



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 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, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing suburban Cook County), Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting members Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee (via tele-conference), and André Ashmore-representing the Governor's office (via tele-conference).

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristen Anderson-Metra, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council of Mayors, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Andy Plummer-RTA, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Tom Van Der Woude-SSMMA, and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting of the CMAP Board as presented (Sean O'Shea had been present at that meeting) was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update was included in the Board's materials. Applications for the next call for projects are due June 26. Blankenhorn also reported briefly on the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program final presentation from the previous Saturday, thanked the staff for their efforts throughout the school year and announced that applications for the next program year are now being accepted.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

The following procurements were presented for approval: a database subscription renewal to Dun & Bradstreet totaling \$139,842 for the purchase of commercial data sets; a two-year contract award (with an option of three one-year renewals) with Pangaea Information Technologies, Ltd. totaling \$71,000 for the technical support and development services of the regional transportation data archive system; a two-year contract (with an option of three one-year renewals) with Workstate totaling \$250,000 to provide website development, usability design, maintenance and support; and, finally authorization to proceed under the Tenant/Contractor & Vendor Guidelines for Willis Tower for the construction of office space, the projected cost of which is not to exceed \$140,000. A motion to approve the contract awards and purchases, as presented was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, 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. Jacky Grimshaw from the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) gave a presentation on the concept of Priority Development Areas (PDAs), which are geographic designations used to align public investments across agencies. CNT described successful programs in San Francisco, Atlanta, and other regions. GO TO 2040 recommended a similar program be investigated for use in the Chicago region. Campbell went on to say that the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant, which funds the LTA program, requires completion of a regional Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. CMAP has been working on this project with the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance and a draft report is currently under way and will be discussed with CMAP's working committees starting this month. The call for LTA projects began on May 3, Campbell continued, with applications being due on June 26. As in past years, the program is highly coordinated with the RTA, and the application process has been further simplified to make it easy for local governments and community-based organizations to request assistance.

7.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Gordon Smith, from the State Legislative Update that had been included in the board packet, reported on SB 494 that establishes the process for DuPage County to propose the dissolution of a local government by ordinance, for which CMAP renders its

support under the efficient governance section of GO TO 2040. Sparking some discussion, Smith reported that while it could affect sanitary districts, the bill would not affect the dissolution of municipalities. The bill only applies to local governments that are entirely within DuPage County and the DuPage County Board Chair appoints a majority of its governing board. A motion to approve the State Legislative Update as presented was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried. Chairman Mayor Bennett added that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus had made up a task force to discuss the CMAP/RTA merger.

8.0 Capital Program Principles

CMAP staff Matt Maloney reported that transportation and business leaders are renewing discussions around a potential new capital program. Maloney covered three specific reforms that CMAP believes should accompany any State capital program and elaborated on each. Those are: new user-fee generated revenues; ending the 55/45 split and move toward performance-based project selection; and, provide additional capital funding for transit. Following the discussion related to MFT and sales tax, gas tax fluctuations, 55/45 split, local cuts of MFT, border counties and flight to other states, Chairman Bennett solicited support from Deputy Secretary of Transportation André Ashmore to relay the message to the governor and appealed for permanent CMAP funding as well. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Susan Campbell to recommend approval of the principles for a new state capital program, as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Performance-Based Funding Microsite

CMAP staff Alex Beata introduced the launch of the performance-based funding microsite, an educational piece created in response to a request from the Board earlier this year, and provided a review of the site and its content. Beata clicked through the various pages that illustrated how Illinois pays for projects, how Illinois spends its highway dollars, how Illinois selects its projects, why good investment decisions matter, and concluded with performance-based funding and why it is a better way to choose projects. Chairman Mayor Bennett suggested that the material was clear and concise, complimented the staff on the effort to make it easy to understand and informative. Bennett also asked that a letter on behalf of the Board be forwarded along with the [printed] material to representatives and senators in our region.

10.0 Strategic Plan Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented CMAP's Strategic Planning Update that links the implementation action areas of GO TO 2040 with the FY 2014 Budget and Work Plan. Tackling 186 action areas in the plan, the update shows anticipated and actual progress for the current year and anticipated progress in the coming year. The document identifies agency priorities, staffing and goals. Funding continues to be problematic, Blankenhorn continued, and reported briefly on each of the recommendation areas of GO TO 2040.

- Achieve Greater Livability through Land Use and Housing – with the HUD grant expiring in January 2014, a high priority exists to pursue and secure additional funding beyond transportation resources to continue and enhance the LTA program.

- Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Resources – the grant from US DOE for EI2 concludes in October 2013 which will result in a limited role for CMAP in energy policy and planning. Efforts will be focused on obtaining sustainable funding for water related activities.
- Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space – some work will be conducted through the LTA program and advancing the Green Infrastructure Vision will continue.
- Promote Sustainable Local Food – CMAP will continue its efforts to identify a lead organization to support and implement GO TO 2040 recommendations.
- Improve Education and Workforce Development & Support Economic Innovation – engage private sector, non-profit and philanthropic partners, specifically through a possible EDA grant for which CMAP has applied.
- Support Economic Innovation – pursue outside funding for continuing work in identifying ways to be better coordinate programs and policies at the state and regional level.
- Reform State and Local Tax Policy – remain engaged in prioritized plans identified in the work plan.
- Improve Access to Information – create a new strategy for data sharing among public and partners that will involve communications and IT with research to better understand users.
- Pursue Coordinated Investments & Invest Strategically in Transportation – considered the backbone of the agency’s policy objectives reflected in the state and federal policy agenda.
- Invest strategically in Transportation – considered a core program, this recommendation is about finding cost and investment efficiencies in the region’s current transportation planning process while pursuing additional revenue.
- Major Capital Projects – continue to shape CMAP’s role in implementing major capital projects.
- Increase Commitment to Public Transit – determine the most effective method to ensure that the work plans of implementers and the RTA align with GO TO 2040.
- Create a More Efficient Freight Network – establish the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force while taking a leadership role in coordinating and pursuing freight policy on the state and national level.

11.0 Draft FY 2014 Budget and Work Plan

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn highlighted the following from the FY 2014 Draft Budget Document: a brief explanation of US EPA funding that passes through IEPA for water quality management, watershed planning and other related projects; state funding from IDOT at \$3.5 million; now at 102 staff and no increase beyond the budgeted 104; and, local planning grants coupled with RTA grants as one funding source total \$1.4 million. Blankenhorn also reported that the four year requirement to update GO TO 2040, spearheaded by Andrew Williams-Clark will be brought to the board late in FY 2014. Meant to allow sufficient time for review, staff will be seeking approval of the budget next month. Feedback on the material was given by the Board related to tax policy, access to information, public education efforts, and how to encourage public private partnership related to energy efficiency. Chairman Bennett wrapped up stating that the APA award is the ultimate compliment to CMAP’s work; that we should all be very proud.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP board.

13.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

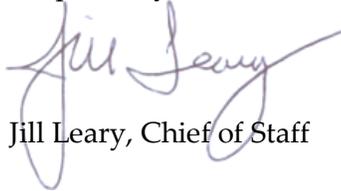
14.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet next on June 12, 2013.

15.0 Adjournment

At 10:45 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea, seconded by President Michael Gorman and with all in favor carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 12, 2013