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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2013

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, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, and non-voting members Sean O'Shea-representing the Governor's office and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Lindsay Hollander, Andrew Williams-Clark, Erin Aleman and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Michael Gorman, Marilyn Michelini, Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristen Andersen-Metra, Reggie Arkell-FTA, Andrew Armstrong-Environmental Law & Policy Center, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Max Bosso-Village of Elwood, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Camitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, Danielle Gardner-Lane Construction, Jerry Heinrich-Midewin Alliance, Katie Kukielka-IDOT/AECOM, Ed Leonard-Parsons Brinckerhoff, Stacy Meyers-Openlands, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Nick Narducci-Village of Elwood, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Tom VanDerWoude-SSMMA, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierczak-WCMC and Barbara Zubek-SW Conference.

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. Board Chair Mayor Bennett announced that former Village President Marilyn Michelini, representing Kane & Kendall Counties, who had served as a CMAP board member since the beginning of CMAP, would be leaving the Board. Bennett, on behalf of all the Board thanked her for the time and energy she gave to the agency and wished her well. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn added that Michelini had also served the agency at the national level through her at-large membership to the NARC board. Mayor Bennett also recognized former Village President Michael Gorman, also leaving the board, thanked him for his contribution and announced that Gorman will head up CMAP's Regional Freight Leadership Task Force. Finally, Bennett announced that Mayor Tom Weisner of Aurora and Village President William Rodeghier, both of whom were traveling and unable to attend, would replace Michelini and Gorman.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Susan Campbell. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics. CMAP's annual report for the Fiscal Year 2012 was distributed before the meeting and copies will be forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly, as is required by state statute. Blankenhorn also pointed to CMAP's Freight Nexus report, linking the manufacturing and freight drill-down reports that had been published earlier in the year, thanked Village of Richton Park President Rick Reinbold for leadership in the Village's annexation of a portion of unincorporated Cook County, gave a brief recap of the state legislative update, reported that CMAP Board Member Raul Raymundo had been named to the Governor's newly established Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force and announced the joint meeting of the CMAP Board with the MPO Policy Committee in October.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

The following procurements were presented for approval. A resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Assessor's Office for assessment data and Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program, no-cost Grant Extension and Contract Revisions were presented for approval. A motion to adopt the resolution and approve the contract revisions, as presented, was made by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Mayor Al Larson, and with all in favor carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Susan Campbell, chair of the Local Coordinating Committee reported the following from the meeting that occurred earlier in the morning. First, the Committee recognized a

number of new members. Several ongoing and completed LTA projects were summarized to give new members a sense of the range of projects that are included within the LTA program and the committee also discussion the new LTA applications that had been received. Finally, Campbell reported that the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, a project that CMAP had worked on with the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance, required under the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant that funds the LTA program, was shared with the committee, discussed and will now be submitted to HUD.

7.0 Election of Officers

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

Mayor Gerald Bennett	Chair
Susan Campbell	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 Reinbold to approve the slate as was recommended by the Nominating Committee was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 Examination of Local Economic Development Incentives in Northeastern Illinois

Included in the Board materials was an Executive Summary of the Local Economic Development Incentives in Northeastern Illinois from the August 2013 report, an outgrowth of the Regional Tax Policy Task Force that suggested CMAP examine the impact of sales tax rebates and other local incentives. CMAP staff, Lindsay Hollander, gave a presentation on the findings, indicating that incentives are very prevalent in the region, that incentive use often helped communities meet goals that align with livability goals in GO TO 2040, that incentives were used to compete for new development on undeveloped land that did not entail extraordinary development costs, that many communities targeted incentives based on future tax revenues rather than overall economic impact, that the use of proactive and collaborative planning in incentive use was mixed and that overall, the use of incentives was as prevalent as it was varied. Comments raised by board members included a question related to sales tax abatements at retail (offered by stores in TIF districts), the net effect of incentives—how they are used versus general outcomes (to be considered at tax policy level) and intergovernmental agreements to avoid bidding war in unincorporated areas (another topic to be considered at the policy level).

9.0 GO TO 2040 Update

With GO TO 2040 requiring an update in October 2014, CMAP staff, Andrew Williams-Clark, gave an overview of the update process reporting that staff anticipates necessary revenue and expenditures will be confirmed by January 2014, that funding will be

allocated by project category by March 2014, that staff expects major capital projects will be identified by November 2013, measures used to evaluate the list will be final by January 2014 and that both fiscally constrained and unconstrained major capital projects will be finalized in April 2014. Williams-Clark went on to say that the update will not involve rewriting the plan's text, rather would involve updating the implementation action tables that describe how GO TO 2040 is to be implemented. Further, staff expects the report on the selection of new indicators, when necessary, or confirmation of initial indicators will be final by November 2013 and the updated set to be completed by March 2014. Finally, the update, consisting primarily of updated indicators, updated implementation action tables, and an updated list of fiscally constrained major capital projects, Williams-Clark concluded, would be released for public comment in June 2014 and final approval of the update in October 2014.

10.0 Illiana Corridor Public Comments and Process

Following CMAP's Transportation Committee's release of the staff analysis of the proposed amendment to GO TO 2040 that would include the Illiana Corridor project, a 32-day public comment period that began on August 2, concluded on September 3, 2013. CMAP staff Erin Aleman gave a brief summary of the comments received, reporting that of the 965 comments, the majority of which were Illinois residents, businesses, organizations and governments (some also from Indiana), 169 supported the proposed amendment, while 796 expressed opposition. Aleman also reported that nearly 4000 signatures were included on two petitions from residents primarily in the project area. Staff broke out the comments by stakeholder type (business, civic orgs, government, individuals & residents, and labor unions) and provided a high-level summary of many of the comments, citing (in favor of) transportation improvement by reducing congestion and accommodating future growth and (opposed to) financial feasibility, projected economic benefits, and environmental harm. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that moving forward, presentations would be made at all working committees, and staff recommendations will be published September 27. The Transportation Committee will consider the proposal on October 4, and October 9 by the Regional Coordinating Committee, just prior to consideration by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee at their joint meeting on October 9. Some Board members commented on topics that included: the public private partnership, cost projections and FHWA analysis (incomplete, but forthcoming), wanting to be comfortable that the project is good for the entire region, the prospect of postponing the decision with the Regional Coordinating Committee meeting in advance of the Board on October 9, the October deadline is necessary to advance the project to the Tier 2 process, what are the consequences if there is a funding gap, how will the project be paid for, economic impact and job creation concerns.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

12.0 Public Comment

Stacy Meyers, Openlands addressed the Board on the topic of Illiana stating that there are grave concerns that included: action should be taken, but doesn't think this is the right

action, cost cutting on other projects to see this one advanced, concerns about unsustainable sprawl, and water supply – see what comes of NEPA under MAP-21.

Nick Narducci, on behalf of the Village of Elwood, read aloud a letter drafted by the Mayor that contained statistical data related to the number of truck traffic through the small town of just over 2200 people and raised concerns associated with the veterans' cemetery and "human" impact of the project.

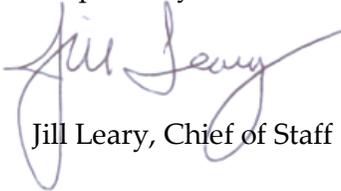
13.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet jointly with the MPO Policy Committee on October 9, 2013.

14.0 Adjournment

At 10:58 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 9, 2013