

## **CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its July 6 meeting, the CAC received updates from Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn on CMAP's funding and the Regional Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Bold Idea contests, the Community Design workshops and other summer activities. The committee had a lengthy discussion on the outreach strategy for attendance at Invent the Future workshops. Amaal Tokars and Veronica Kyle were seated as new members leaving six vacancies on the 34-member committee. The committee discussed its meeting schedule, ultimately deciding not to make any changes. Members also expressed interest in video-conferencing, but tabled the proposal due to CMAP's financial status. The CAC did request creation of a CAC blog on the website, providing it is not too costly in terms of staff hours.

### **Economic & Community Development**

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on June 23. Planning staff briefly summarized the innovation strategy report written by RCF Economic and Financial Consulting Group. Committee members referred to the written summary they had received and requested that RCF give a full presentation on the report at the July meeting, as they thought that more details would assist them in providing the appropriate feedback. Staff also gave an overview of the Invent the Future workshops currently being held throughout the region for the *GO TO 2040* plan, which gave committee members an opportunity to learn what happens during the workshops, how to access and use the on-line tools and how participants have the opportunity to choose between the alternative scenarios proposed for the region. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July, 28.

### **Environment & Natural Resources**

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on July 1. Staff presented the draft update to the Northeastern Illinois Regional Trails and Greenways Plan, which was first developed in 1992 and last updated in 1997. The network of trails and open space corridors shown in this plan has been helpful to local governments and others in securing funding for regional trails. Regional trail mileage has doubled since the plan was first developed. Staff also presented initial conclusions from the scenario evaluation process for *GO TO 2040*.

### **Housing**

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee did not meet in June.

### **Human Services**

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The outcome of the June meeting of Human Services was included in last month's committee summary. The committee is scheduled to meet again in late July.

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### Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on June 17 and discussed various pieces of Illinois legislation, from the status of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund to the Transportation Investment Accountability Act (Senate Bill 2359) to House Bill 88 (regarding merging IHPA with IDNR) to Senate Bill 2184 (amending the Water Use Act). Staff gave the committee an overview of the CMAP-co-sponsored **2009 Upper Midwest Planning Conference** being held in Chicago **September 24-26**, and solicited Committee members' involvement as table presenters and facilitators for a massive table discussion activity on various planning, preservation, and architectural topics taking place during one of the conference mornings. The Committee also heard from Alessandro Trinidad, a student of Adamson University (Manila, Philippines) as the winner of the Manila Urban Poverty Reduction Student Competition hosted by DePaul University Chicago and Adamson University, for his Plan for Quiapo. (Manila's plan was designed by Daniel Burnham, and so this competition was held by DePaul's Chaddick Institute and Adamson University as part of this year's Burnham Centennial celebrations.) Andrew Williams-Clark led the Committee in a brainstorming small-group discussion on innovations in Land Use leading toward innovation-related indicators, and Erin Aleman and Stephen Ostrander took the committee through the MetroQuest tool as used in the Invent the Future workshops being held throughout this summer. Finally, the Committee was invited to attend the unveiling of the Burnham celebrations pavilions and Millennium Park concert premiering an original work composed for the Centennial, and to visit one of the Invent the Future kiosks set up in the Sears Tower lobby and elsewhere. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is July 15.

### Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met off-site at Transportation Research and Analysis Computation Center (TRACC) in DuPage County on June 12. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revisions including ARRA funded projects were approved. The committee recommended consideration of two reports, Regional Bridge Condition and the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenway and Trail Plan-2009 Update that had been released for public comment by the Programming Coordinating Committee. The Committee was also briefed on the June 10, 2009 Planning Coordinating Committee meeting regarding the following topics: the selection of major transportation capital projects for *GO TO 2040*, the Center for Neighborhood Technology's index that measures housing and transportation costs (that may be relevant as part of CMAP's long-range planning work) and two snapshot reports, industry clusters and air quality.

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