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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

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

Committee Members

Present: Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Martin Jaffe - UIC, Marcella Bondie-Keenan (for Anne McKibben) – Elevate Energy, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Vincent Waller (for Deb Stone) – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Patricia Werner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Absent: Ed Collins – MCCD, Pete Harmet – IDOT, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Mike Sullivan – Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Wallace Van Buren – IAWA, Nancy Williamson – IDNR

Staff Present: Jason Navota, Brian Daly, Patrick Day, Simone Weil, Holly Hudson, Tim Loftus, Andres Torres, Nora Beck

Others Present: Edith Makra – Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Mike Klemens – WCGL

1.0 Call to Order

Martin Jaffe called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- Nora Beck announced that Lynn Boerman will be replacing Nancy Williamson as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources representative on the committee at the May meeting.
- Simone Weil provided the committee with a legislative update, referring to three documents: [2015 State Legislative Agenda](#), [2015 State Legislative Principles](#), [2015 Federal Agenda](#). Weil explained that the CMAP Board expressed support on four pieces of legislation and opposition to a fifth at the [March 11 meeting](#); two of these bills have subsequently died.

In addition, Weil explained that CMAP staff created a [policy update](#) on the Illinois FY15 Budget Modifications. Committee members discussed the ramifications of the fund sweeps on particular projects. CMAP's IDNR grant, which funded work on water supply

projects with both Lake Michigan permittees and communities in the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. [Weil](#) encouraged members to contact her with questions or comments.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 4 meeting was made by Martha Dooley, seconded by Jon Grosshans, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Illinois 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan – Jason Navota, CMAP Staff

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is working with Lake County and communities on [a corridor land use plan for Illinois Route 53 and Illinois Route 120](#), as recommended by a Blue Ribbon Advisory Council of the Illinois Tollway. This corridor planning process is engaging municipalities to plan for the potential market-driven development that can result from such a major transportation infrastructure investment, as well as the potential impact on quality of life and the environment. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Jason provided an update on progress on the project and next steps.

ENR committee members asked a number of questions, which prompted discussion on the following points:

- Open Space A and B scenarios: One of the large differences between the open space scenarios is the inclusion of agricultural lands in Open Space B, which could be maintained for food production or restored as habitat depending on available resources.
- Implementation. Committee members had an extended discussion about how to ensure coordination among municipalities to implement the land use plan. Several ideas were discussed, ranging from using CMAP transportation funding and the FPA process to implement some projects over others to maintaining a corridor counsel to facilitate coordination, using performance indicators to maintain conversation about the future land use plan, providing continued LTA assistance to help communities align their existing future land use plans with the corridor land use plan, and the multi-jurisdictional TIF which would establish a \$180 million stewardship fund for conservation.
- School Districts. Committee members discussed the implications for school districts. Jason explained the Finance Committee will begin to look more into this issue. The multi-jurisdictional TIF will require legislation.

5.0 Fox River Corridor Plan – Brian Daly, CMAP Staff

Through the LTA program, CMAP is working with the Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville on a corridor plan to increase access to the Fox River, improve water quality, and enhance the downtown area of each community. The [Fox River Corridor Plan](#) was inspired by the recently completed LTA plans for Downtown Algonquin and Old Town Carpentersville, both of which include recommendations to enhance recreational use of and access to the Fox River. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Daly provided an overview of the key assets and existing conditions along the river as well as the draft recommendation areas that have been developed so far. Committee members discussed the following points:

- Dam Removal. There may be hope that the previously committed state funds could be restored for this project. North Aurora and Danville are facing similar issues.
- Wastewater Flow. A third of the baseflow is from SEWRPC in Wisconsin. There are two wastewater treatment plants in the study area.
- Fox River Study Group. The corridor plan is aiming to incorporate the findings of their study.

6.0 Other Business

No other business.

7.0 Public Comment

No public comments.

8.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:10 am, made by Martha Dooley, seconded by Martin Jaffe, and, with all in favor, carried.