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Board Meeting Minutes

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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, Roger Claar-representing Will County (via tele-conference), Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County (via tele-conference), Al Larson-representing Northwest Cook County (via tele-conference), 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 West Cook County, Peter Silvestri-representing Suburban Cook County (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Gordon Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark, Patricia Berry, Alex Beata and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Mike Albin-DMMC, Andrew Armstrong-ELPC, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Paul Botts, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Brett Chase-BGA, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, John Donovan-FHWA, Colin Fleming-Metro Strategies, Brian Hacker-Metra, Brooks Hansen-RTA, Jerry Heinrich-Midewin Alliance, Jessica Hector Hsu-RTA, Dan Johnson-Midwest High Speed Rail Association, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Stacy Meyers-Openlands, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Anthony Rayson-No Illiana 4 Us, Abraham Scarr-Illinois PIRG, Lorin Schab-MHA, David Seglin-CDOT, Peter Skosey-MPC, Cindy Skrukrud-Sierra Club, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, Douglas Stotz-Field Museum (Bird Conservation Network), Tom VanderWoude-SSMMA, and Mike Walczak-NWMC.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 June 11, 2014, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Rae Rupp Srch 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 and that staff recommendations for the next round of projects will be presented at the October meeting for consideration and approval. CMAP's annual report for the Fiscal Year 2014 was distributed before the meeting and copies will be forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly, as is required by state statute. Blankenhorn went on to say that the State Legislative Report, highlighting the bills that were being monitoring during the past session had passed the General Assembly and signed by the Governor, had also been included in the packet. Staff had written policy updates on the state capital program and a two-part series on local government consolidation. Also over the summer, Blankenhorn continued, staff had conducted outreach with more than 30 members of the General Assembly, bringing them up to speed on CMAP's transportation policy positions and shared findings of the draft financial plan update, as well as policy analyses (i.e., economic development and tax policy) and local planning activities underway in their districts and throughout the region. Finally, Blankenhorn reported that the CMAP Board will meet jointly with the MPO Policy Committee in October to consider adoption of the GO TO 2040 Plan Update.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

The following procurements and contract approvals were presented. A motion to approve a contract with Classic Color at $48,800, for printing the GO TO 2040 Plan Update and a contract amendment to Workstate in an amount not to exceed $95,500 for Website Development, Usability Design, Maintenance and Support was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by President Rick Reinbold. All in favor, the motions carried.

6.0 Investment Policy and Selection of Financial Institution

Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration Dolores Dowdle presented a revision of CMAP's Investment Policy for Board approval. Dowdle reported that last year's annual review of CMAP's financial records revealed that over $600,000 of funds were uninsured and uncollateralized in the US Bank account, that the condition was unusual because it was the last day of the fiscal year and the day on which both accounts payable and payroll were processed. Staff asked that US Bank collateralize the account, but the bank declined to do so. Staff then forwarded a request to five banks (US Bank was one) to obtain proposals for banking services that would also include collateralization. Only one bank responded, BMO Harris. A motion by President Reinbold was seconded

by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the revision of CMAP's investment policy to reflect that funds be deposited with a financial institution that fully collateralizes its accounts and approve the selection of BMO Harris Bank with a financial institution that fully collateralizes its accounts and approve the selection of BMO Harris Bank for checking and investment services. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports

There was no report from either of the Coordinating Committees; a summary of the Working Committees was provided.

8.0 Election of Officers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, President William Rodeghier reported that the committee had met, discussed and recommended for re-appointment to the CMAP Board the following slate of officers:

Mayor Gerald Bennett	Chair
Rita Athas	Vice Chair
Elliott Hartstein	Vice Chair
Rae Rupp Srch	At-Large Member
President Al Larson	At-Large Member
Raul Raymundo	At-Large Member

A motion by President Rodeghier to approve the slate as was recommended by the Nominating Committee was seconded by President Rick Reinbold, and with all in favor, carried.

9.0 GO TO 2040 Plan Update

CMAP staff, Andrew Williams-Clark provided an overview of the public comment period and described the approval process for the GO TO 2040 plan update. CMAP held a formal public comment period over the summer, June 13-August 1. Over 1,400 comments were received at 11 public meetings and via web submissions, email, and post. The agency also held a formal public hearing at CMAP offices on July 31. The plan update's Public Engagement Summary Appendix includes summaries of comments received and describes revisions made in response to those comments. Williams-Clark addressed comments received about the treatment of Bus and Arterial Rapid Transit, support of the Crossrail Chicago project, opposition to the Illiana Expressway project, and concerns about the reasonably expected revenues described in the Financial Plan for Transportation. He also reported that the draft plan documents can be found on the website, asked that the Board provide all remaining input, and reiterated the upcoming schedule of approval. The Transportation Committee, at its October 3, meeting will be asked to recommend approval of the plan update to the MPO Policy Committee and the Board. The Regional Coordinating Committee, at its meeting on October 8, will be asked to recommend approval of the plan update to the CMAP Board. Staff will seek final approval of the plan update at the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee, also on October 8.

