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# **Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes**

October 8, 2008--8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Bill

Browne-Illinois State Treasurer's Office, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Andre Rice-CMAP Board, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Water Agency, Phil

Smith-DuPage County

**Staff Present:** Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Brian Rademacher, Andrew

Williams-Clark

Others Present: Sheera Freve-Metropolitan 2020, David Kralik-Metra, Hugh O'Hara-

WCGL, Mike Sullivan-KKCOM, Mike Walczak-NWMC

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

### 3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes from the September 10, 2008 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by Al Larson.

### 4.0 Regional Indicators

Bob Dean stated that the committee had held a lengthy discussion on the regional indicators project at their September meeting. He reiterated that the process had been underway since late winter, and that considerable technical and public involvement work had gone into the development of the indicators. He stated that staff was now requesting

a recommendation from the committee to the Board to endorse these draft indicators so that staff could begin collecting data and developing methods to visualize the indicators.

Roger Claar asked whether this list of indicators could be approved as preliminary indicators, to show that later changes to them were likely, and committee agreed with this direction. Ms. Rupp Srch asked about the inclusion of food-related indicators, and Mr. Dean responded that this was a cross-tab that was created from land use, economic, and health indicators. Frank Beal asked whether the fiscal health of municipal governments was included as an indicator, and staff responded that it was.

Ingrid Ruttendjie asked whether additional working committee input would be sought. Mr. Dean stated that input was welcome at any time, but that staff would focus their efforts on collecting data for the identified indicators in the immediate future. He noted that the working committees would be consulted if any problems were found in collecting this data or if additional potential indicators were identified.

Phil Smith made a motion to recommend the endorsement of the preliminary indicators list to the Board. Ms. Rupp Srch provided a second and the motion carried.

## 5.0 Regional Snapshot Reports on Economic Development

Mr. Dean stated that two reports were underway on economic development topics, and that these would be presented in sequence because the information covered was complementary.

## 5.1 Regional Snapshot: Industry Clusters

Brian Rademacher provided a presentation on industry clusters. The presentation described the current economic mix in the region, and identified specific industries that had high concentrations in the region, were experiencing more rapid growth than the nation, or had higher wages than the national average.

Several committee members asked clarifying questions concerning data sources and industry classifications. Mr. Hartstein asked whether any local economic development groups had been involved in the analysis. Mr. Rademacher responded that interviews with these groups were underway, and that local review of the report's conclusions was very valuable. Ed Paesel asked that the committee receive a list of the individuals interviewed.

#### 5.2 Regional Snapshot: Business Location Decisions

Matt Maloney and Annie Byrne introduced the report on business location decisions, which is meant to identify major factors that influence where businesses choose to locate. The presentation identified several of these factors, including workforce, infrastructure, proximity to suppliers or customers, regional amenities, and overall state and local government business climate. The presentation also identified areas within the region where industries of different types tended to locate.

The committee asked whether any information was available on business relocations rather than starts, and staff responded that data on this was being sought. Committee members also noted that looking across state borders to nearby areas in Wisconsin and Indiana could add value to the report.

## 6.0 Staff Updates

Mr. Dean stated that the Board would be considering procurements for consulting work on economic development strategies and public finance analysis, both supporting the *GO TO 2040* plan, at their meeting later that morning.

#### 7.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

#### 8.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

# 9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled for January 14, 2009.

### 10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Rupp Srch, second by Ms. Ruttendjie.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, January 14, 2009.