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Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2009

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

Board Members: Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice (via teleconference)-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch (via teleconference)-representing DuPage County, and non-voting members Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Absent: Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Matt Maloney, Brett Baden, Patricia Berry, Lorrie Kovac, Lori Heringa and Sherry Kane.

Others Present: Chris Staron-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak -WCMC, Mike Sullivan-KKCoM, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Mark Avery and Chris Snyder-DuPage County, John Donovan-FHWA, Beth Dever-MMC, Paul Heltne-Public, Pat Carey-City of Chicago, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-Kane County Council, Bruce Christensen-Lake County Council, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL and Andy Plummer-RTA.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. 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.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced CMAP's Employee of the Quarter, Lorrie Kovac, whose leadership in implementing CMAP's new accounting software was instrumental in establishing a system that will benefit the agency for many years to come.

October marks the 4th birthday/anniversary of the CMAP board.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Russell Hartigan and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported briefly that Congress had failed to repeal the $8.7 billion rescission that took effect at the end of FY 2009. Of particular importance to northeastern Illinois is the $83.6 million from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program--$25.5 from the Transportation Enhancement program, $20.3 million from the local Surface Transportation Program (STP) and $37 million from the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Last week, Blankenhorn continued, the MPO Policy Committee re-established its SAFTEA-LU subcommittee to assess the impact of the rescissions on transportation programs. Additional reporting will be made late this calendar year or early next.

5.0 Contract Approvals

The following were submitted for Board consideration: contract awards for data acquisition, processing and tabulation for the regional indicators project in the total amount of $76,870.08 (allocated as follows: MCIC-$16,513, S.B. Friedman-$26,054, NODIS-$5,092.08 and SIRC-$29,211) as well as web component development (also for the regional indicators project) in an amount of $100,000 (allocated to Pathfinder Development-$67,000 and Avencia, Incorporated-$33,000). A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Russell Hartigan to approve the procurements and contract awards as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Committee Chair Joe Deal reported that the Programming Coordinating Committee had met, and considered and recommended the approval of following to Board (later on the agenda): the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trail Plan, the Semiannual RTP/TIP Conformity analysis and TIP Amendment, as well as proposed CMAQ Program for FFY 2010-11. The Committee was also briefed on the inter-agency partnership "Sustainable Communities" between HUD, DOT and the EPA that is meant to coordinate transportation, environmental protection and housing investments.

7.0 Transportation Consent Agenda

The following were included on the Transportation Consent Agenda, the Semiannual RTP/TIP Conformity analysis and TIP Amendment and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program and presented for approval. A motion by Mayor Roger Claar to approve the recommendations of the Transportation Working Committee and considered by the Programming Coordinating Committee, as presented was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan

CMAP Senior Planner, Lori Heringa described the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan as a long-range vision for an interconnected system of green corridors and trails. The plan, consisting of a map and text with action recommendations, is the third edition of the original 1992 version updated in 1997 had past through a public review period, CMAP committee and task force review, and endorsement by CMAP's Programming and the MPO Policy committees. A motion by Mayor Claar was seconded by Mayor Larson to adopt the Plan as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Other Business

Board Chair Mayor Jerry Bennett thanked the Chicago 2016 Committee and Mayor Daley for putting together, through a great deal of planning and outreach, the proposal to the International Olympic Committee, hoping that with CMAP walking into its next phase of *GO TO 2040* can build off the ideals of the 2016 plan and the bold ideas will continue to draw attention from federal and state government.

10.0 Public Comment

Paul Heltne briefly commented that whole new industries are being developed resulting from the breaking down of silos within federal government and initiatives like the regional water supply plan haven't stopped at jurisdictional boundaries.

11.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet on the third Wednesday in November on the 18th and the Board was also asked to keep the December 9th meeting on the calendar.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Russell Hartigan at approximately 9:53 a.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, November 18, 2009