



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Board Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2010

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, Alan Bennett (via tele-conference)-representing suburban Cook County, Susan Campbell-representing the Chicago of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch- representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago.

**Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Andrew Williams-Clark, Ylda Capriccioso and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**

Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Kama Dobbs-DMMC, Audrey Henderson-Consultant, Varun Kalhon-Urban Planner, David Kralik-Metra, Robert Munson-CAC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Andy Plummer-RTA Consultant, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Christopher Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane COM, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall CoM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

**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 members to introduce themselves.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2010**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 board meeting, as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

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

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP had hosted a meeting with U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, key members of his staff and community leaders from the region. Blankenhorn announced the promotions of Bob Dean and Matt Maloney with Bob heading up local planning and Matt managing staff's policy development and organizational matters. Blankenhorn went on to say that the work plan will see adjustments to mirror implementation of GO TO 2040. Finally, Blankenhorn reported that potential committee restructuring is likely now that GO TO 2040 has been adopted, to correspond also with implementation.

#### **5.0 Procurements & Contract Approvals**

Related to the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up (CR3) program, a motion by Mayor Marilyn Micheline was seconded by Dan Shea to approve a contract with REACH, with Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) as the administrative agency in an amount of \$500,000 to provide employer-assisted retrofit financing. All in favor the motion carried.

Also for the CR3 program, a motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Dan Shea to approve a contract with Fleishman Hillard for \$3,000,000 to develop and implement the communications strategy for the CR3 program. All in favor the motion carried.

#### **6.0 Committee Reports**

There were no coordinating committee reports, since neither Planning nor Programming had met. A summary of CMAP working committee meetings was distributed.

#### **7.0 State Legislative Update**

In addition to the reporting that had been included in the Board packet, CMAP staff Ylda Cappriccioso reported that January 3, 2011 will see the House back in session followed by the Senate on January 4. January 12 marks the beginning of the new session. Cappriccioso also reported that the Mayor from Downers Grove had filled a Senate seat vacated by Dan Cronin. The seat vacated by Randy Hultgren had not yet been filled. Cappriccioso also added that CMAP had met recently with key staff from the Governor's office.

#### **8.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation: Technical Assistance**

CMAP staff Bob Dean gave an overview of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, funded by the federal Sustainable Communities Initiative that CMAP received notice of following the adoption of GO TO 2040. In general, Dean reported, the program will support local planning activities that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 through staff assistance to local governments, that might include updates to comprehensive plans, ordinance studies, housing-related initiatives and inter jurisdictional projects. An easy application process had been developed, Dean continued, and the program will see frequent calls for projects. Dean fielded questions raised by Board members that included eligibility of township and park districts (those that regulate land-use are eligible) and projects. Dean went on to say that the application materials were presented in the Board's packet, that the process to hire ten additional staff was initiated and that a call for projects will begin this week and due at the end of January.

Responding to a question, Chairman Bennett clarified that the LTA projects would be evaluated, selected, and pursued by staff. The staff will also provide the Board with regular updates on the projects and their status throughout the three-year timeframe. The grant process, that will be further described in January, will require separate Board approval.

#### **9.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation: Tax Policy Task Force**

CMAP staff Matt Maloney presented staff's recommendations for the process to select members of the Tax Policy Task Force, the creation of which was recommended in GO TO 2040. The following groups will be represented: municipalities (one from the city of Chicago, one from the County suburbs, and two from the collar counties); counties (one appointed by the President of Cook County, another from the Council of County Board Chairs); the state (one appointed by the Governor's office of Management and Budget, a second from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability); business community (one each from retail with multiple locations and non-retail sectors); academia (two members) and civic organizations (also two members). The results of staff's recommended 14-member task force will be brought to the Board in February for approval.

Mark Pitstick, from the RTA, stated that the RTA is very interested in this task force and asked that the CMAP Board consider how they might be involved.

#### **10.0 Metro Pulse Demo**

CMAP staff Andrew Williams-Clark gave a demonstration of the new indicators web page, MetroPulse ([www.metropulsechicago.org](http://www.metropulsechicago.org)), developed by CMAP in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) that had been launched only a couple of weeks ago. Williams-Clark briefly reviewed the process whereby the indicators had been selected nearly two years ago that will track progress on implementing GO TO 2040's recommendations while providing a powerful interface to access data that shape quality of life in the region.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

#### **12.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

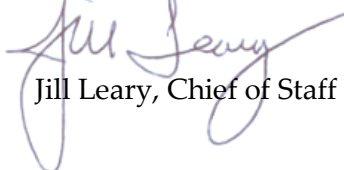
#### **13.0 Next Meeting**

The CMAP Board will meet next on January 12, 2011.

**14.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m., made by Dan Shea, seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 12, 2011.*