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Special Joint Meeting Minutes Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning MPO Policy Committee

June 10, 2009

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

CMAP Board Members Present:

Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing suburban Cook County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Stephen Schlickman-representing the Policy Committee.

Policy Committee Members Present:

John Beissel-representing Cook County, Martin G. Buehler-representing Lake County, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Joe Deal-representing CMAP, Jack Groner-representing Metra, Luann Hamilton-representing City of Chicago DOT, Elliott Hartstein-representing CMAP, Joe Korpalski-representing McHenry County, John McCarthy-representing Private Providers, Michael Payette-representing Class I Railroads, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, T.J. Ross-representing PACE, Jeffery Schielke-representing Council of Mayors, Steve Schlickman-representing RTA, David Simmons-representing CTA, Norm Stoner-representing FHWA, Larry Walsh-representing Will County, and Rocco Zucchero-representing ISTHA.

Others Present:

Tina Dalman-Daspin & Aument LLP/ ULI, Stacy Meyers-Glen-Openlands, Joe McElroy-McElroy Associates, Jim Stack-IDOT/UPP, Andy Plummer-RTA, Chris Staron-NWMC, Chalen

Daigle-McHenry County Council, Len Cannata-WCMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Vicky Smith-SWC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Damon Lee-Sustainable Transitions, Doug Willett-Energy & Environment, Andrea Nair-CM 2020, Jeffrey Rissman-CM2020, Justine Johnson-CM 2020, Mike King-ISTHA, Thomas Snyder, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Paul Heltnecitizen, John Bechl-CCHD, Jan Ward-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Catherine Kannenberg-Meta, David Werner-FTA, Victor Austin-FTA Washington, Jon-Paul Kohler and J.D. Stevenson-Federal Highway Administration, Springfield, Jason Osborn-McHenry DOT, Hugh O'Hara-WCMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Colin Murphy-CNT and John Fortmann-IDOT.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Gordon Smith, Matt Maloney, Bob Dean, Patricia Berry, Tom Garritano, Andrew Williams-Clark and Sherry Kane.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Larry Walsh, Vice Chair represented the MPO Policy Committee. Board members and Policy Committee members introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of CMAP Board Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 CMAP Board meeting, as presented, was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Minutes – March 12, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 MPO Policy committee meeting, as presented, was made by Dick Smith and seconded by Steve Schlickman. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Executive Director's Report

Meant as a reminder, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP has entered its public engagement phase of *GO TO 2040*, asking that board and committee members attend and help spread the word about workshops in the region. Additionally, the newly designed website, www.goto2040.org that contains interactive software for inventing scenarios, kiosks located throughout the region and postcards and promotional posters to take and distribute was noted.

Further, Blankenhorn reported that CMAP is taking the lead on the regional application and strategy for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program that is being funded by ARRA. A consortium of local governments and non-profits will be working together to develop the regional plan that will make northeastern Illinois a stronger contender for the nationally competitive grant that is due on July 17, 2009. Additional details are included in the Staff Memo, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Implementation, marked as agenda item No. 17.0.

6.0 Contract Approvals

The following procurements were recommended for approval: a contract award to Northridge in the amount of \$73,650 for implementation of agency intranet (pending resolution with funding) and a subgrantee contract award to the Fox River Study Group in the amount of \$100,000 under the IEPA financial assistance agreement that is part of a pass through of stimulus funds. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Russell Hartigan to approve the procurements as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports

From its meeting earlier in the morning, Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported the following:

- The committee discussed the *GO TO 2040* treatment of major transportation capital projects that significantly impact the region's transportation system that generally include additions, expansions or entirely new expressway or rail projects. A later item on the Board agenda that the Planning Coordinating Committee will recommend approval of, is a list of major capital project evaluation measures which will be used to evaluate these projects.
- The Center for Neighborhood Technology gave a presentation describing their work creating an index that measure housing and transportation costs. Known as H+T, the index may be relevant to CMAP's long-range planning work.
- Regional snapshots, Hartstein continued, on industry clusters (describing industries that could be important elements of the future economy) and air quality (describes air quality conditions and trends in the region) were presented.
- Finally, the committee also viewed the new *GO TO 2040* website that will be used heavily as part of the summer's public engagement activities.

