Agenda Item No. 3.0

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Regional Tax Policy Task Force

DRAFT Minutes
Friday, December 9, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Frank Beal (Chair)-Metropolis Strategies, Zahra Ali-Cook County Department of Revenue, Paul Braun-Village of Flossmoor, Barry Burton-Lake County, Karen Darch-Village of Barrington, Paul Fisher-CenterPoint Properties Trust, Larry Hartwig-Village of Addison, Tom Johnson-Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois, Mike Klemens-Illinois Department of Revenue, Dan Long-Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, Daniel McMillen-University of Illinois, Laurence Msall-Civic Federation, Chris Nash – City of Chicago, Donovan Pepper-Walgreen Co.

Members Absent: Michael Pagano-University of Illinois at Chicago

Others Present: Dave Bennett - Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Larry Bury - Northwest Municipal Conference, William Lachman - Regional Transportation Authority, Chris Staron – Northwest Municipal Conference, Holly Lown – Metra, Jodie Andrew – Village of Schaumburg, Keith Sherman, Mike Albin, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Lindsay Hollander, Tom Garritano, Justine Reisinger, Gordon Smith, Alex Beata

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Frank Beal called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Discussion of Draft Report

The Task Force discussed a draft version of the Task Force report to the CMAP Board. Members discussed whether the report was being offered by the individual Task Force members, or by the organizations and entities that the individual members represent. The Task Force also discussed whether meeting discussions, individual member perspectives on tax policy issues, and staff analysis should be included in the report. Some members also expressed concern that the recommendations in the draft were too broad.

The Task Force discussed state sales tax revenue sharing, and whether the report should recommend that the criteria be changed. The Task Force also discussed the tax system's role in the tax rebates that local governments give to businesses. The members also discussed the various factors that have a role in business location and local government planning decisions, including market factors, quality of life issues, and tax policy. The Task Force discussed other recommendations in the draft related to revenue sharing, including the income tax, the personal property replacement tax, and the state motor fuel tax. The members discussed the draft's recommendations regarding the property tax extension limitation law. Some members expressed support for the law, while others did not support the recommendation that the CMAP Board support the law. The Task Force also discussed possible modifications to PTELL that could be analyzed in the future.

The members discussed regional cooperation and how issues of divergences in tax capacity throughout the region could be incorporated into recommendations regarding regional cooperation. The Task Force discussed whether the report should include recommendations that economically depressed communities be helped and that tax policy should encourage the redevelopment economically depressed areas.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Next Meeting – January 13, 2012

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.