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DRAFT Meeting Notes

CMAP LAND USE WORKING COMMITTEE

October 17, 2007

Committee Members Present:

Mark Avery (chair), Judy Beck, Alan Bennet, Michael Davidson, David Dubois, Keith Eichorst, David Galowich, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel (vice chair), James Peters, Lee Crandell (for Heather Smith), Kai Tarum, Norm West

Committee Members Absent:

Sam Assefa, Roger Dahlstrom, Ken Johnson, Karen Stonehouse, Leanne Redden, Mark Ruby, Jackie Tredup Nancy Williamson.

Staff present:

Erin Aleman, Jon Hallas, Bob Dean, Ty Warner

Others:

Mike Klemens, Will County Governmental League

Call to Order

Mark Avery, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Jim LaBelle of Metropolis 2020 is replacing Maria Choca Urban, who has taken a position at the CTA.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Judy Beck questioned the percentage on wetland loss noted by Norm West in the meeting notes in response to the presentation from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. She would like to cross-check their references, but the detail on the exact percentage can be removed from the notes.

Developments of Regional Importance were discussed. The CMAP Board sub-committee has not met to discuss what the parameters of these projects will be. There was an agreement that Committee members wanted to continue to discuss this issue.

The meeting notes of October 14, 2007 were approved. (Motion by Ed Paesel, second by Alan Bennett.)

Legislative Update

Senate Bill 1201 been approved; Governor Blagojevich's amendatory veto was overturned by both the house and senate. CMAP will receive \$5 million from the gross receipt fund with the passage of this bill

The committee would like to have future discussions on S.B. 1201's land use expectations, and requested a copy of the revised statute.

Senate Bill 572 has nothing new to note, with the veto session having ended without a transit bailout. A number of people testified on other funding sources for transit but S.B. 572 is considered the best option for right now; the committee discussed the future need to look at other solutions such as congestion pricing but for now this bill is the best we have. There is no clear date on when the Legislature may be called back but it seems very possible that the "doomsday scenario" will play out on November 4th.

Committee Member Overviews

Kane County Department of Planning & Development

Kai Tarum, Kane County Director of Planning and Special Projects, gave an overview of the Kane County Development Department.

- Kane County is approximately 526 square miles, made up of 30 municipalities
- The County has adopted both a Land Resource Management 2030 Plan and a Transportation Plan. This seeks a "50-50-50" concept for future growth, with 50% of the population in the eastern "urban corridor," 50% of the population in the critical growth area, and 50% of the county remaining agriculture and open space.
- The Plan identifies 3 major challenges: water supply, housing, and transportation. 90% of the growth in Kane County is due to local municipal decision making.
- Today, over 4,000 acres of farmland have been preserved.
- The county has an impact fee program which offers a discount that is linked to proximity to transit, density and walkability based around the LEED-ND criteria.

After the presentation there was some discussion surrounding the challenges developers have in bringing smart growth principles to Kane County and around the region. One of the major challenges is educating the communities so that they understand why they would want to implement these techniques. To understand this and help change it, it is critical to work in the field, talk to elected officials, and obtain case studies of growth patterns and

development actions. Many municipalities don't understand potential benefits to them for increasing density or developing transit oriented development. This may be an opportunity for CMAP to create incentives and training for good growth activities. ULI is developing a planning commissioner's training program, the Campaign for Sensible Growth has Planning 1-2-3, and CMAP's Centers Toolkit has the potential to help educate communities here as well. CMAP is developing a Planning Commissioners training program to blanket the region in 2008 using Planning 1-2-3 as a core resource. Ed Paesel relayed the success of the similar NIPC Planning Commissioner training held in the South Suburban Mayors and Managers area.

Committee Charge

The discussion incorporated some wordsmithing ideas for the charge. Members felt as though the committee charge needed to be more active instead of passive, more relevant to the Regional Comprehensive Plan, and incorporate a definition of what land use planning is. Members also discussed that with the new authority that CMAP has gained through legislation the vision and charge should be more relevant to the legislation. Committee also discussed bringing "projects of regional significance" into their charge.

Comprehensive Regional Plan: Vision Development

The committees will be given another chance to help shape the vision statements that came out of the Visioning Event on September 12th. Norm West noted that at the Visioning there were many who believed that Freight should be an outright theme because of its impact on the region. The survey on the vision statements will be released in the coming weeks, then the board will adopt the statements in March. Next, committee members discussed the Quality of Life vision statements as an activity-based, small group exercise.

Note: Keith Eichorst graciously agreed to postpone his presentation on Development Impacts & Farmland Preservation to a later date due to time constraints of the meeting.

Agenda Setting & Housekeeping

The committee would like to discuss developments of regional significance and further define land use at the November meeting.

The Committee rescheduled their next meeting from November 21st to November 14th due to the proximity to Thanksgiving.

Wrap-up

With no other business or additional public comment, Avery adjourned the meeting at 11:17am.
(Motion by Bennett, Galowich second.)

Meeting Notes compiled by Erin Aleman and submitted by Tyson Warner, Staff Liaison to the Land Use Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyson Warner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.