

CMAP WORKING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEETING SUMMARY

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet May 8.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on May 1. A briefing was presented on transit service delivery outside of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) service region. IDOT staff highlighted policy developments governing the use of federal funds for pavement preservation; new public right of way accessibility guidelines and the requirement for each municipality to adopt an ADA transition plan; and issues surrounding the use of LED traffic signal lights that can become obscured in certain weather conditions. Updates from CMAP staff on the upcoming call for projects for the Community Planning Program (in collaboration with the RTA) and Local Technical Assistance Program, the 2012 municipal survey, and performance based evaluation criteria were also presented. The Committee was briefed on the status of the STP program, approved the use of advanced STP funding and discussed the proposed revisions to the CMAQ Program and Management Policies. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21.

Economic Development

Staff Contact: Annie Byrne

The Economic Development Committee met on March 27. A presentation was given from the Chicago Jobs Council on the workforce development component they are leading for the Blue Island Local Technical Assistance program. The committee discussed the recently completed OECD Territorial Review of the Tri-State region, with its discussion focused on implementation and coordination with the World Business Chicago Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs, and GO TO 2040. Members identified the recent announcement by the Obama administration to create a National Network for Manufacturing Innovation as an opportunity to pursue implementation; a sub-committee was formed to develop next steps.

At its April 24 meeting, the Economic Development committee discussed the opportunity presented by the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation and established a sub-committee to further explore this program and coordinate with regional stakeholders. Committee member Jason Tyszko from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity presented an overview of the State's Illinois Pathways and Learning Exchanges for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). CMAP staff gave a presentation on the Freight Cluster Drill-Down report, an implementation action of GO TO 2040. The committee meets next on May 22.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resource Committee met on May 2. Updates on several CMAP initiatives, including sustainable water infrastructure and water pricing, the Facility Planning Area amendment process, and a Local Technical Assistance project focusing on water conservation in Orland Park were given. The committee meets next on June 6.

Housing

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

The Housing Committee met on March 15. Members were briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Regional Tax Policy Taskforce report, and how they will be utilized in crafting priorities for the CMAP work plan. The committee offered feedback on a housing analysis conducted as part of the Green Healthy Neighborhoods (GHN) LTA project. Members were asked to review the housing data and provide insight on crafting a community message regarding future housing demand for the GHN project boundaries. Updates were provided on the South Suburban, West Cook and Northwest Suburban housing collaboratives and the committee is working with the Regional Home Ownership Preservation Initiative (RHOPI) to plan a Scattered Site Rental forum in the fall.

The Housing Committee met again, via webinar, on April 19. CMAP policy staff provided an update on the new CMAP housing policy blog and briefly discussed how to best utilize the information provided in the blogs. The committee received updates on the West Cook Housing Collaborative final report, now available for download, and the Northwest Suburban Collaborative process which is now underway and scheduled for board and public meetings in May and June respectively. Staff reported details of the Ideas Exchange event, scheduled for May 24 at UBS Tower. The committee meets next on May 17.

Human & Community Development

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human and Community Development Working Committee met on March 14. Jack Kaplan from the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago presented an overview of the statewide initiative to create a 211 telephonic exchange for human services referrals. Maria Choca-Urban, CNT, presented the *Prospering In Place* report for feedback from the committee. CMAP staff also provided updates on LTA projects, including the West Cook County Housing Collaborative's *Homes for a Changing Region* project and the Bronzeville Land Use project.

The committee also met on April 9, with staff presenting LTA project updates for discussion, including the Norridge Comprehensive Plan and the Park Forest Sustainability Master Plan. Staff also led a discussion around proposed CMAP work plan items that were relevant to the committee's charge.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on March 21. Staff provided an overview of the neighborhood plan for unincorporated Fairmont, prepared by the Will County Land Use Department with technical assistance from CMAP and briefed members on a recently initiated LTA project, aimed at completing a Downtown Plan for the Village of Riverside. Committee member Heather Smith (Congress for the New Urbanism) gave an overview of the recently published CNU booklet on the principles and key characteristics of sustainable street networks. Staff also updated the committee on the step-by-step guide CMAP is creating to help municipal governments determine the appropriate steps for addressing their parking challenges.

The Land Use Committee met again on April 18. CMAP staff provided an overview of the draft recommendations in the comprehensive plan being developed for Blue Island, with an in-depth discussion of one strategy—the recommended two-way reconfiguration of Western Avenue. A brief update on initial plans for implementation of the recommendations generated by the recent ULI Technical Assistance Panel for the former Joliet Prison and U.S. Steel site, including discussion of timing, challenges, and the multiple actors involved was given. The land use problems presented by expressway-based bus rapid transit, along with strategies that have been developed thus far, and discuss next steps for the agency’s work on this topic were reported. Staff briefly discussed the subregional recommendations of the recently-completed Homes for a Changing Region project focused on housing issues in five neighboring communities in West Cook County (Bellwood, Berwyn, Forest Park, Maywood, and Oak Park). The committee is scheduled to meet again on May 16.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on April 27 and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) financial amendments, noting administrative modifications. The committee recommended approval of updated CMAQ Programming and Management Policies to the Regional Coordinating and MPO Policy committees. The committee also recommended approval of the 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) and amendments to the 2012 UWP to those committees. An overview of recent CMAP staff research and analysis on the topic of parking strategies to support livable communities was presented as were the legislative update and an update on the status of federal transportation reauthorization. Status reports on the Local Technical Assistance program and major capital project implementation were provided. The Transportation Committee meets next on June 15.

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