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## Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2006 -- 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); Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Al Larson (President, Village of Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member) and Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox). **Non-Voting Members:** Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS)

#### Absent:

Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP).

#### Others Present:

Peter Skosey-MPC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Kit Hodge-MPC, Chalen Hunter-NWMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Holly Smith-Kane County DOT, Maria Choca Urban-CM2020, Erin Willrett-KKCOM, Doug McLaughlin-Metra, David Seglin-Chicago DOT, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Joe Schwieterman-Chaddick Institute DePaul, Joe Kearney-Chaddick Institute DePaul, Mark Avery-DuPage County, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Brian Fabes-CCA, Les Nunes-IDOT, Michael Hoadley, Bill Reynolds-RTA, Vicky Smith-SCM, Beth McCluskey, NC COM, Chad Riddle-IDOT, Holly Ostdick-McCOM

### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the CMAP Board called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Members introduced themselves. Mayor Marilyn Michelini joined the meeting via tele-conference.

## **II. Agenda Changes and Announcements**

The following were changes to the agenda. The recognition of consultants to the CMAP Board was repositioned so as to allow the acknowledgement early in the meeting. Chair Bennett presented a Certificate of Appreciation to a number of the consultants in the audience who had offered their time and expertise pro-bono that had allowed CMAP to come this far, this fast. Bennett also recognized the financial support given early on by the MacArthur Foundation.

Chair Bennett announced that approval would be requested of agenda Item 7.0 Committee Structure, shown as an informational item.

IT staffer Matt Rogus was recognized as CMAP's first Employee of the Month.

## **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 board meeting, as presented, made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch, with all in favor, carried.

## **IV. Executive Director's Report**

Under the sub-topic Transition/Staffing, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that a request for proposal had been developed to conduct a salary survey.

Plans for a housing summit entitled *Innovation and Integration: The Economic Impact of Linking Jobs, Housing and Transportation Planning*, to be held in January 2007 are getting underway with appeals having been made to CMAP partners including CNT, MPC, MMC, economic development and housing associates as well as UIC and IDOT. While seeking support from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), the Water Supply Planning initiative is also underway with a method having been developed for identifying stakeholders who have interest in the project.

Deputy Executive Director External Affairs Gordon Smith reported that technical fixes [to HB 3121] so as to be presented during veto session will include a name change for the agency and tackle pension issues for NIPC and CATS employees. It is anticipated that Representative Susie Bassi will sponsor the bill and hearings before legislative partners in the region can be scheduled. Financial plan and other strategies may also be included. Presently the legislation is being drafted by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn also announced that plans are underway for CMAP's first holiday event for the benefit of Richard and Jamie Krell, both of whom are employees that are facing financial difficulties due to an accident Richard suffered in August. Scheduled for November 30, 2006 at Ballydoyle Restaurant & Pub in Downers Grove, support is sought from the CMAP Board to underwrite the cost of the buffet by with the purchase of a \$100 Sponsor Ticket. A note will be forwarded with additional details.

## **V. Committee Reports and Status of Action Plan Goals**

*Transition Committee* – In Chair Nigel Telman’s absence, CMAP Vice-Chair Rita Athas reported that the Transition committee had met and continued to review new funding sources and the current NIPC/CATS budgets for this year. Staffing for the two agencies is down from 125 to roughly 80 over the past couple of years. It is imperative that CMAP develop a stable and dedicated funding source. The CMAP Board asks that partners continue to make voluntary contributions and letters requesting those contributions will be signed by members of the CMAP board. The next meeting of the Transition Committee is expected to be a closed session to discuss employee benefits. Chair Jerry Bennett adds that concerns [regarding voluntary contributions] had also been expressed by NIPC President Joe Ligas.

*Executive Committee* – Board Chair Gerald Bennett on behalf of the Executive Committee reported that the Committee met primarily to discuss today’s agenda as well as CMAP’s future committee structure. The Committee had also discussed the possibility of establishing a Finance Committee, as part of the on-going transition process that oversees the continued staffing issues and merging the salaries and benefits, keeping with a January 1, 2007 goal. Finally, Chair Bennett pledges a continued and permanent outreach [by the CMAP Board] to the COGs by meeting regularly (perhaps monthly) to strengthen and maintain awareness throughout the region.

