

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

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its August 9 meeting, the CAC was briefed and discussed the summer's *GO TO 2040* public outreach, next steps in implementing the *GO TO 2040* plan, and the Regional Retrofit Ramp-up Program as well as CMAP's efforts to follow various pieces of legislation as they wended their way through the General Assembly during its 2010 session. The committee meets again on September 13.

### **Economic & Community Development**

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on June 22. The committee provided detailed comments on the *GO TO 2040* plan recommendation and implementation areas related to economic innovation that included a suggestion to add other innovative financing vehicles beyond venture capital into the chapter. Members also emphasized the need to promote the region's positive assets and position the implementation of innovation as a way to improve the region's global and competitive status. A presentation on the Brownfield's Inventory Tool, that would be very useful in the implementation of infill development outlined in the *GO TO 2040* plan, was also given. The tool is designed to standardize site formation, allows users to create reports, track clean-up and also helps municipalities target financial assistance. The committee meets again on Tuesday, August 24.

### **Environment & Natural Resources**

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on July 7 and considered the recommendations in the *GO TO 2040* plan, which staff had summarized. The committee discussed the outcome of recommendations for the major capital projects section as well as areas of the plan in which they had not been involved in developing. Staff also led an initial discussion of short term actions to begin implementing the plan. The committee is scheduled to meet next on September 1.

### **Housing**

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee met on July 15. Four new committee members, Linda Francis of Blacks in Green, Christen Wiggins a housing consultant, Christine Kolb of the Urban Land Institute and Allison Milld from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, were welcomed. Staff provided a brief overview of the *GO TO 2040* summer outreach activities and provided an update on public comments received thus far. Housing committee members were asked to enlist in the *GO TO 2040* partnership program if they had not already done so. Staff from the Illinois Association of Realtors provided the housing committee with an update on Chicago area real estate trends. An overview of the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-Up (CR3) program (a recent \$25 million energy retrofit grant awarded to CMAP) was also given. CMAP staff reported that, while still in the early development phases, CMAP is intending to take the lead on a regional application for Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning grant funding opportunity recently announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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### **Human Services**

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met on August 9. At this meeting the United Way of Metro Chicago gave a presentation regarding their shift in funding priorities in three critical areas: income, health, and education. The committee discussed new developments concerning the implementation of 2-1-1 in Illinois, dial-a-ride coordination, and Public Health planning efforts. The committee was also briefed on the latest *GO TO 2040* plan developments. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for September 13.

### **Land Use**

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on July 21. Staff provided the committee with an update on the status of *GO TO 2040*, focusing on the public comment period ending August 6, detailing the major subsequent steps in the plan's finalization and approval. This included clarification of the role of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee in approving the plan, and the remaining opportunities for input and feedback from members of the Land Use Committee. The committee was briefed on CMAP's application for a federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, to be primarily targeted at providing direct technical assistance to local communities, as part of the implementation of *GO TO 2040*. CMAP staff discussed efforts to assist local communities and counties that are applying for funding from the joint DOT TIGER II/HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant program, by providing application guidance and feedback, along with supplying data in support of application proposals. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 18.

### **Transportation**

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on July 30 and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, including administrative modifications for notification to federal partners. The committee also recommended various actions to the MPO Policy Committee for implementation of the CMAQ Program, that included: (a) removal of two projects from the CMAQ program due to lack of meeting deadlines set out by programming policies adopted in 2009; (b) additional language to the programming policies that any project sponsor who does not provide the required status update in May or October may be considered for withdrawal; (c) CMAP will conduct a two year call for projects until reauthorization occurs; (d) the removal of redundant programming policy language; and, (e) quarterly expenditure reports must be provided on those transit projects that have been obligated. The committee heard an update on the progress of *GO TO 2040* summer outreach and public comment and CMAP's role in TIGER II, Challenge Grants, and other regional grants. There were presentations made regarding recent safety and travel mode analyses and MPC and the Tollway presented the final findings of their congestion pricing study.

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