8.0 Council of Mayors' Report

From its meeting on June 9, 2009 Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chair of the Council of Mayors' Executive Committee reported the following:

 The committee had been briefed by the U. S. Department of Transportation on the MPO certification review process and had informed US DOT staff that the process in northeastern Illinois works well, that the guidance from CMAP and the Planning

Liaisons allows the local councils to program STP dollars effectively and that they would like to see this process unchanged.

- The committee also discussed the possibility of rescissions to all federal funding programs (including CMAQ, STP and Enhancement Funds) at the end of SAFETEA-LU.
 In order to avoid rescissions to unobligated balances, the committee approved advanced funding requests in the amount of \$916,000 to spend down unobligated balances for the suburban councils.
- The status and programming of local projects using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was discussed, as well as options regarding reprogramming funds if councils are unable to spend funds by the March 2010 deadline. The committee directed the Planning Liaisons to develop a policy that would allow for the redistribution of funds to councils that are able to use ARRA funds while not requiring payback by councils that were unable to spend the funds to be considered at the next committee meeting in early fall. The City of Chicago introduced the Congress Parkway project, a regional project using ARRA funds per the city/suburban STP funding-split agreement.
- Staff gave an update on the Invent the Future Workshops that will be held throughout the region and asked that committee members visit the CMAP website, www.goto2040.org for locations and registrations.
- Finally, the committee approved the nomination of Mayor Leon Rockingham as the new 2nd Vice Chair and gave recognition to outgoing Mayors Podgorski, Churnovic, Pritchett, Wiaduck, Lynch, Piazza and Guzdziol and thanked them for service to the Council of Mayors' Executive Committee.

Regarding the topic of ARRA funds, Marty Buehler made a motion that was seconded by Tom Rickert to direct staff to set a firm date for obligated funds and redistribute the balance. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 CMAP Board Election of Officers

CMAP Board and nominating committee member Russell Hartigan reported that after due consideration, the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) Board:

Chair	Gerald Bennett, Mayor-City of Palos Hill
Vice Chair	Joe Deal, Mayor's Office-City of Chciago
Vice Chair	Elliott Hartstein, Mayor-Village of Buffalo Grove
At Large	Nigel Telman, Partner-Sidley Austin
At Large	Al Larson, Mayor-Village of Schaumburg
At Large	Rae Rupp Srch, DuPage County

Hartigan continued that the nominating committee believes the slate continues to represent the desired geographical balance while providing a good mix of position and experience.

A motion made by Russell Hartigan naming the above slate as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar and with all in favor, carried.

10.0 MPO Policy Committee Nominating Committee for Office of Vice Chair

Vice chair of the MPO Policy Committee, Lawrence Walsh announced the following to act as nominating committee to deliberate, name and report back to the Policy Committee at its October 8, 2009 meeting, a member to fill the position of Vice Chair: Mayor Jeffrey Schielke (representing the municipalities), Marty Buehler (representing the Highway Dept.), Jack Groner (representing public transportation agencies), Joe Deal (representing regional agencies) and Tom Cuculich (representing the counties).

11.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)

Regarding the Developments of Regional Importance process, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that slight changes, after approval of the document was tabled at last month's meeting, had been addressed in the FAQ portion of that document (specifically: What is the DRI threshold for projects near a critical stream and/or natural area? and Who defines the critical streams and natural areas?). A motion by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to approve the change as reported. All in favor, the motion carried.

Policy Committee Vice-chair Larry Walsh thanked Blankenhorn for CMAP's commitment to regional consensus, for meeting with Will County to address their issues, for a willingness to listen and finishing with a compromise that worked for all concerned.

12.0 Major Transportation Capital Project Evaluation Measures

CMAP staff Bob Dean explained that the *GO TO 2040* Plan must include a financially-constrained list of major transportation capital projects. Since there will be more potential projects than available funding, a set of proposed evaluation measures was presented and approved by both CMAP's Transportation working committee and the Planning Coordinating Committee. The Planning Coordinating Committee recommended and staff requested that the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee also approve the measures. A motion, made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried, approving the capital project evaluation measures as presented. On behalf of the MPO Policy Committee, a motion made by Marty Buehler was seconded by Mayor Jeffery Schielke and with all in favor carried, approving the capital project evaluation measure as presented.

13.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the General Assembly did pass a capital plan and that CMAP will stay diligent promoting projects that benefit the region while assuring that northeastern Illinois gets the amount of funding that it should out of the program.

