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Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 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: Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest 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, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference) and non-voting member Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Absent: Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Gordon Smith, Erin Aleman and Sherry Kane.

Others Present: Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Paul Heltne-Center for Humans and Nature, Len Cannata-WCMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Leanne Redden-RTA, Vicky Smith-SWC, Lynn Hanley-Public, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Jim Ward-Kane Kendall COM, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Joe Wessely-CPR/WBEZ and Alan Bombick-Legat Architects.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Other Board members introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Michelini and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn noted that a slight change to the minutes is needed to state that the Executive Session was adjourned on a motion by Mayor Elliott Hartstein, that was seconded by Alan Bennett and with all in favor, carried to adjourn the Executive Session to return to regular session prior to the meeting's end.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

4.1 Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn gave a brief update on his recent trip to D.C., having attended an AMPO Annual Policy Meeting, the NARC Legislative Conference, the Annual Major Metro Regions (25-30 largest regions) to talk about the Federal Framework as well as the upcoming transportation bill. This was followed by four days visiting members of our Illinois Congressional Delegation, as well as committee staff from Senate Environment and Public Works and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House. Overall the trip was considered successful.

4.2 Blankenhorn reported on the Developments of Regional Importance (DRIs), that following February's Programming Coordinating Committee meeting, CMAP released a second version of a proposed DRI process for a 45-day comment period that ends in early April. The overwhelming feedback from the first version was that there needs to be criteria. The second document includes criteria that were largely developed by a ULI Technical Panel. We expect that the Programming Coordinating Committee will discuss the comments at their April meeting, passing it on to the Board in May, with approval either in May or June.

4.3 The Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) final presentation will be held the evening of April 23, 2009 at the Adler Planetarium, Blankenhorn reported. This is the students' last event of the year and they are looking forward to sharing their experiences with the Board members A save-the-date postcard was distributed and a formal invitation will follow. Meanwhile, please contact Diana Torres to RSVP for the event.

5.0 Contract Approvals

The following three procurement approvals were recommended for approval. A contract award for the purchase of an economic modeling tool with Economic Development Research Group in the amount of $41,400 was approved on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Mayor Larson. Mayor Elliott Hartstein voiced concern with having not chosen the lowest bidder and why there was no strong justification given to do that. Blankenhorn explained that the selected tool is off the shelf and ready to go, it requires no additional development and it is a tool that has been successfully used in other places. It will help localgovernments think about what they need to do in the reporting for the stimulus package. Other justification was given by CMAP staff Matt Maloney, explaining that the al Chalabi Group's tool is not an in-house model, not an off the shelf tool that can be used immediately, nor is capable in terms of cost-benefit

analysis and economic impact. The EDRG tool, as was explained in the memo, Maloney continued, was above and beyond the other two. Hartstein asked that in the future, staff provide a very clear explanation when the choice is made of a particular proposal that is more expensive than another. Finally, all in favor the motion carried. A contract award for the development of web-based data visualizations with Information Builders for an amount not to exceed $45,000 was approved by a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Mayor Larson and with all in favor carried. Approval to purchase information technology hardware and software from a master procurement list developed by the State of Illinois, the City of Chicago or the federal GSA in an amount not to exceed $434,200 was approved by a motion by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Mayor Hartstein and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Wingspread Accord Agreement

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn directed the Board to an agreement that was developed by the four regional planning agencies in southern Lake Michigan (Northwest Indiana, Southeast Wisconsin, Southwest Michigan and CMAP) to work more closely together. The Wingspread III accord came about as the result of a meeting November 5-7, 2008 that three Board members attended along with senior staff to discuss ways to work more effectively as a region. The resolution was developed to formalize the agreement. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adopt the resolution as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Memorandum of Understanding: CMAP and the MPO Policy Committee

There is an MOU between the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board and within the MOU there is a stipulation that the agreement be reviewed on an annual basis. At this time there are no recommended changes to the agreement.

8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda

Deputy Executive Director of Programming & Planning Don Kopec presented the Transportation Consent Agenda that included the TIP amendment required under federal guidance when changes are made. Occasionally some of those changes require a conformity analysis where we need to measure the total impact of the proposed program on our air quality plan. We have demonstrated that these projects will not violate this and that we will still achieve attainment of the national standards by the required federal date. Another item on the consent agenda are changes to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement program procedures. Kopec explained that there is a tightening up of the funds awarded under this program to make sure that the projects get completed and implemented in a timely fashion, thereby reducing the total amount of unobligated funds.

