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## Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 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:** Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County (via teleconference), Frank H. 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, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice (via teleconference)-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee.
- Absent:** Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Doug Ferguson, Bob Dean and Sherry Kane.
- Others Present:** Chris Staron-NWMC, David Seglin-CDOT, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Robert Munson-CAC, Paul Heltne-Public, Les Nunes-IDOT, Mike Sullivan and Jan Ward-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, Jason Coyle-Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

In the Chairman's absence, Vice Chair Joe Deal called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 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 – November 18, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. The motion carried, although Alan Bennett refrained from voting since he had been absent from the previous meeting.

### **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that he and staff had met with representatives from the White House Office of Urban Affairs, USDOT, USEPA and HUD recently and discussed how they will implement the Administration's Sustainable Communities Partnership activities. Each federal agency seemed very interested in using the regional models we offered to assist in creating livable communities on the national level, and learning from those processes already undertaken at the regional and local levels. We will continue to maintain contact with these agencies as we move forward with *GO TO 2040*.

Further, Blankenhorn reported that we are still working diligently to submit the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant application by the end of the week. As a reminder, the objective of the Chicago regional proposal is to build a comprehensive energy retrofit program known as the "Chicago Regional Building Energy Efficiency System" which includes strategies to build a sustainable business model to aggressively retrofit commercial, industrial, residential, and public buildings across northeastern Illinois. We are hoping that our proposal will provide a unique regional approach that will bring together fragmented energy resources and initiatives under one umbrella to create a seamless metropolitan-wide retrofit program. The Retrofit Ramp-up program will provide funds for program development, and the initial investment for financing mechanisms and supportive systems as a necessary foundation for a comprehensive energy efficiency program that creates efficiencies and economies of scale to develop a sustainable market for building retrofits across the metropolitan region. The intent is to establish a framework, so the impacts of investing in activities that transform the retrofit market will be seen for many years following the grant period. DOE expects to make 8 to 20 awards under this topic area, with award size ranging from \$5-75 million.

Additionally, we just released a regional energy report as part of our *GO TO 2040* development, that CNT assisted us with that focuses on the region's patterns of energy consumption and possible strategies to manage them. It can be found on our website.

Reflected as Agenda Item No. 4.1, but reported later in the meeting Jason Coyle from the auditing firm of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP presented findings of the annual financial report and the associated management letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 that had been distributed to the Board at their meeting in November. Coyle reported that CMAP had received a clean, unqualified opinion. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Dan Shea to accept the audit report as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Additional explanation was distributed to the board regarding IMRF's rate increase.

Coyle also reported that, in its communication to the board which identifies potential risk, CMAP, again, had significant improvement over the previous year. Coyle indicated that this year's comments were reduced to 3 (from 7-8 last year), 2 of which had already been addressed with the new financial software.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

Regarding the contract award for *GO TO 2040* promotion and production, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn gave an overview of the work, explaining the bid process, the interview process that had been conducted and the recommendation to select ASGK. A motion to approve a contract award for *GO TO 2040* Production and Promotion to ASGK Public Strategies not to exceed \$1,378,593 for a two year contract made by Frank Beal, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried. Blankenhorn also fielded questions and staff was complimented on the level of analysis that had been provided.

## **6.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Recommendations**

Senior CMAP staff, Doug Ferguson presented "Transportation Finance" from the *GO TO 2040* Policy Briefing series that illustrated gross motor fuel tax (MFT) revenues from 1971-2008 (as reported in 2008 dollars), federal gas tax rate and loss in purchasing power over the past 15 years, highway and transit maintenance costs and forecasted revenues for *GO TO 2040*. Ferguson also touched on potential recommendations for increasing motor fuel tax at state and federal level through indexing, congestion pricing to reinvest in transit modes and arterials, variable parking pricing and public private partnerships. Other suggested potential funding sources included vehicle miles traveled (VMT) tax, value capture through assessment districts or tax increment financing (TIFs), vehicle registration fees, license surcharges or tax on vehicle-related products and the freight system. Additional freight system analysis will be presented to the Board in February or March.

Also from the *GO TO 2040* Policy Briefing series, Senior CMAP staff Bob Dean gave a presentation entitled "Public Transportation". Dean reported that this region's transit system is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the country and worth about \$36 billion. Feedback obtained from the *GO TO 2040* workshops over the summer indicated that 77% of those polled recommend a significant increase in transit investment and that 49% and 41% respectively strongly favor alternatives or support alternatives in current transportation policy. Transit ridership, overall, declined during the 90s and during 2008 realized increases in trips per year. While maintaining and preserving what we have, assuring the system is in a state of good repair is a high priority for the *GO TO 2040* plan. Dean also suggested that improvements, expansions and land use coordination along with identifying a funding source to support and implement high-speed rail will also need to be addressed in the plan.

## **8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

## **7.0 Public Comment**

Paul Heltne reported very briefly that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was presently meeting in Copenhagen.

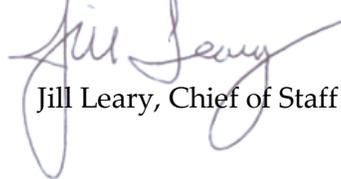
**8.0 Next Meeting**

The Board will meet again on January 13, 2010.

**9.0 Adjournment**

At approximately 10:55 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 13, 2010.*