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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: Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan (via tele-conference)-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Absent: Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting member Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Tim Loftus, Matt Maloney, Brett Baden, Tom Murtha, Ty Warner and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Ed Paesel and Bud Fleming-SSMMA, Thomas Snyder-UIC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan and Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry COM, Vicky Smith-SCM, Leanne Redden and Andy Plummer-RTA, Maren Outwater-RSG, Susan Stitt-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT and from UIC, Sara Amaral, Jan Vanderworld, Joshua Stillman and Kouros Mohammadian

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 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 – February 10, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2010 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn's report included an update on the recent NARC conference (also attended by Mayor Michelini) in Washington and meetings with Illinois Delegation. Approximately 10 Major Metros had gotten together and developed principles (similar to CMAP's) for transportation authorization. Blankenhorn went on to say that Oberstar's initiative related to corridors and projects of regional significance will result in a $119 million loss to Illinois. Mayor Michelini reported that she had attended a round table discussion with HUD, another on childhood obesity and while echoing concern regarding the Oberstar initiative made a motion that CMAP send a letter to the Illinois Delegation and Secretary LaHood "expressing deep concern" with the initiative. Seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Other matters in the Executive Director's report included the following. Regarding the USDOT certification, Blankenhorn reported that CMAP was fully certified and highlighted FHWA and FTA findings. Regarding rescissions, Blankenhorn reported that the City of Chicago would absorb the STP rescission and with IDOT recalculating the final amount would be settled at a later date. Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP is currently tracking over 100 bills, most of which are considered fairly routine, and that the Governor's budget did not include line item funding for the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF), however we are working with the Governor's office and IDOT to make sure funding is included in the state's budget for MPOs and regional councils throughout the state. Reporting a lack of progress of a capital program, Blankenhorn continued, nothing has yet been released pertaining to bonding authority. Blankenhorn also reviewed the House and Senate schedules through April's appropriation hearing. Blankenhorn concluded his report drawing attention to a memo outlining changes in the Freedom of Information Act.

5.0 Contract Approvals

A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the contract award for development of a planning law manual. Mayor Elliott Hartstein announced concern over the award, as did Mayors Roger Claar and Al Larson. CMAP staff Ty Warner reported rationale considered by the proposal selection team and compared the product of Duncan

Associates, considered more user friendly than that of Ancel Glink, who would use "recycled" material already available in other forms, primarily in the form of case studies. A lengthy discussion resulted in a call of the motion, which failed having not met a four-fifth majority.

The Board did ask that CMAP's legislation be revisited to perhaps allow for routine (operational) matters to be approved with a simple majority. Chair Mayor Bennett stated that it is for this reason that attendance at meetings is so critical.

6.0 Committee Report(s)

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Mayor Hartstein reported the activities of the early morning's meeting. A presentation was given regarding *GO TO 2040*'s products that will include one piece for the general public, a more detailed publication for implementation and a fact sheet/summary that would be distributed to legislators and communities. Hartstein continued, the staff presented a draft of the transportation financial plan and a list of fiscally constrained major capital projects that will be included within *GO TO 2040*. Most of the expected revenues that are received between now and 2040 will be used to maintain the existing transportation system, with only $10.5 billion available for new capital projects. Also, Hartstein reported, staff reported on the Sustainable Communities Initiative, the nature of the program, its current status and how it is relevant to plan implementation.

Programming Coordinating Committee Chair Joe Deal also reported activities of the early morning's meeting. Staff had reported that it was preparing comments, due by March 12, to HUD's request for feedback to better understand how the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant program could support regional planning efforts. Awards for another grant, the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3) Program, submitted by CMAP in partnership with the cities of Chicago and Rockford, Deal continued, are due later this month. The committee considered and recommended for approval by the CMAP Board two matters including the Semi-Annual TIP/RTP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments and the FTA subarea allocations.

7.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding (annual review)

A motion to reaffirm the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP that was originally adopted in March 2007 and reaffirmed in March 2009, made by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda

Two matters from the Programming Coordinating Committee that had been considered and recommended for approval by the CMAP Board included the Semi-annual RTP/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments and the FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois and Designated Recipient of Section 5307 and Section 5340 Capital and Planning Funds. A motion by Joe Deal to approve the

Transportation Consent Agenda as presented was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

9.0 Water Supply/Demand Report Overview

CMAP staff Tim Loftus reported that the first true stakeholder plan, *Water 2050: Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan*, recently approved by the Regional Water Supply Planning Group will be unveiled at CMAP's water summit on March 22, 2010. Three years in the making, the report projects demand and the impact of the demand on the deep-bedrock and shallow aquifers beneath the Fox River Basin, while anticipating 38% growth in population expected in the 11-county region (Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry & Will) through the year 2050. Highlights of the report included over 200 recommendations aimed at state agencies, CMAP, county government and public water suppliers offering a two-pronged approach—demand management with a new commitment to conservation and improving the integration of land-use planning with new knowledge of water supplies and projected demand—through political leadership, funding and public information and education. Finally, Loftus concluded, with adequate funding, CMAP is well prepared to assist with implementation of the plan recommendations by providing technical assistance and facilitating collaboration. Staff was complemented on its effort.

10.0 Potential *GO TO 2040* Recommendations

Continuing the series of potential plan recommendations, this month's presentations included Coordinated Investment, Economic Innovation and Freight.

- CMAP Staff Matt Maloney presented on the topic of "Coordinated Investment" that he described in the following three parts: a regional approach—brought about by CMAP playing a leadership role maximizing the effectiveness of large funding opportunities and CMAP continuing to tailor its current activities toward implementing the *GO TO 2040* plan; investment linked to comprehensive planning—brought about by coordinating goals, priorities and grant requirements of different agencies, particularly at the federal and state level and again an area where CMAP has evaluation experience and can assist in leading the effort; and, local service consolidation—an initiative to reduce duplication of effort within units of government.

- On the topic of Economic Innovation, CMAP Staff Brett Baden's presentation included 6 recommendations. Short to medium term included: improving the labor market, enhancing technology transfer, increasing funding opportunities and supporting green innovation, and while more abstract, removing obstacles to innovation and developing cluster innovation (i.e. Silicon Valley). The cluster analysis completed last year suggests that community colleges can act as centers for this type of innovation.

- Regarding Freight, CMAP Staff Tom Murtha's presentation included an overview of the importance of freight linking the region to the global economy, current issues related to both rail and truck freight movement and the environmental impacts to communities.

The recommendations included: increasing economic competitiveness, reducing community impacts, sustainable financing, information for investment decision and freight operations improvements. Murtha's presentation included key rail and truck recommendations, key organizational and public policy recommendations and integrating freight needs into infrastructure prioritization.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Board.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

13.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on April 7, 2010. Board Chair Mayor Bennett reiterated the importance of attending.

14.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, April 7, 2010