10.0 Regional Infrastructure Fund

Dating back to the Board's strategic visioning session in February, and following an April directive to investigate, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that, while the consensus of the board suggested that legislation to provide dedicated funds would be necessary, staff had become convinced that it would not be possible to pass legislation raising the regional sales tax by a very small increment to raise a relatively small amount of money, but that the time might be right to propose a regional infrastructure fund that would address high-priority needs that would address transit, parks, water and sewer and flooding issues. Blankenhorn also recapped the result of over 20 meetings with more than 30 leaders from the business, labor, civic and environment sectors to discuss the potential of the fund, stating that there was unanimous agreement on the need for the fund and that CMAP is the appropriate agency to lead the effort. Blankenhorn added that while these leaders agreed--the need is important, coalition-building (CMAP, Governor, Business, Civic and Labor units) would be essential, that politics will be tough—but all worth the risk and that timing may be good with talk of a new state capital plan. To address the agency operating needs, Blankenhorn continued, CMAP would receive 3% of the fund to cover its federal match, expand the LTA program, and other planning activities related to housing, economic development and the environment. Blankenhorn also discussed next steps, October through December, and January and beyond, and asked advice and direction from the board, since a great deal of resources (mostly staff) and possibly a lobbyist, would be required to move the concept along. A number of board members weighed in on and agreed the concept is worth pursuing.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

12.0 Public Comment

Briefly, each of the following were given an opportunity to address the CMAP Board:

- Stacy Meyers-Openlands, asked that the CMAP Board exclude the Illiana project from the GO TO 2040 Plan Update
- Abe Scarr-Illinois PIRG, opposed to the inclusion of the Illiana project in GO TO 2040
- Anthony Rayson-No Illiana 4 Us, opposed to including the Illiana project in the GO TO 2040 Plan Update
- Andrew Armstrong-ELPC, asked that the Board reject the Illiana project from the GO TO 2040 Plan Update
- Douglas Stotz-Field Museum (Bird Conservation Network), also opposed to the Illiana project because of the impact to environment, grassland and endangered birds
- Erica Dodt-representing the Sierra Club, asked that the Board reject any attempt to force the inclusion of the Illiana project on the list of fiscally constrained projects
- Paul Botts-resident of Cook County, raised concerns regarding Midewin and asked that the Board exclude the Illiana project from the GO TO 2040 Plan Update
- Dan Johnson-High Speed Rail, asked the Board to consider Cross Rail Chicago that links Metra lines and double transit ridership capacity
- Lorin Schab-Midewin Heritage Association, asked that the Board not approve the Illiana project because of the impact on Midewin and the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

- Jerry Heinrich-Midewin Tallgrass Prairie Alliance, opposes the construction of the Illiana project, suggesting that Midewin and the Cemetery will be affected by traffic noise, light and auto pollution
- Peter Skosey-MPC, asked that the CMAP Board reassert its goals and oppose the Illiana project in the GO TO 2040 Plan Update

At the conclusion of the public comment period, a brief discussion led by Chairman Mayor Bennett related to the Plan Update and CMAP's super majority voting constraints resulted in asking that the staff draft a letter on behalf of the Board to the MPO Policy Committee chair and its members, requesting they examine their voting thresholds and consider a super majority. A motion by President Rodeghier was seconded by Raul Raymundo directing staff to draft a letter on behalf of the CMAP Board suggesting the MPO Policy Committee strongly consider a super majority vote, similar to that of CMAP, related to policy issues for consensus sake. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Bennett also stated that the CMAP Board did not vote in favor of the Illiana amendment at last year's vote and that he anticipates at their October meeting, that the Board may move for an amendment to the Plan Update to exclude the Iliana Expressway from the list of major capital projects. He also reminded the Board that they needed 12 votes for any action.

13.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet jointly with the MPO Policy Committee on October 8, 2014.

14.0 Closed Session – IOMA Section 2(c)(11)

At 10:50 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting to an executive session was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Bennett announced that staff had given the Board an update on a matter of litigation and that no action had been taken.

15.0 Adjournment

A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Andrew Madigan to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:55 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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