



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Frank Beal-Chair (CMAP Board), Diane Williams (CMAP Board), Sheri Cohen (Human and Community Development Committee), Jason Keller (Economic Development Committee), Mark VanKerkhoff (Housing and Land Use Committee), Tom Rickert (Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Jessica Hector-Hsu (Transportation Committee), and Stephane Phifer (Staff Liaison)

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Austen Edwards, Jesse Elam, Kate Evasic, Doug Ferguson, Caitlin Goodspeed, Lindsay Hollander, Kathleen Lane, Stephanie Levine, Ricardo Lopez, Angela Manning, Amy McEwan, Tim McMahon, Daniel Olson, Dawn Raftery, George Rivera, Gordon Smith, Jeff Schnobrich, Matthew Stern, Molly Talkington, Laura Wilkison, and Simone Weil

Others Present: Michael Booth-HNTB, Elaine Bottomley-WCGL, Alicia Bunton-IIT, Leonard Cannata-West Central Municipal Conference, Kevin Considine-Lake County Partners, Peter Creticos-Institute for Work & the Economy, Jackie Forbes-Kane County, Veronica Gonzalez-NHP Foundation, Tony Greep-FTA, Mike Klemens-Lake County, David Kralik-Metra, Joey Mak-Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Heather Mullins-RTA, Stephanie Presseller-Moraine Valley Community College, Ryan Peterson, Leslie Phemister-SSMMA, David Seglin-City of Chicago, Erik Varela-Union Pacific Railroad, David Tomzik-Pace Bus

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by chair Frank Beal.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Chair Beal welcomed the committee, Stephane Phifer gave an overview of meeting procedures.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP)

CMAP staff for Finance and Administration, Dan Olsen, presented the proposed FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP). On January 2, 2020 CMAP issued a Call for Projects for the FY2021 UWP proposals. Seventeen total projects were received, with eight for the core projects and nine for the competitive projects, with one of the competitive projects being withdrawn after the submission. Federal funding is estimated to be \$18,788,769 for FY2021, an increase of \$651,044 over the FY2020 federal funding level. With the required match, the total UWP program for FY2021 is estimated to be \$23,485,961. The core proposals submitted totaled \$22,933,530 of which \$18,555,873 was for federal funds. A brief synopsis of each core program was presented and discussed at the UWP committee meeting on February 11, 2020. Competitive projects were submitted, presented, and scored by the UWP committee on February 11, 2020. This year, federal funding, plus matching funds totaled \$595,000 for competitive proposals. Mr. Olsen noted that many competitive projects that did not receive UWP funding, applied for available SPR funding through IDOT in March and April. On March 11, 2020 the UWP committee met to approve the FY2021 UWP budget. The UWP Program was approved by the Transportation Committee in early April. CMAP is seeking approval of the FY2021 UWP Program from the Coordinating Committee before the recommendation is taken to the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board in June. A motion by Tom Rickert to approve the UWP Program by the Coordination Committee was seconded by Diane Williams. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Working Committee Updates

Chairman Beal asked the committee to provide feedback on what CMAP's role should be in the short and long term response to the COVID-19 crisis and recovery. Deputy Executive Director of Planning, Stephane Phifer, gave an overview of what CMAP has done so far to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, including collecting and analyzing data related to municipal and state revenues, greenhouse gas emissions, transit and mobility, and looking for ways to support communities through the agency's capacity building work. CMAP has also been doing COVID-19 weekly resource updates for the region to highlight how the ON TO 2050 regional plan can be used as a guidebook to the post COVID-19 recovery efforts, as well as gathering feedback from regional leaders about how the agency can help our partners and the region move forward.

The Coordinating Committee's discussion was structured around the following questions:

- What are the immediate needs/highest concerns faced by your stakeholders regarding COVID-19?
- Are you, or an association you are part of, developing any sort of survey or convening of local governments or non-profits along these lines?
- What other general trends are you observing?

Diane Williams: Convening regional leaders, providing guidance with data can be helpful. A group in the South Suburbs called the Southwest Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

is focusing on four areas: health care, education, community/social services, infrastructure/commercial. CMAP could provide the group with data to support decision making.

Sheri Cohen: Ms. Cohen noted that it is important to adhere to the ON TO 2050 Principles (especially Inclusive Growth) as we move forward with recovery efforts.

Jason Keller: Federal Reserve posted a blog on the effects of the pandemic and what they are seeing (cascading effects on childcare, housing, access to broadband and technology). Mr. Keller noted that if committee members know of organizations that need help, they should send them towards Jason/Federal Reserve, so they can help making connections. Mr. Keller also noted that effective May 11th, the Federal Reserve put forth their targeted municipal liquidity facility (led by Federal Reserve Bank of NYC). This program supports lending to municipalities with 250,000 residents or more, or Counties exceeding 500,000 residents. Other assistance focuses on outreach to non-profits, small banks, chambers of commerce, to help get information out to small businesses about what financial resources are available.

Mark VanKerkhoff: CMAP can contribute data to Restore Illinois plan (regional, subregional approach); commuter data, anything that can help make data-driven decisions about reopening the subregion.

Tom Rickert: Transportation projects in Kane County continue to move forward and are getting done more quickly due to reductions in vehicle travel. Mr. Rickert noted that CMAP has helped with coordination between counties; the counties are engaging in discussions almost on a weekly basis.

Jessica Hector-Hsu: Travel overall in the region is down 50-60%, transit ridership is down approximately 85% right now. The agencies are adjusting to current ridership levels. The CTA continues to provide service to essential workers, Pace continuing to provide service with some adjustments, Metra has made major service adjustments. Ms. Hector-Hsu noted that the ON TO 2050 regional plan can be an anchor that helps the region make sure that the plan's principles and policies will continue to stay important, even in the time of crisis. CMAP can also be helpful by providing virtual forums, keeping the discussion going, and coordinating partners and stakeholders. Ms. Hector-Hsu noted that the three transportation agencies are coordinating and talking regularly about near term policies related to building the public's confidence in taking transit, as the region prepares to reopen. CMAP can play a role in making sure that transit is part of all mobility, through big picture ideas such as congestion pricing, VMT tax, to rebuild a better transportation network.

Frank Beal: Chairman Beal noted that CMAP is providing staff support for the Regional Coordinating Committee of Chicago's COVID-19 Taskforce. Chairman Beal also noted that CMAP should be on the forefront of helping address the COVID-19 recovery of the regional economy, transportation system, and municipal revenues.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Coordinating Committee.

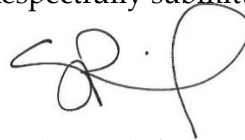
7.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on June 10, 2020.

8.0 Adjournment

At 12:01 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephane Phifer, Staff Liaison
Deputy Executive Director for Planning

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 9, 2020