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

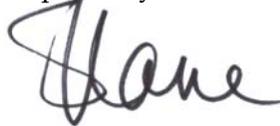
#### **12.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for May 9, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

#### **13.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 7, 2007.*