Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
November 13, 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, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Jim Healy-representing DuPage County, Mike Montgomery-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County (via tele-conference), Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County (via tele-conference), Anne Sheahan-representing the City of Chicago, Nancy Rotering, representing Lake County, Diane Williams-representing Cook County, and non-voting member, Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Board Members Absent: Matt Brolley-representing Kane/Kendall Counties, Maurice Cox-representing the City of Chicago, Karen Darch-representing northwest Cook County, and Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Jesse Elam, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Tony Manno, Nora Beck, and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley and Jack Cruikshank-WCGL, Emily Daucher-McHenry County Council, Emily Karry-Lake County Council, Daniel Knickelbein-DMMC, Ryan Peterson and Troy Simpson-Kane/Kendall Council, and Leslie Phemister-SSMMA

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves.
2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**  
There were no Agenda changes. Chairman Mayor Bennett announced and congratulated CMAP’s Executive Director Erin Aleman who was named to Crain’s 40 under 40 list earlier in the morning.

3.0 **Approval of Minutes**  
A motion to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting of October 10, 2019, as presented made by Diane Williams was seconded by Rita Athas, and with all in favor carried.

4.0 **Executive Director’s Report**  
Executive Director Erin Aleman reported on the following: the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update and 2020 meeting schedule were included in the packet; CMAP’s emerging technology task force will kick off in 2020; a CMAQ award press conference with Mayor Lightfoot and the City’s proposal to address congestion; a speaking engagement at the Inland Distribution Freight Conference in October; a meeting with Cleveland MPO peers and Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to discuss their hyperloop feasibility study; the NARC Executive Director’s conference; and a meeting with the Chicago Jobs Council regarding the License to Work Act (SB 1786) that recently passed through both houses of the General Assembly.

5.0 **Committee Reports**  
Frank Beal, the Chair of the Coordinating Committee gave a little background on the creation of the Coordinating Committee comprised of six members of the board and the chairs of CMAP’s working committees. The early morning meeting consisted of a presentation of the CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program/RTA Community Planning Program summary of applications for the joint call for projects and the criteria for assessing the projects. The committee also heard from CMAP’s Communications and Outreach group regarding its many communications channels. A good grade was given by the committee. Beal also announced that CMAP was one of only four agencies to receive an A by the City Bureau [as to how well we adhere to Open Meetings Act and show a commitment to transparency].

6.0 **Procurements and Contract Approvals**  
Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented the following for approval: under State of Illinois Master Contract (CMS 6945110) with CDWG for the purchase of Microsoft Azure Cloud services in the amount of $60,000; general contractor services contract with Power Construction in the amount of $312,824; contract approval for Monee Comprehensive Plan with Ginkgo Planning & Design, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $114,904.20; a 24-month contract with Jacobs Engineering Group in the amount of $150,000 annually for [planning level] grade crossing feasibility studies; sole source procurement for the 1-year renewals of various commercial data sets totaling $332,500; contract approval for a sole source procurement for accounting staffing services with GovHR USA for a term of 8 months at a cost of $135,000; and the contract approval for temporary and project based accounting services with Baker Tilly Beers & Cutler for a term of 2 years at a cost of $75,000 per year.
A motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mike Montgomery to approve the procurements and contract awards as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program/RTA Community Planning Program
CMAP Senior Planner Tony Manno reported that CMAP and the RTA held a call for new LTA and Community Planning projects in the fall of 2019, coinciding with a series of topical Forum Events throughout the region to highlight CMAP’s services and give municipal partners an opportunity to discuss implementation successes and challenges. The events were very successful, and 82 applications were received from 71 different applicants. CMAP staff is currently evaluating all applications and intends to present a list of those applications with highest potential to be selected for the FY21 Project Group in early 2020.

8.0 Climate Resilience: Helping Communities Identify and Reduce Flooding Risk
CMAP Senior Planner Nora Beck provided a summary of how LTA assistance has been partnering with communities to address flooding and become more resilient to climate change. To do this work, CMAP developed a tool called the Flood Susceptibility Index, which identifies areas at higher risk of flooding using past flood damage data. Beck reviewed the tool and stepped through an overview of how it was applied to 12 LTA projects that were partially funded through Cook County’s Community development block grant Disaster Recovery program, and concluded the presentation covering next steps for integrating stormwater management solutions into land use and transportation planning.

9.0 State Legislative Update
Director of Legislative Affairs Gordon Smith gave the state legislative update, reporting the following: veto session recently concluded with the passage of local pension consolidation legislation, a cleanup of the budget implementation bill (BIMP), and an announcement that Senate President Cullerton will step down at the beginning of next session; included in the packet are the Legislative Framework and State Agenda for 2020 for discussion today and approval in January. The Agenda is framed by CMAP’s ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan, which recommends legislative actions that promote inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

10.0 Other Business
There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

11.0 Next Meeting
The CMAP Board will not meet in December, rather is scheduled to meet next in January, 2020.

12.0 Public Comment
There were no comments from the public

13.0 Executive Session
At approximately 10:36 a.m., a motion by Rita Athas, seconded by Mayor Nancy Rotering to move the Board to an executive session for the purpose of reviewing prior closed session minutes, and with all in favor carried.
At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Chairman Mayor Bennett reported the matters considered by the Board in the closed session and the following action was taken.

A motion by Mayor Rick Reinbold was seconded by Jim Healy to approve the draft minutes of previous closed session (February 13, and May 8, 2019) meetings. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion to authorize the release of the minutes of the February 13, and May 8, 2019, closed session meetings made by Diane Williams, seconded by Jim Healy, and with all in favor carried.

A motion by Jim Healy to continue confidentiality of other closed session minutes was seconded by Mike Montgomery and with all in favor carried.

Finally, a motion to authorize the destruction of all recordings of closed session meetings after 18 months was made by Rita Athas and seconded by Diane Williams. All in favor, the motion carried.

14.0 Adjournment

At approximately 10:41 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor Nancy Rotering, seconded by Mike Montgomery, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kane, EA

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 8, 2020