



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

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, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing Northwest Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing West Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Jose Rodriguez, and Sherry Kane

#### **Others Present:**

Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristen Andersen-Metra, Andrew Armstrong-ELPC, Heather & George Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Conference

#### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had been included in the Board packet, as was the 2015 Board meeting schedule. Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP had received the U.S. Department of Defense Patriotic Employer Support of Guard and Reserve award. Greg Portetto, supervised by Jose Rodriguez, had been a Field Data Intern during the summer 2014.

### **5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

The following procurements and contract approvals were submitted for approval: a contract with Duncan Associates totaling \$86,345 to update the zoning ordinance for the Village of Westchester; a contract increase for market and financial analysis for local technical assistance projects to Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates for \$75,000, bringing the total contract to \$175,000; a contract with Teska Associates, Inc., for \$127,530 to develop a long-range housing policy plan for the three municipalities of Glendale Heights, Hanover Park and West Chicago; and, a contract with Taylor Uhe, LLC for \$125,500 (that includes \$30,000 for a subcontractor) to provide targeted State legislative advocacy services. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the procurements and contract approvals as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **6.0 Committee Reports**

Neither of the Coordinating Committees had met prior to the Board meeting. A written summary of the working committees and the Citizens' Advisory Committee was provided.

### **7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Evaluation**

CMAP staff Bob Dean reported that material included in the Board packet regarding the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Evaluation represented the culmination of the program evaluation and contained key conclusions that will shape the program moving forward. The four main categories of recommendations, include: (a) the program has been successful and should continue to be a part of CMAP's work program; (b) CMAP should increase the focus of the LTA program on plan implementation; (c) CMAP should confirm that there is full local commitment to the project—either in the form of a local match, or in a commitment of time; and (d) diversity in programming, i.e., non-transportation related, such as freight, economic development (reinvestment) and stormwater management. The idea of a local match was discussed and staff will come back to the board in early 2015 with a menu of options to consider.

### **8.0 Regional Infrastructure Fund**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn described the progress that had been made thus far on pursuing a Regional Infrastructure Fund, touching on strategy, messaging,

outreach, and legislation. The proposed FUND 2040 would generate about \$300,000 annually from a modest quarter-cent increase of the regional sales tax, Blankenhorn reported, to support projects in the categories of transportation, water, and open space, while contributing to the implementation of GO TO 2040. Having met with more than three dozen organizations since August--building a coalition of business, labor and civic organizations with the support of local governments--feedback has been very supportive. The program, Blankenhorn continued, is not intended to solve all the region's problems, rather would be used as first money in or last money out, while leveraging private and public funding and driving regional economic development. Blankenhorn went on to say that success would be heavily dependent on the complex legislative process, explained the structure of the external leadership group, and efforts to identify legislative partners and coalition building. The program, Blankenhorn suggested, should be business and labor led, not government, and may be combined with other activities versus stand-alone.

CMAP staff Bob Dean walked through the proposal, citing reasons to move ahead and the associated regional benefits of a stronger economy, less congestion and more travel choices, less flooding, healthier people and environment and efficient governance. Dean defined infrastructure as a long-lasting physical asset and suggested that transportation improvements, storm water, sewer and water systems, parks and open space all meet this definition, and gave examples of current or recently underway projects that would benefit from the FUND. Dean went on to describe the selection process and criteria that would be used to evaluate the performance of candidate projects and the application process which would mirror the LTA program, with its two stage process--first, an expression of interest and second, a full proposal requiring significant technical information. The review process would incorporate consultation across CMAP working committees, and if necessary, Dean continued, technical committee review. Finally, Dean explained Administration (using best practices in administration and oversight) and funding (CMAP would devote no more than 3% of the total revenue to administration and operations with the remaining 97% competitively awarded across the region.)

Board members offered suggestions, comments and perspectives related to a sales tax increase, support of the concept, non-home rule municipalities, unseen ground water and storm water issues, bonding, and the business communities' take of the regional economy that had suffered decline over the past decade.

CMAP staff Tom Garritano walked through the new website [www.FUND2040.org](http://www.FUND2040.org), following the board meeting, that shows pictorially how it works, what we get, and a page to sign on to support the coalition.

Blankenhorn concluded the presentation announcing a kick-off event coming in late January 2015, and asking the Board's help with building the coalition.

## **9.0 Other Business**

Staff will be reaching out to the new administration, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported. Blankenhorn had been asked to serve on the Governor-elect's infrastructure transition team.

### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The December meeting of the Board was cancelled; the Board is scheduled to meet next on January 14, 2015.

### **11.0 Public Comment**

Heather Armstrong-Access Living, asked that the Board push for accessible taxi service in the suburbs in the surrounding area.

Andrew Armstrong-Environmental Law & Policy Center spoke in opposition to the proposed Illiana Tollway, and urged the CMAP Board to remain resolute in its opposition to the Illiana and vote against any further modifications of the Transportation Improvement Program to include additional expenditures for the Illiana.

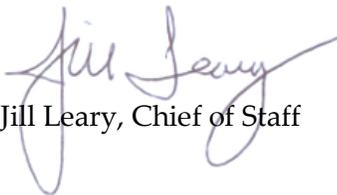
### **12.0 Closed Session**

At 10:58 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a matter of litigation by Frank Beal was seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **13.0 Adjournment**

At the conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Bennett reported that staff had given an update on the status of the pending lawsuit against CMAP and the MPO Policy Committee and no action was taken. A motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by President William Rodeghier to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:02 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 14, 2015*