

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met last on May 27. Staff gave a brief review of recent work accomplished by the Community and Technical Assistance group, including recent plan commissioner workshops, panel discussions on best practices in planning and economic development, updating of the business park map, use of the impact analysis in the region, and assistance on the *GO TO 2040* Plan. Staff also reviewed scenario construction and how the process will inform the *GO TO 2040* Plan. The Committee reviewed indicators on economic competitiveness and discussed potential data sources and clarified indicator definitions to assist in the data collection process for the Regional Indicators Project. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, June 24 in the CMAP offices.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Kerry Leigh

The committee met last on June 4. The role of the coordinating committees and the collaboration of the working committees was discussed and centered on how the working committees identify where issues overlap and where it is important to have cross pollination of ideas as that has not come through clearly to this committee. Staff presented two elements of the *GO TO 2040* Plan, indicators and an update on the construction of alternative scenarios. The committee consensus preferred the bottom-up thematic approach and the avoidance of conflict between what could be perceived as competing interests. The committee also discussed the state capital program and open space and recommended that the CMAP Board express significant support for open space acquisition in the state capital program.

The committee was introduced to the *GO TO 2040* website highlighting innovative ways to use new tools to captivate the audience. Additionally, staff gave a description of the role of the CAC committee. Finally, the Transportation & Environmental Collaboration Initiative, a Chicago Wilderness pilot project being led by the Delta Institute, was discussed. This is aimed at getting environmental and transportation stakeholder groups together to create a common language.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

This CMAP Housing Committee met on May 14, 2008. The meeting started with a presentation from CMAP staff on the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. Following, Beth Dever reported back on the May 6th Foreclosure event at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The event attracted over one hundred and twenty attendees representing over 40 municipalities. She highlighted key moments of the event and the main themes came out of the discussion including the need for legislation that would be explicit about what is within the legal purview of municipalities to do in dealing with vacant buildings. Next, CMAP staff readdressed the Aging Snapshot with the committee so that they could more thoroughly review the aging snapshot as it pertains to housing issues. Last, staff presented an updated list of indicators to the housing

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committee and facilitated a follow-up discussion from the April committee meeting and a subsequent sub-committee meeting on May 9th. The new list presented to the committee reflected suggestions made by committee members during the prior meetings as well as updates by the consulting group and CMAP staff. The next committee meeting is on June 19.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services Committee met on June 9. The committee discussed various aspects of a 211 system and what that might mean for the region. CMAP has agreed to facilitate a discussion within the region related to helping the region develop a consensus of what a 211 system would look like in this region and to identify potential funding sources. A working group comprised of members of the Human Services committee and other relevant parties who are interested in working on this issue is currently being formed. In addition The Latino Snapshot was presented at this meeting. Other items that were discussed involved a recap of a Federal Reserve seminar on disability housing issues, along with an update on the partnership between the Chicago Community Trust and CMAP and the impacts that will have on human services research. Finally, a brief discussion was held regarding mechanisms for providing technical assistance to communities as it relates to "aging in place" issues.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee held their regular meeting on May 21. Chairman Mark Avery relayed CMAP's opposition to House Bill 5152 and the CMAP Board's frustration with a lack of a capital bill. In committee work related to *GO TO 2040*, staff updated the committee on scenario construction and the strategy research papers available on the website, while continued input was solicited from the Committee on the development of regional indicators from a land use perspective. Staff also briefed the Committee on the (FLIP) Future Leaders in Planning youth development program, and solicited their support. The Committee continued to discuss Developments of Regional Importance, with Mark Avery summarizing the status of the subcommittee and timeline being followed by the Programming Coordinating Committee. Finally, staff invited the Committee to participate in the Private-Public Partnership panel in Oakbrook on June 3 while summarizing the success of the previous roundtable events.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

An update on active program management was discussed. Staff distributed a report illustrating federal expenditures for local programs through the third quarter of state fiscal year 2008. The region has large unobligated balances in the local programs, particularly in the Surface Transportation Program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program.

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The committee approved amendments to the region's Transportation Improvement Program and recommended approval of the conformity analysis, RTP update and TIP amendments that were out for a thirty-day public comment period to the Programming Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

An overview of the JARC and New Freedom program was presented. The projects chosen correspond with the region's Human Service Transportation Plan. Nine projects were chosen and some of the projects received multi-year allocations. On May 12 the programs were endorsed by the CMAP Human Services committee and on June 19 the program will be presented to the RTA board. The committee endorsed the proposed program and recommended that the Programming Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee endorse the program and delegate approval of the projects to the Transportation Committee.

The committee considered the FY 2009 UWP. The comment period had expired and no comments were received. The transportation committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the FY 2009 UWP to the MPO Policy Committee.

The draft Regional Vision and the accompanying vision development description were discussed. A brief overview of the vision development process was provided including the involvement of CMAP committees, other stakeholders, and the general public. The committee requested minor changes and, with those changes, recommended endorsement by the MPO Policy Committee.

The committee was informed that CMAP and the Delta Institute are sponsoring a free luncheon workshop on a new Transportation & Environmental collaboration initiative on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met on May 12. Members received updates on CMAP's FY 2009 work plan, the proposed state capital bill, Community Conversations and the *GO TO 2040* plan. They also discussed Regional Indicators, the water usage survey and the FLIP youth leadership program. A few members were unhappy with the vision document, saying it lacks substance. Mr. Blankenhorn explained that it is meant to be the starting point, not the final plan. Members also expressed concern that they are not being kept up-to-date about the work of the other CMAP committees. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Stauber advised members to volunteer to monitor the work of those committees so they can report back to the full CAC. They were also advised to visit the CMAP website more often to fully monitor all aspects of the agency.