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## **DRAFT** **Board Meeting Minutes** July 8, 2009

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

**Board Members:** Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, 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 northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini (via tele-conference)-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting member Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.

**Absent:** Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Erin Aleman and Sherry Kane.

**Others Present:** Thomas Snyder, Leanne Redden-RTA, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Paul Heltne-Public, Dave Seglin-CDOT, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Jan Ward-KKCoM, Vicky Smith-SWC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Jamy Lyne-Will County and Marta Peralas-IL MPO Advisory Council.

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

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Other Board members introduced themselves.

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

There were no agenda changes.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced CMAP's Employee of the Quarter, Anne Holub who had been instrumental with website(s) redesign and promoting CMAP and *GO TO 2040* through various social networks. The functionality of the sites has markedly improved and CMAP had experienced increase website traffic.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Regarding the Surface Transportation Authorization, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that last month the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chaired by Congressman Oberstar released a 775-page draft surface transportation reauthorization bill for mark-up. A two-page memorandum was also released outlining what the Administration wants to see accomplished during the 18-month extension. The proposal would "shore-up" the Highway Trust Fund and includes reforms, i.e., "investing for performance". A more thorough analysis and briefing will be provided in September. In Mayor Micheline's absence, Blankenhorn also gave an update on the NARC annual conference last month in Denver.

### **5.0 Contract Approvals**

A subgrantee contract award under the Illinois EPA Financial Assistance Program to the Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$216,176 was recommended for approval. A motion by Russell Hartigan was seconded by Dan Shea to approve the subgrantee contract as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

### **6.0 Committee Reports**

From its meeting earlier in the morning, Programming Coordinating Committee Chair Joe Deal reported that the committee had heard and discussed the following: the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2, a DRI update on the application process status, the Greenways and Trails plan and the CMAQ program.

### **7.0 Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Revisions**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Executive Committee had met last week to consider revisions to the FY 2010 Budget. In a memo dated July 6, 2009, however, Blankenhorn reported that on July 2, IDOT committed to providing \$700,000 during the first quarter to match federal funds and has committed to working with CMAP to provide the remaining matching funds for the fiscal year. A motion to approve the revised budget as presented was made by Alan Bennett and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. A lengthy discussion was sparked regarding funding and the need for permanent funding and the need for an absolute guarantee for matching funds as well as other planning activities. Finally, with all in favor, the motion carried.

## **8.0 Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP 2)**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP is seeking approval to enter into a consortium of local government partners, known as the Chicago Metropolitan Neighborhood Stabilization 2 Consortium (CMNSPC). CMAP will post the draft regional application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program on its website on July 1, 2009 for a ten-day public comment period. A motion to approve CMAP's involvement in the consortium was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried. Raul Raymundo reported that while NSP provides intervention, a need continues to exist in prevention and asked that CMAP forward a letter to banking institutions to this regard. This action in the form of a motion by Raul Raymundo was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

## **9.0 GO TO 2040 Public Engagement Update**

Associate Planner, Erin Aleman, updated the committee as to the progress of public engagement activities. Ten workshops were held during the month of June with nearly 300 attendees. Web traffic at both sites has spiked since the launch of the "Invent the Future" phase. In addition to workshops and online tools, traveling kiosks have been in local libraries, government centers, and in Millennium Park. To date, Aleman continued, workshop participants have been selecting a future with moderately higher densities than today with development focused in community and metropolitan centers.

## **10.0 Other Business**

There was no other business for the Board at this time.

## **11.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

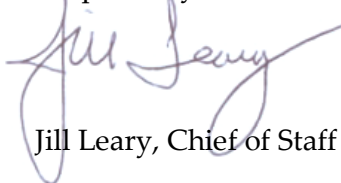
## **12.0 Next Meeting**

The Board will not meet in August.

## **13.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Hartstein at approximately 10:15 a.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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