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Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010

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, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, 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, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-(via tele-conference) representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County,

Absent: Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting members Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Ylda Capriccioso, Bob Dean and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Vicky Smith-SCM, Tammy Wierciak and Len Cannata-WCMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Marta Perales-Illinois MPO, Keith Sherman-IDOT

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:33 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 – April 7, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 board meeting, as presented, was made by Frank Beal and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. Alan Bennett asked that a correction be made under Agenda Item 7.0 "Comments were made and concerns were raised by Board members with Chairman Bennett wrapping up the discussion affirming the work of staff" inserting the word acknowledging in place of affirming. There were no objections and with all in favor, the minutes were approved.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP has been working with other large MPOs through the country to develop and commit to a set of agreed upon principles for Transportation Authorization, a copy of which was distributed. Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP, in partnership with the cities of Rockford and Chicago, had been awarded a $25 million Retrofit Ramp-up grant administered by the Department of Energy. Blankenhorn concluded his report stating that the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) students held their final presentation at the National Museum of Mexican Art on April 20 and thanked CMAP Board members Rae Rupp Srch, Frank Beal and Joe Deal for having attended the event and Raul Raymundo for helping to secure the venue. Having been coordinated by Joe Deal, the students also had opportunity to meet with Mayor Daley to discuss planning and policy issues. Finally, as a reminder, Blankenhorn reported that applications for next year's program will be accepted through May 28.

5.0 Contract Approvals

A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein to approve an extension of the contract with Pathfinder Development for web component development for the Regional Indicators Project and increasing the amount from $67,000 to $117,000. With all in favor, the motion carried. A motion by Mayor Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the contract award with the University of Illinois at Chicago, Urban Transportation Center in an amount not to exceed $100,000 for the second phase of CMAQ project evaluations. All in favor, the motion carried. A motion by Russell Hartigan was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar to approve a two-year (with three one-year options for renewal) contract award for website hosting, support, development and design for *GO TO 2040* to Thirdwave in an amount not to exceed $80,000 annually. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Programming Coordinating Committee Chair Joe Deal reported that the committee, having met earlier in the morning, had reviewed the FY 2011 UWP and was able to recommend full Board approval. Deal also reported that the UWP public comment period had ended May 7, 2010 and no comments had been received. The committee also received an update on the U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency Grant award on which Executive Director Blankenhorn had previously reported. Deal concluded his report stating that a legislative update had also been given.

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein likewise reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning. A presentation of an Urban Land Institute (ULI) report regarding the importance of infrastructure and growth related to the southern portion of Lake Michigan was given by Mark Angelini. A meeting schedule for *GO TO 2040*'s adoption had been reviewed. Hartstein also reported that the priority recommendations that had been outlined in the various presentations that have been given during the past months along with the draft plan will be posted on-line and suggested visiting the site and offering feedback. Staff had reported that CMAP had been out in the region talking about the major transportation capital projects and a preview of the new web site had been given.

7.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee

CMAP Board Chair Gerald Bennett selected Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, President Rick Reinbold-representing suburban Cook County and Dan Shea-representing the collar Counties to serve as a nominating committee and to recommend to the Board at its next meeting officers and members of the executive committee. A motion supporting Mayor Bennett's selection was made by Dan Shea, was seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor carried.

8.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Ylda Capriccioso reported that the General Assembly had adjourned recently without having adopted a budget. The Senate, however, did approve a budget that includes the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund for MPOs. Two bills, Capriccioso reported, that had gone to the Governor for signing are SB 941 related to RTA borrowing and SB 3592 that requires IDOT to inventory road districts. Further, SB 3659 regarding the Illiana Public Private Partnership had passed out of both chambers, while the RTA Tax Opt-Out bill, HB2516, had stalled in committee. Staff was complimented on the concise reporting and the board discussed pension reforms.

9.0 FY 2011 Budget and Work Plan

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that the FY 2011 Budget and Work Plan were being presented this month for informational purposes and approval would be sought in June. Overall, Blankenhorn continued, the document was developed to help communicate to the Board, interested stakeholders and the public CMAP's proposed work program and priorities for the coming fiscal year, with a focus on transparency and accountability. Blankenhorn also reminded the board that nearly all funding received must be spent during the fiscal year or it reverts back to the funding agency. Proposed contracts that are needed to support CMAP work were outlined and charts on page 6 summarize revenues and expenditures. Blankenhorn responded to a question regarding the decline in local contribution, stating that CMAP will continue to ask for this, realizing the difficulties faced by municipalities at this time. Blankenhorn also reported that staffing, currently at 87, is budgeted in 2011 at 90.8 full-time positions versus 93.5 in 2010. The Energy Retrofit Ramp-up project has been separated out and will likely require additional staff to support the program. A priority in FY 2011, Blankenhorn continued, will be the completion of *GO*

TO 2040 and after October, implementation of the plan. The work plan was designed around the 12 priority recommendations in *GO TO 2040,* and CMAP will continue its work on federal and state mandated requirements such as the TIP, congestion management and water quality work, while working with the RTA and IDOT to leverage resources aligning grant programs. Finally, model development and analysis skills will be enhanced, spending for technical assistance is expected, work will continue on the Regional Indicators Project and finally CMAP is committed to maintaining its administrative and IT system. Again the staff was complimented on a job well done with the budget and work plan which was viewed as a model for others.

10.0 *GO TO 2040* Recap

CMAP Staff Bob Dean gave a recap of the *GO TO 2040* process that began in the development of goals, some of which resulted from NIPC's Common Ground and some that came from the Board's visioning session in 2007 that were adopted in June 2008 as the Regional Vision. Eight snapshot reports were developed since 2007 followed by the data-gathering of the Regional Indicators Project. Approximately 45 white papers were written, the majority of which were created in-house by CMAP staff, although some were sponsored by the Chicago Community Trust, the Volpe Center, the Center for Neighborhood Technology and the Delta Institute. Next step involved the scenario evaluation process, in partnership with the Burnham Centennial, and over the summer 2009, CMAP conducted some 50 workshops throughout the region and attended fairs and festivals to promote Invent the Future, which resulted in the development of the Preferred Regional Scenario that was approved in January 2010. Finally, the development of the major capital projects led into drafting the plan, which becomes available for public comment after it is reviewed by the CMAP Board on June 9 and the MPO Policy Committee on June 10, 2010. The public comment period concludes, without exception, on August 6, allowing staff sufficient time to prepare the final for Board approval in October.

11.0 Other Business

Board member Alan Bennett reported that there had been a great deal of negative feedback regarding CMAP's recent survey that had been forwarded to the region's municipalities, that we should be more careful considering the limitations that the smaller municipalities have without full time planning staff to respond to the 15-page request for information.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

13.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on June 9, 2010.

14.0 Adjournment

At approximately 10:33 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Russell Hartigan. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 9, 2010.