(Attachment #1)

AGENDA

Regional Planning Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2006
9:00 a.m.

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission/
Chicago Area Transportation Study
800 Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

I. Call to Order and Introductions - *Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair*

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Regional Planning Board, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting was held in the offices of Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) 233 South Wacker, Chicago, Illinois. Others present included:

Voting Members
Rita R. Athas, Vice Chair (Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, City of Chicago – City of Chicago)
Frank H. Beal, (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020-City of Chicago)
Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove-Lake County)
Al Larson (President, Schaumburg-Cook County)
Anthony Calderone, (Mayor, Forest Park-West Central Cook)
Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery-Kane/Kendall Counties)
Raul Raymundo, (Executive Director, Resurrection Project-City of Chicago)
André Rice, (President, Muller and Monroe Asset Management-City of Chicago)
Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park-DuPage County)
Dan Shea, (McHenry County Board Member-McHenry County)
Nigel F. Telman, (Partner, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood-City of Chicago)

Non-Voting Members
Stephen Schlickman, (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority, CATS)
Ed Paesel, (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, NIPC)

Others
Sarah A. Sheehan, Chaddick Institute
Joyce Hollingsworth, Chaddick Institute
Amanda Eickelkraut, RTA
Jim LaBelle, Chicago Metropolis 2020
David C. Seglin, CDOT
Fluturi Demirowski, RTA
Jacky Grimshaw, CNT
Dan Lynch, CCA

Karen Greenbaum, CCA (Mercer Consulting)
Gordon Smith, IDOT
Bruce Christensen, Lake County
Jill Leary, WCMC
Virgil Giles, PACE Bus
Kermit Wies, CATS
Craig Heither, CATS
Bola Delamo, CATS
Beth McCluckey, NCCOM
Vicky Smith, Southwest Conference of Mayors
Michael Bolton, PACE
Rick Curneal, DMMC
Holly Smith, KKCOM
Holly Ostdick, McHenry County Council of Mayors
Joe Heinrich, SSMMA
Chalen Hunter, NWMC
John O'Neal, CHN
Mike Walczak, NWMC
Douglas McLaughlin, METRA
Aaron Rudberg, Muller and Monroe A.M.
Ron Thomas, NIPC
Dave Bennett, MMC
Rachel Bishop, McKinsey and Co.
Tim O'Donnell, ATK
Deanna Zalas, CTA
Joe Shacter, BLPC
Randy Blankenhorn, IDOT
Stephen Vaughn, CCHD
Maria Choca Urban, Chicago Metropolis 2020
Tim Gustafson, McKinsey and Co
Kid Hodge, MPC
Henry Guerrero, ISTHD
Les Nunes, IDOT-OPP
Linda Bolte, NIPC

II. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2006 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 was made by Member Hartstein and seconded by Member Michelini. It was unanimously approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee - *Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Chair*

The Executive Committee met three weeks ago to assign tasks to various committee members. McKinsey has been working on the Executive Director search and the Executive Committee is ready to begin the process of interviews. Legal issues and applications to current organizations and RPB are being reviewed with the assistance of Mayer, Brown, Rowe, and Maw. The Executive Committee plans to meet in one month for an update on these issues.

B. Transition Committee - *Nigel F. Telman, Chair*

The first committee meeting was held on January 27 and Mr. Telman noted it was well attended. The discussion involved the identification and exploration of the most critical tasks to be accomplished. With the assistance of Mercer Consulting, conversations with Executive Directors and members of both NIPC and CATS have helped the committee identify issues and ensure on-going work continues. A key issue that needs immediate attention is the removal of CATS staff from the State of Illinois payroll by the end of June. The next meeting date has not been decided but a meeting announcement will be posted. Subcommittee Chair Telman emphasized input is always welcome.

C. Public Participation Committee - *President Elliott Hartstein, Chair*

In a meeting on February 8, 2006 the roles and responsibilities of the committee were discussed including the main objectives of Citizen Involvement Plan and public relations. Various approaches to the Citizen Involvement Plan were discussed and the committee agreed it should not be an amalgam of interest groups but representative of the people of Northeastern Illinois. An application is being drafted to distribute to members of the community interested in being involved. Public relations efforts have begun with the development of talking points for use by RPB members. A brochure is also in development, a draft was passed to the full board and feedback requested. This committee will meet regularly prior to all full RPB meetings. Other meetings will be scheduled in the evening and in various locations to allow for more public participation. Meeting notices will be posted.

Chairman Bennett added that the designation of the RPB as a pro growth or anti growth organization is not the question to be asking. Rather, establishing a diverse well represented organization that addresses all components of planning in Northeastern Illinois and integrating a proper plan for the future is the focus.

D. Planning & Priorities Committee - *President Al Larson, Chair*

The committee met on February 8, 2006 to discuss organization and goals. The examination of existing long range plans has been recommended in order to build on what exists while focusing on projects and issues regional in scope. The committee seeks to further discuss the goals and vision.

IV. CATS – NIPC Updates

A. 2030 Regional Transportation Plan - *Kermit Wies, Deputy for Planning Chicago Area Transportation Study*

CATS policy committee will be updating its 2030 plan in October, releasing a draft with updated text in April to the Planning and Priorities Committee for their review and approval. The goal is to establish the RPB

as an agency that is coordinating regional advocacy in transportation funding. The RTP update does not take place until 2010.

B. Progress Report on Co-Location - *Ron Thomas, Executive Director Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission*

Mr. Thomas stated that Transition Committee Chairman Telman covered a good deal of the issues to be discussed. The need for RPB support of the current funding structure was stressed. Other notes include the acknowledgment of this terrific new space and that both staffs are moved in and working well.

V. Executive Session

The Board adjourned into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Executive Director search. Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session was made by Member Rupp Srch, seconded by Member Michelini and passed unanimously.

VI. Reconvene Regular Meeting

Motion to reconvene was made by Member Shea, seconded by Member Calderone, and passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Session Report - *Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair*

Chairmen Bennett stated that the Executive Committee is moving along with the Executive Director search and shall conduct interviews at a decided date in a closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

VIII. Public Comment

Chairman Bennett opened the meeting for public comment, no comments were offered.

IX. Other Business

X. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made my Member Rupp Srch and seconded by Member Hartstein, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A. Sheehan
Chaddick Institute, DePaul University