Joint Meeting
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board
and MPO Policy Committee
Minutes
October 13, 2010

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

Board and Policy Committee Members: Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County and Gary Hannig, MPO Policy Committee Chair-representing IDOT, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Martin Buehler-representing Lake County, Susan Campbell-representing the Chicago of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Jorge Perez-representing CTA, Joe Costello-representing RTA, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Rupert Graham-representing Cook County, Jack Groner-representing Metra, Luann Hamilton-representing CDOT, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Kenneth Koehler-representing McHenry County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Karen McConnaughay-representing Kane County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Stephen Polito-representing FTA, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, T.J. Ross-representing PACE, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Jeffrey Schielke-representing Council of Mayors, Norm Stoner-representing FHWA, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Anne Vickery-representing Kendall County, Lawrence Walsh-representing Will County, and Rocco Zucchero-representing the Illinois Toll Highway Authority.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, and Sherry Kane

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., and asked Board and MPO Policy Committee members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of CMAP Board Minutes – September 8, 2010
A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 board meeting, as presented, made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein, seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Minutes – September 9, 2010
A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2010 MPO Policy Committee meeting, as presented that was made by Jack Groner, seconded by Mayor Schielke and with all in favor, carried.

5.0 Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn announced that congratulations were in order for CMAP Board Member Russell Hartigan who would be sworn in on October 14, 2010 as a Cook County Judge. Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, and that Mayor Al Larson had been elected as President of the Illinois Municipal League. Regarding the launch event that would follow the joint meeting, Blankenhorn reported that 800 were expected to attend, that Policy Committee and Board members would be driven to Millennium Park via CTA eco-friendly bus, that the program for the day’s activities along with the shorter, popular version of the plan would be distributed, and that the full, technical version of the plan would be mailed at a later date to the members of the Board and MPO Policy Committee, in case the members did not wish to carry these to the event.

Briefly Blankenhorn also reported that, along with Metra staff, conversations had begun with FTA in the hopes of removing existing constraints and treating transit and highway projects in a similar fashion for both the long range planning process and preliminary engineering. The Mayors Caucus would be losing its office space on State Street and moving into CMAP offices near year’s end, paying the same square footage rent as CMAP currently pays. Finally, Blankenhorn reported that the new web site that combines both CMAP and GO TO 2040 is live, and encouraged members to take a look and offer feedback.
6.0 Procurements & Contract Approvals
A motion by Mayor Rick Reinbold was seconded by Alan Bennett to approve a contract with CNT Energy for the Implementation Agency of the CR3 project for a three-year period at a cost of $1,399,640. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve a contract with CCC Technologies, Inc., for the telephone and voicemail systems maintenance service for a one-year period with an option for renewal for four additional years in the amount of $41,846.40 per year. All in favor the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports
Planning Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the one major item on the September 29, 2010 agenda was the final review of the GO TO 2040 plan. The Planning Coordinating Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the GO TO 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan by both the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee.

8.0 Council of Mayors’ Report
Council of Mayors’ Executive Committee Chair Mayor Jeffrey Schielke reported that the Council is on track to spend all available $56.6 million in STP funds for the federal fiscal year which allows the program to avoid rescissions and demonstrates the need for additional funds to enhance and maintain our transportation system. The Council of Mayors Executive Committee, Schielke continued, closely monitored the $94 million in ARRA funds (all of which were spent) over the past year. The Mayors are also focused on spending all available CMAQ funds as well. Finally, Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee has been involved with the development of GO TO 2040 since the beginning, adding that CMAP had done an outstanding job.

9.0 Adoption of GO TO 2040
After nearly three years in development, the GO TO 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan for metropolitan Chicago is completed. Between June 11 and August 6, 2010, CMAP conducted an extensive public outreach campaign to gain feedback from residents across the region regarding the plan. By the end of the public comment period, CMAP had received nearly 1,000 comments submitted by stakeholders from all seven counties. A thorough summary organized by plan chapter and including the staff response to the comments, along with a second draft of the plan, were presented to the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee on September 8 and 9, 2010 respectively. CMAP’s Transportation Committee and the Planning Coordinating Committee recommend adoption of the plan as well as the Federal Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and the air quality Conformity determination.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn announced appreciation of the support and input that had been given during the development of GO TO 2040 and recognized the effort of CMAP staffer Bob Dean who had lead the project.

A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Hartstein (as a member of the MPO Policy Committee) to adopt the GO TO 2040 Plan along with the FFY 2010-15 TIP and the Conformity determination. All in favor the motion carried.
Alan Bennett stated that he was reticent of the plan based on two issues, the fiscally constrained capital projects did not contain a project addressing north-south movement and that relevant or viable alternatives had been inadequate for the hydraulic capacity of combined sewer systems within the metro area.

CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett thanked the Board and the MPO Policy Committee for their commitment to the organization and GO TO 2040. Policy Committee Chair Secretary Gary Hannig offered congratulations and appreciation of support as well.

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

11.0 Public Comment
There were no comments from the public.

12.0 Next Meeting
November’s meeting of the CMAP Board is cancelled; it will meet next on December 8, 2010. The MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 13, 2011.

13.0 Adjournment
A motion to adjourn at 9:55 a.m., made by Mayor Michelini, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, December 8, 2010.