*Public Participation Committee* - Committee Chairman Elliot Hartstein reported that the Public Participation Committee had met and that the CAC meets tomorrow to review the public participation plan. The Committee will remain in existence while satisfying a requirement in the by-laws to recruit and review the appointments to the CAC and will meet at least annually.

*Planning and Priorities Committee* – Committee Chair Al Larson reported that the Planning and Priorities Committee had met earlier in the morning having heard a presentation by Mr. David Kralik on Metra’s four New Starts projects: UP-West Extension Upgrade; UP-NW Upgrade; the STAR line; and the Southeast Service. Further, Ms. Marcia Jimenez and Mr. Chuck Allen provided an update on the CREATE (Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency) Program, which is a public/private partnership between the State of Illinois, City of Chicago, Metra and the nation’s freight railroads. The \$1.5 billion program is ambitious and vital to the economy of the region and the entire United States, as delays impacts economy, inflation and congestion.

## **VI. Funding**

Chief of Staff Jill Leary summarized the potential funding sources and the associated criteria used to measure success identified in the distributed document and asked specifically if there were any other sources that might be reviewed. The discussion concluded with the suggestion to look into building fees and other potential sources and the need to show how the additional and stable funding stream will benefit the region.

**VII. Committee Structure**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn explained the rationale used in developing CMAP's Proposed Committee Structure that shows CMAP and the MPO cooperating at the policy level, the CAC, the Counties and The Councils of Mayors at an advisory level, the Planning and Programming [Committees of the CMAP Board] serving at a coordinating level and the six working committees of Land Use, Econ & Community Development, Environment & Natural Resources, Housing, Human Services and finally, Transportation that includes potential broadly categorized representatives under each area of expertise. The Planning and Programming Committees would be staffed with six members each of the CMAP Board. The Planning Committee would look at longer term projects (i.e., Ron Thomas' group's work with a comprehensive plan and water supply) and Programming would cover current and short term projects of 5-years or less (i.e., the TIP as well as projects of regional significance). Seeking concurrence today and the Board's approval would allow recruitment to the working committees to begin.

Having been recommended for approval by the Executive Committee, a motion to approve the committee structure, as presented made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Al Larson and with all in favor the motion carried.

**VIII. Joint Memorandum of Understanding**

Deputy Executive Director Programming and Operations Don Kopec introduced the Draft Memorandum of Understanding between CMAP and the MPO policy committee that covers intent, overall responsibility, committee reporting, staff support, cross committee membership, approval process and finally conflict resolution.

Following a brief discussion, a motion made by Rae Rupp Srch to move the document forward was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor the motion carried.

**IX. Capital Funding Plan: Identifying Regional Priorities**

For preparation purposes and seeking direction Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the development of a capital funding plan that addressed both planning and capital incentives and asked the Board to consider making this part of [CMAP's] legislative agenda in the spring.

**X. Projects of Regional Significance**

Briefly, Ron Thomas gave a presentation on the review of projectes of regional significance. He focused on Atlanta's process of review for what they term Developments of Regional Impact (DRI). Evaluation criteria are used to identify projects of regional significance. The process includes an application fee to cover costs associated with reviewing such projects.

**XI. Incentives**

The above topic was considered briefly under Item IX. Capital Funding Plan.

**XII. 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update**

Seeking endorsement of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, Deputy Executive Director Research and Analysis Kermit Wies informed the Board that the Policy Committee of the MPO will also be asked to endorse the Update at its meeting tomorrow that assures compliance with the federal schedule whose next step will be approval with SAFETEA LU compliance. A motion made by Mayor Larson to endorse the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

**XIII. CMAP Brochure/Talking Points**

Communications Director Tom Garritano presented the Board with talking points in a printed format and also on CD. Considered perhaps "process" oriented versus "results" approach can be cataloged with the chicken-and-the-egg topic. Thanks were expressed.

**XIV. Other Business**

An all day Global Supply Chain freight conference coordinated by Jim LaBelle is scheduled for November 21. Rail-Volution is scheduled in Chicago during the first week of November.

**XV. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**XVI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for November 8, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.  
NOTE: subsequently, this meeting was cancelled.

**XVII. Adjournment**

At 11:48 a.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Vice-Chair Michael Smith and seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote December 13, 2006.*