Other CMAP Board priorities, Blankenhorn continued, including ensuring funding of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund, restoring funding for Water Supply Planning, and funding local planning through the Technical Assistance Act have not occurred. IDOT Chief Dick Smith reported that the department is still sorting through multiple bills that were passed. IDOT's operating budget having been stripped of all general revenue funding, did come back in an amendment on the last day. Work continues sorting through several pieces of legislation analyzing over \$3 billion in highway projects across the state and still evaluating that list to determine implementation schedules, which will have to be completed before the result will be made public.

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Jerry Bennett also reported that there is a wish list being circulated among the General Assembly from the agencies that are out there that should or could be funded as a vote of the members of the General Assembly. Bennett asked that outreach continue to members of the General Assembly and the Governor to make sure that CMAP remains on that list as far as funding is concerned. Bennett also reported, for the record, that it was the Speaker of the House that last year had "gone to bat" for CMAP in setting up what was intended to be a permanent funding source.

Board and Policy Committee members also weighed in on the discussion.

14.0 Fiscal Year 2010 Unified Work Program

CMAP staff Matt Maloney stated that the Unified Work Program (UWP) lists the various projects that CMAP and other agencies undertake each year to enhance transportation in the region. The FY 2010 UWP totals just over \$19.5 million including just over \$15.5 in FHWA and FTA regional planning funds and about \$4.1 in local match funds. CMAP's Transportation working committee released the program for a period of public comment, from April 25-May 20, 2009, during which no comments were received. The Executive Summary that was included in the Board packet details the allocation of funding and awarded projects. Staff is requesting a Board and MPO Policy Committee approval of the Fiscal Year 2010 UWP. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 UWP as presented, and with all in favor, carried. On behalf of the Policy Committee, a motion by Steve Schlickman was seconded by Marty Buehler to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 UWP as presented, and with all in favor, carried.

15.0 Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund Options

This item was included on the Agenda in the event additional information would have been available regarding CMAP's funding status. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn

reported that CMAP's executive staff is looking at a number of options, if the state does not come up with funding of \$3.5 million. Blankenhorn, unable to report any details at this time, stated that if the state cannot come up with the money CMAP will have serious issues to face and will want to have a wider-ranging conversation not only with the CMAP Board but also with the MPO Policy Committee, since this has significant impacts on our ability to meet federal requirements and suggested that CMAP may be looking at a number of serious measures to try to raise revenue for the agency. Blankenhorn also suggested that a special meeting of the CMAP Board may be convened prior to the start of the fiscal year that begins on July 1. At this time, no action is being sought.

Steve Schlickman reported that one issue is how dependant CMAP is on federal transportation funding, about 75% of revenues, given the lack of alternative resources. Supporting the importance of the CMAP planning process, especially as it relates to transit, RTA is committed to finding a solution to the CMAP funding problem. By way of a motion, Schlickman indicated that the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board include on its Federal agenda a priority for funding non-transportation related or general purpose planning activities for urban areas. The motion was seconded by Tom Cuculich and with all in favor, carried. On behalf of the CMAP Board, a similar motion was made by Alan Bennett, seconded by Mayor Al Larson and with all in favor, carried.

16.0 Fiscal Year 2010 Budget & Work Plan

CMAP's fiscal year 2010 budget and work plan that was presented at last month's meeting, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported, had not been amended and asked that the Board approve the budget as presented. If the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund is not funded, Blankenhorn continued, generally amendments to the work plan and budget would be considered by the Executive Committee, but in this case it would be brought before the full Board for consideration. In order to start operations on July 1, 2009, staff is seeking approval today of the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget. A motion so made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar. Mayor Elliott Hartstein stated concern about approving a budget predicated on a revenue source that may not be forthcoming. The motion was amended to indicate the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget contingent upon restoration of the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund or other identified funding.

When queried, Blankenhorn responded that the total budget shortfall is \$3.35 million, of which \$2.7 million is needed to match federal funding.

Finally, all in favor the amended motion carried.

17.0 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Implementation

A staff memo, included in the Board packet, offered a brief description of the non-transportation elements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that CMAP has assisted in coordination or implementation of in the areas of housing, energy

and environmental issues, adding value by providing our communities with information to access funding and convening relevant stakeholders to assist in coordination as necessary. A handout entitled "CMAP Region ARRA Expenditure Report" covering transportation funding was further explained by Patricia Berry. Berry reported that the lack of a capital program in Illinois had resulted in a backlog of projects and that agencies had been able to move expeditiously in getting the funding spent. Each of the following agencies reported on funding awarded and status of projects: John Fortmann-IDOT-District 1, Luann Hamilton-City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Jack Groner-Metra, David Simmons-CTA and T.J. Ross-PACE Transit.

