Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020

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Board Members

Present: Gerald Bennett, Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Matt Brolley-representing Kane/Kendall Counties, Maurice Cox-representing the City of Chicago, Karen Darch-representing northwest Cook County, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Anne Sheahan-representing the City of Chicago, Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County, Diane Williams-representing Cook County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Absent: Jim Healy-representing DuPage County, Nancy Rotering, representing Lake County

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Amy McEwan, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Kathy Lane, Jesse Elam, Laura Wilkison, Stephane Phifer, Gordon Smith, Tina Fassett Smith, and Sherry Kane

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:43 a.m., and asked Executive Director Erin Aleman to call the roll:

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2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no Agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2020, meeting as presented was made by Diane Williams, seconded by Mayor John Noak, and with all in favor carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Erin Aleman’s report included the following. An update on CMAP’s economic recovery/stimulus principles—developed with input from many regional organizations and presented last month as a draft—that we continue to share with our Congressional delegation. A number of stats—workers commute across county boundaries, the number of transit trips that are work related, employment in the Central Business Districts, and occupational telecommuting—that indicate our economy, transportation systems, and natural resources don’t abide by jurisdictional boundaries. A letter to Congress from AMPO, NADO, and NARC calling for $20 billion in flexible transportation funds through the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program in the next relief bill. CMAP’s first Public Service Awards were named in the following categories: Allies Award (individual-Olatunji Obio Reed; organization-Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways); Great Government Award (individual-Jennifer Becerra; team-Simone Weil and Stephanie Levine); ON TO 2050 Advance Award (individual-Maggie Jarr and Patrick Day; team-Kama Dobbs and Russell Pietrowiak); CMAP Core Values Award (individual-Tom Murtha); and Difference Maker Award (CMAP’s Diversity and Inclusion Working Group).

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
The following procurements and contract approvals were presented for approval: sole-source contract approval for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Database Application with EcoInteractive at a total five-year cost not to exceed $864,416; a three-year, with two one-year options for renewal with Span for design integration services in a not to exceed amount of $750,000; a five-year support contract not to exceed $51,032.36, to Xiologix for computer network equipment; a five-year agreement for colocation services with TierPoint at a not to exceed cost of $624,020; and, a contract approval for laptop computers with Lenovo at a not to exceed cost of $62,425.00.

A motion by Carolyn Schofield to approve the procurements and contracts as presented, was seconded by Diane Williams, and with all in favor carried.
6.0 COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts

Deputy Executive Director Laura Wilkison shared some of the work staff had done since the start of the pandemic to provide some context, data, or analysis that would be helpful during and after the pandemic. Through the weekly update, we have covered topics of flooding, essential workers, or other emergency responses. A few key issues include the following. Information around municipal revenues, such as property taxes, sales taxes, and the Local Government Distributive Fund revenues. Another was an analysis related to estimated percentage change in statewide traffic volumes by vehicle class and shared information about transit ridership. The information will be updated on a monthly basis so you’ll be able to see how this impacts motor fuel taxes, safety, and other issues facing our communities. Finally, an analysis of air quality was also developed through vehicle emissions modeling for projections related to greenhouse gas given the reduction of on-road travel. We have seen a 35% reduction in emissions; however, we need an 80% reduction to attain our climate stabilization goal. We will continue to review and share data to help you in your decision-making as we move through and out of the pandemic.

Following the presentation and seeking feedback from the Board, the following questions were posed: what is your greatest concern for the economic health of your community? is there information/data you wish you had or need to make decisions for your communities in the current situation? Members weighed in, offering their insights for both short- and long-term recovery. Other questions included: are there issues that need leadership or that you see as missed opportunities for regional leaders to come together on? if CMAP could provide leadership during this situation what areas would you like to see us lead? also sparked discussion by the Board.

7.0 Legislative Update

Considered a standing agenda item, and with not much to report, staff were available to answer any legislative questions that

8.0 Other Business

Chairman Mayor Bennett suggested that the CMAP Board is expected to meet on-line again in June. There was no other business before the CMAP Board,

9.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong-Access Living, asked for an update from the board regarding pedestrian protections in the way of flashing signals at three intersections: in Des Plaines, at the downtown and Cumberland Avenue Metra stations, and in Jefferson Park, near the Metra station at Milwaukee Avenue. Executive Director Erin Aleman offered to reach out to IDOT regarding the concern and Commissioner Maurice Cox reported that pedestrian safety is an issue that the pandemic has uncovered as it relates to questions of equity and public health.

Commissioner added that he hopes CMAP would be a resource for a more optimistic and innovative future about how people will move around the region (nodal economies are bound to become much more attractive), that Mayor Lightfoot is tying the post-recovery
task force work to her desire to launch a city-wide plan for Chicago, and expects CMAP will be an integral partner.

Heather Armstrong-Access Living, expressed concerns over the number of at-grade railroad crossings that affect both traffic tie ups and pedestrian safety.

10.0 Next Meeting
The Board is scheduled to meet next on June 10, 2020.

11.0 Adjournment
At approximately 10:43 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Frank Beal, seconded by Mayor John Noak, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kane, EA

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 10, 2020