We have embarked on what we call multi-year programming where different phases of a project are given funding, Kopec continued, whereas under previous procedures, money for an entire project was allocated for a single year which really resulted in funding lying on the table for a number of years. A motion by Mayor Hartstein was seconded by Rae

Rupp Srch to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and with all in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Committee Reports

Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Mayor Elliott Hartstein reported that the Committee had met earlier in the morning and discussed scenario descriptions, public engagement and alignment of federal policy and *GO TO 2040*. Staff updated the committee on the development of alternative scenarios, which will be used as a framework to analyze and discuss the policies and investments that the *GO TO 2040* plan could recommend. The alternative scenarios have different themes that include: "Preserve," which focuses on preserving the region's assets, "Reinvest," which includes substantial investments in infrastructure and redevelopment and "Innovate," which focuses on adopting new technologies and ideas. The committee discussed public engagement activities planned for summer 2009 that will include a series of meetings using a public engagement tool called MetroQuest. In addition, there will be opportunities for more involvement for organizations or individuals that wish to be engaged at a higher level of detail. And the committee discussed the alignment between the proposed federal budget, CMAP's federal priorities, and the direction of the *GO TO 2040* plan. Overall there is considerable consistency, but there are some gaps. The federal budget gives little attention to freight, does not address the importance of linking land use and transportation, and most importantly, does not address the importance of metropolitan regions to our nation's future. Finally, Hartstein reported that under the topic of public comment, a suggestion was made that will be passed on to the Programming Coordinating Committee, about the importance of the DRI process related to our planning process.

Before introducing the Programming Coordinating Committee Chair, Chairman Bennett announced that Joe Deal had taken Rita Athas' place on the CMAP Board, that he has personally had an opportunity to work with Joe over the last year and he has been doing an outstanding job filling in, learning and becoming quite involved representing Mayor Daley's office, representative to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and a variety of other activities coordinated in the metro area.

Briefly, Joe Deal reported that the Programming Coordinating Committee met in February and discussed all the issues have been covered here this morning—the conformity analysis, the CMAQ programming procedures changes as well as DRIs. The Committee will be looking at all the comments that come in on the DRI process and get a recommendation back to the board hopefully in May.

10.0 State Legislative Update

Included in the packet marked Agenda Item 10.0, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported, is a document, based on the priorities that were approved in January that defines a number of bills that staff have offered a recommended position on and are seeking Board input. Attempting to be brief, Blankenhorn while explaining HB 1 and HB

2359 sparked a lengthy discussion regarding the utilization of user fees that fund capital, accountability, increases in Motor Fuel Tax as well as how funding should be allocated. There are 14 hearings on the capital bill that will be held around the state and a number in the Chicago area, Blankenhorn continued. Having had opportunity to meet with the new IDNR Director in D.C., Blankenhorn also reported that they hope to include water supply planning in their budget this year, Mayor Bennett commented that HB1195, and SB1409, regarding foreclosure legislation will have all the mayors' support.

A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to approve recommendations developed by staff on the legislation outlined in CMAP's Priorities for the 96th Illinois General Assembly, March 2009 as presented is seconded by Mayor Al Larson and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Chair Bennett concluded the discussion, instructing Board members that if asked to reach out to specific General Assembly people to speak firmly about Northeastern Illinois priorities, especially regarding the funding ratio.

11.0 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

Chair Bennett thanked the CMAP staff for all the work done over the past month in putting information on the website, answering questions and working now with the COGs. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn echoed Bennett's thanks that staff had done a great job getting information out to our communities and our partners and will continue to monitor what happens during implementation, tracking requirements which will be done through the COGs and Mayors Caucus. There is a meeting of the Brookings Institute next week that staff will attend that will cover experiences with the recovery package based on metropolitan regions along with partners in Seattle, Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco. Finally, endorsement of the STP split is being sought for recovery funds to local governments, Blankenhorn also reported. The MPO Policy Committee has to approve this and it seems appropriate that the CMAP Board also endorse the action. A motion by Dan Shea is seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to endorse the STP split for recovery funds to local governments as recommended and with all in favor, the motion carried.

Mayor Bennett also reported that he had met with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Mayor Daley and the Governor's Chief of Staff to discuss not only the transportation aspect, but all the other funding items that are in the recovery bill and thanked Jill for coming out to help.

On a suggestion by Mayor Hartstein, CMAP will look into hosting an event in Springfield perhaps with the other major metropolitan areas of the state.

12.0 *GO TO 2040* – Invent 2040 Workshops

Associate planner Erin Aleman gave the Board a preview of the Invent 2040 Workshops which will be held across the region between June and August. These workshops will

incorporate keypad polling and use the MetroQuest software that was developed this winter.

13.0 Other Business

Following a brief Board meeting in April, the Board will discuss the policy ramifications of some *GO TO 2040* plan issues being faced.

14.0 Public Comment

Paul Heltne, Executive Director of the Center for Nature and Humans gave a brief comment and distributed a handout regarding the DRI process specifically related to the version 2 document regarding thresholds.

15.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on April 8, 2009.

16.0 Adjournment

At 10:53 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, April 8, 2009.