Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members Present:**
Gerald Bennett, Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Matt Brolley-representing Kane/Kendall Counties, Karen Darch-representing northwest Cook County, Jim Healy-representing DuPage County, Mike Montgomery-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County (via tele-conference), Anne Sheahan-representing the City of Chicago, Diane Williams-representing Cook County, and non-voting member, Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

**Board Members Absent:**
Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County

**Staff Present:**
Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jesse Elam, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Lindsay Hollander, Stephanie Levine, Maggie Jarr, and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**
Heather and Garland Armstrong-Access Living, Thad Boertje-UIC, Stephanie Brown-Lake County Council, Jack Cruikshank-WCGL, Emily Daucher-McHenry County Council, Emily Karry and Mike Klemens-Lake County Council, Josh Klingenstein-NWMC, Daniel Knickelbein-DMMC, Kelsey Passi and Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Troy Simpson-Kane/Kendall Council, and Dave Seglin-CDOT

1.0 **Call to Order and Introductions**
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:36 a.m. and welcomed new members Mayor Karen Darch-representing northwest Cook County, Jim Healy-representing DuPage County, and Mayor Nancy Rotering-representing Lake County, whose appointment was announced only yesterday.
2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no Agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the CMAP Board meeting of September 11, 2019, as presented made by Mayor Rick Reinbold, was seconded by Diane Williams, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Erin Aleman, began with background on her career that started at CMAP, her positions at IDOT and recently in the private sector, and welcomed CMAP’s new Chief of Staff, Amy McEwan, formerly Deputy County Administrator, Lake County. Aleman also reported on the following: the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and call for projects; CMAP’s Small Plans, Big Ideas fall event series; and CMAP’s move to the Old Post Office by August 31, 2020. Aleman concluded her report with an update on the STP process and thanked those who had worked on the redesign of the program—dating back to 2017—to correspond with the emerging principals of ON TO 2050. Considered by the Transportation Committee this Friday, the program will be brought to the joint meeting of the CMAP and MPO Policy Committee in October.

Board Chair Mayor Bennett commented on the announcement of additional tenants moving into the Old Post Office, adding that CMAP is very excited to be a part of the rebirth of the facility. Chairman took this opportunity to recognize and thank Andrew Madigan (representing the City of Chicago), a long-time member, for his service to the board as well as Franco Coladipietro (representing DuPage County). Chairman also reminded the Board of the joint meeting in October with the MPO Policy Committee.

5.0 Committee Reports
On behalf of the Chair of the Coordinating Committee, Diane Williams explained the new format of the Coordinating Committee. The committee is focused on providing guidance and feedback on projects to inform project development. Two topics discussed at the meeting included: a presentation from staff regarding the potential impacts of a road usage charge and the potential for a pilot program in Illinois and on a project assessing the equity impacts of existing and proposed transportation fines, fares, and fees.

6.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented the following for approval: a two-year contract with Dun and Bradstreet for a total cost of $228,671.00 for CMAP’s data subscription renewal; a contract cost increase to Thirst, our design service vendor, [$75,000 per year for two years] for a total of $1.4 million over 5 years, as well as a contract cost increase to Clarity Partners, LLC, who provides website design and management of the website [$125,000] for a total contract amount of $1.25 million over 5 years.

A motion by Rita Athas, seconded by Mayor John Noak to approve the procurements and contract awards as presented. Hardimon, responding to questions reporting that: the Dun and Bradstreet subscription service is examined annually; negotiations with Dun and Bradstreet saw a reduction in costs for the annual subscription by about $60,000 in recent
history; and the Thirst and Clarity, are new contracts—each are two one-year contracts, with three one-year extension options. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Election of Officers

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mayor Matt Brolley reported that the nominating committee had met and was submitting its slate for the Executive Committee for the coming year, as was outlined in the memo contained in the meeting materials.

A motion by Mayor Matt Brolley to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee [Chair Gerald Bennett, Mayor-Suburban Cook County, Vice Chair Anne Sheahan-City of Chicago, Vice Chair Carolyn Schofield-Collar Counties, at large Diane Williams-Suburban Cook County, at large Rita Athas-City of Chicago, and at large Mayor John Noak-Collar Counties] was seconded by Rita Athas. The motion carried. Diane Williams abstained from voting.

8.0 Spring Legislative Recap and Capital Bill Analysis

Director of Government Affairs, Gordon Smith, introduced this morning’s presentation, highlighting CMAP’s work, both in GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050 that had influenced the success of the bill. Staff reported on the details of Rebuild Illinois and other legislation that had passed during spring session appropriated funding for capital infrastructure projects ranging from transportation to public facilities, schools, and transit. Staff described the new sources of revenues, the relation to implementing ON TO 2050, as well as the distribution of those revenues; uses of new transportation revenues and again their relation to supporting the implementation of ON TO 2050.

Staff also covered sources and uses of non-transportation funding (i.e., expansion of gaming, casinos, and sports betting; new state parking tax; increase cigarette tax; and sales tax applied to remote sellers) and provided a demonstration of a new tool that was built to provide transparency as to what is in the Rebuild Illinois capital bill package.

Board members engaged in a discussion on what CMAP’s role should be in implementing the new capital bill. Discussion from board included monitoring the efficiency of moving projects through approval processes, revenue and expenditures, and coordinating with local agencies – especially those with limited capacity.

9.0 Embedded Staff Planner (ESP) Program Update

CMAP staff Maggie Jarr gave a presentation on the Embedded Staff Planner (ESP) Program. The program was launched in March in the Villages of Calumet Park and Sauk Village. CMAP staff will be placed in a total of 6 communities serving as temporary part time staff developing customized action plans. In Sauk Village, staff will assist in supporting the development of a multi-use path along the Sauk Trail; provide the Village Board with a custom training in water planning and management practices; data collection will augment a capital improvement program; address vacant property challenges; engaging the south suburban land bank; and collaboration with the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus and MPC through the Homes for a Changing Region program.
10.0 Other Business
There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

11.0 Public Comment
Regarding gaming legislation, Heather Armstrong-Access Living, asked if revenue would be directed to capital projects, and suggested the need for new para-transit vehicles for the City of Chicago. Garland Armstrong-Access Living, advocated for educating those in the disability community regarding safety issues in different languages and for the hard of hearing and visually impaired.

12.0 Next Meeting
The CMAP Board will meet next jointly with the MPO Policy Committee on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

13.0 Adjournment
At 11:01 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mike Montgomery, seconded by Frank Beal, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kane, EA

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, October 10, 2019