



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2014

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members Present:

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing West Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference) and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Gordon Smith, and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Reggie Arkel-FTA, Jennifer Becker- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, John Donovan-FHWA, Brian Hacker-Metra, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Jim LaBelle-Metropolis Strategies, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Deb Spencer-Metropolitan Planning Council, Chris Staron-NWMC, Tom VanderWoude-SSMMA, Mike Walczak-NWMC and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Conference.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Rita Athas and seconded by President William Rodeghier. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had been included in the Board packet. Regarding the Governor's Transit Task Force, Blankenhorn reported that the task force had released its final report that recommends changes in the governance structure of the boards, performance measures to increase ridership and ethics. Blankenhorn went on to say that the report is now in the hands of the Governor and General Assembly and that a staff review will be reported next month. A letter in response to the report on behalf of the RTA was distributed and Board member Raul Raymundo, who had served as a member of the task force, reiterated that ethics, governance and funding had all been considered by the task force in an effort to provide a real state-of-the-art system for the 21st Century. Blankenhorn also reported that staff have been working with its partners, especially IDOT, to finalize the financial plan and major capital projects for the GO TO 2040 update. This list of fiscally constrained projects to be considered by the Transportation Committee in April will be brought to the CMAP Board in May. On track for working committee review in May, a full draft plan update should be available for public comment in June. Finally, Blankenhorn reported that the Coalition of America's Gateway and Trade Corridors (CAGTC) is hosting NAFTA NEXT in Chicago that if anyone is interested in attending the conference and or meeting with the Southern California Association of Governments while they are in town, they should let us know.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

A sole source contract approval to Chicago Jobs Council for \$50,000 to conduct three site-specific workforce development plans and a contract to SunGard Public Sector in the amount of \$150,000 for the upgrade of existing financial system software were presented for approval. A motion to approve the contracts, as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Neither of the Coordinating Committees had met earlier in the morning. A written summary of the working committee meetings was provided.

7.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been presented to both the CMAP Board and the Policy Committee for its annual review in March. The Policy Committee, while it did approve the MOU, did suggest that the CMAP Board consider allowing an alternate to its non-voting MPO member (position currently held by Leanne Redden). No real objections were raised by the Board. Staff will draft language that will be brought back to both the CMAP Board and the Policy Committee for consideration.

8.0 State Legislative Update

Prior to CMAP staff presenting the state legislative update, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported briefly that the Governor's proposed budget had reduced CMAP funding through IDOT by \$500,000, that there is concern as it relates to matching the federal planning funds, that the matter was discussed with the Secretary who understands and will try to work with us to figure it out. Blankenhorn went on to say that continuing to rely on state funding is of real concern and that there is an item later in the agenda to discuss funding strategies.

CMAP staff Gordon Smith, from the state legislative update, reported that CMAP continues to support five bills (HB5786, HB5664, HB5629 & SB 3047, and HB5907) and opposes five (HB3251, HB4418, SB1681, HB5373, SB2790) others. One bill, SB2696, Smith continued, was moved from support to neutral as a result of an amendment to the bill that shelled the bill. The reporting gave way to various comments by the board, particularly related to HB4418. Were HB4418 to pass the effective date would be immediate. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by President William Rodeghier to approve the report as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

9.0 CMAP's Regional Tax Policy Principles

Dating back to the creation of the Regional Tax Policy Task Force which concluded its work and delivered its recommendations to the CMAP Board in late 2011, CMAP staff Matt Maloney gave a bit of background on CMAP's involvement in Regional Tax Policy. Today, Maloney went on to say, staff is requesting the Board's approval of the following three Regional Tax Policy Principles: (1) sustainable economic prosperity requires an efficient and equitable tax system; (2) capital infrastructure modernization requires robust, consistent investment; and, (3) achieving livability requires a tax structure that does not discourage the implementation of community planning goals. Maloney walked through details related to each of the principles, summarized CMAP's position on each while offering a brief statement of an expected outcome. A lengthy discussion ensued and a number of concerns were raised. Chairman Mayor Bennett asked that a vote on the principles not take place today, that staff consider some analyses that had been conducted by the Civic Federation and Executive Director Blankenhorn concluded that the principles are meant to be a framework for discussion and with differing points of view a consensus may be difficult to achieve.

10.0 Strategic Planning: Funding

Addressing the material contained in the Board packet related to funding, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP's senior staff feel that the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund had gone by the way-side and had been considering ways to solve the agency's funding issues. A short-term strategy of pursuing legislation that would use the RTA's taxing authority to institute a .15% increase to the existing sales tax, raising approximately \$150 million annually of which \$10 million would be used to meet CMAP's funding needs, with the remaining \$140 million would finance capital projects within the six-county RTA service area. Blankenhorn went on to explain the short-term actions that would be required, beginning now through July 2015. CMAP

would also consider other short-term alternatives to be pursued in fiscal year 2016 that would include a considerable increase to the amount of regional contributions, collecting an administrative cost from CMAP-administered grants (e.g., LTA and CMAQ), or transferring \$5 million from the RTA possibly along with its planning activities. Also reviewing long-term strategies, Blankenhorn suggested that CMAP develop programs with State agencies to support regional comprehensive planning, create sustainable federal programs for comprehensive planning, consolidate regional planning and seek additional funding opportunities and cultivate relationships with funders. Board members were pleased with the suggested options and agreed that the short-term options should be pursued.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Board.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

13.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet next on May 14, 2014.

14.0 Closed Session – IOMA Section 2(c)(5)

At 11:15 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting to an executive session was made by Frank Beal and seconded by Andrew Madigan. All in favor, the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that the terms of the agency’s office space lease agreement had been discussed. A motion to approve the negotiated terms for a lease extension as proposed by U.S. Equities Realty on March 20, 2014, was made by President William Rodeghier and seconded by Rita Athas. A roll call vote was taken:

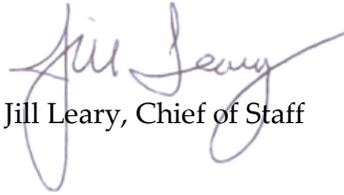
Gerald Bennett–yes	Raul Raymundo–yes
Rita Athas–yes	Rick Reinbold–yes
Frank Beal–yes	William Rodeghier–yes
Roger Claar–no	Carolyn Schofield–no
Elliott Hartstein–yes	Peter Silvestri–Absent
Al Larson–Absent	Rae Rupp Srch–Absent
Lisa Laws–no	Thomas Weisner–Absent
Andrew Madigan–no	

The motion failed. The required voting quorum of 4/5 of the voting Board members was not present.

15.0 Adjournment

A motion by Rita Athas was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:25 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, May 14, 2014