The 55/45 split as well as the transit and highway split was discussed briefly with CMAP Board Chair Jerry Bennett commenting on the press conference Senator Sandoval recently had on the issue.

As part of the ARRA, the TIGER program, \$1.5 billion, is available through a discretionary program that is under application right now Blankenhorn reported. The region's application is CREATE and Blankenhorn asked that both the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee see this as a priority that solves not only local and regional problems, but also national problems and that they offer support publicly for the \$300 million program.

Jack Groner reported there is another discretionary ARRA program referred to TIGGER, under which Metra had submitted \$20 million in applications for green locomotives. The program has up to \$100 million in discretionary funds and support was being sought to see the funding comes to this region.

Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that several mayors have received outstanding support from IDOT and from the CMAP staff as they have tried to implement the various stimulus programs in their local communities and for a system that seems to be having a terrible time being funded right now, is working at the local level. Some projects are really getting on the street, things done very quickly and without this great support from these staffs, this would not have been accomplished.

18.0 Federal Certification

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that the quadrennial certification process of the MPO is underway this week with USDOT. Overall, it involves going through the regional planning processes and demonstrating and discussing how the planning regulations in SAFETEA-LU are addressed and implemented. He added, as part of this review, USDOT wanted the opportunity to give a brief presentation and to hear directly from the region's policy makers.

Norm Stoner from USDOT reported that at one level the USDOT team is here to assure compliance with federal regulations, a pre-requisite for receiving federal aid

transportation dollars for a program that is due to expire in 82 days. More importantly, Stoner continued, the purpose of those regulations, which are multi-varied and detailed, all lead to the federal/state/ local agency partnership that we have enjoyed for the past 50 years. The partnership relies on decision-making for project selection that is at the state and local level, the federal aid partnership that we have enjoyed and to assure that the Chicago area's MPO is in conformance with those regulations. It is also an opportunity to validate the comprehensive, continued, cooperative planning process that exists here.

Stoner introduced John Donovan, from USDOT's Springfield office, who has been leading the team and who provided more detail regarding the process. Donovan introduced co-coordinator with Region 5 David Werner, Victor Austin from Federal Transit Administration headquarters, Jon Paul Kohler and J.D. Stevenson also with the federal highways office in Springfield and acknowledged some technical expertise from Federal Highways headquarters as well as technical resource center. Donovan provided a presentation of the details of what the review process entails, acknowledging also the participation and assistance provided by the CMAP staff, IDOT, other implementing agencies and interested parties. The process will close tomorrow, a review report will be issued in September and the findings (full or conditional certification) will be reported to the MPO Policy Committee in October. There is a June 26, 2009 deadline on this particular review for comments. Blankenhorn reported too that staff is looking at this in a broader context to identify areas for improvement and ways to improve processes as a staff, as a Board, and as an MPO Policy Committee.

19.0 FLIP Final Presentation

Andrew Williams-Clark gave a brief background of the FLIP program for the benefit of the Policy Committee and reported that 40 students had been in the pilot program, from all 7 counties and the diversity of the group very much reflected the diversity of the region. The program was considered a huge success due in large part to the support of the CMAP Board. Williams-Clark also used this opportunity to thank the various agencies that had been involved: Mayor Daley's office-the O'Hare Modernization Project, the MWRD of Greater Chicago, Tom Zapler and the Railroad Companies, interviews of regional decision makers, including Mayor Zenovia Evans, T.J. Ross, Steve Schlickman and about half of the CMAP board that came for the final presentation at Adler. Williams-Clark concluded the presentation showing video clips from that final presentation. The 2010 session will be renewed with applications being due by June 26, 2006.

20.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board or the MPO Policy Committee.

21.0 Public Comment

Paul Heltne distributed a hand-out regarding impending shortages in strategic metals, suggesting that if we maintain the current sustained global economic growth, we will soon run out of cheap and plentiful metal minerals of most types.

22.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board will meet again on July 8, 2009. The MPO Policy Committee will meet again on October 8, 2009

14.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch at approximately 11:05 a.m. All in favor the motion carried. On behalf of the MPO Policy Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Tom Rickert, and seconded by Jack Groner. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved, with minor correction, by unanimous vote July 8, 2009.