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## Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2008

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:** Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County and Dan Shea-representing McHenry County and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago. Tom Cuculich, representing the MPO Policy Committee was also present.

**Absent:** Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice-representing the City of Chicago, and non-voting members Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Ian Doughty-representing the Governor's office.

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Gordon Smith, Bola Delano, Patricia Berry, Matt Maloney, Bob Dean, Lee Deuben and Sherry Kane.

**Others Present:** Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Chris Staron-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Paul Heltne-Center for Humans and Nature, Holly Smith-Kane/Kendall, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County Council, Len Cannata-WCMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC and John Donovan-FHWA

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Gerald Bennett, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Other Board members introduced themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced CMAP's Employee of the Quarter, Ylda Pineyro from the External Relations group who received the award for the work she had done on the *GO TO 2040* partnership program and her contributions to the success of the regional indicator workshops.

There were no agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn thanked the Board for its help drafting the comments on the draft EIS to the STB, having been clear this was not a position on the proposed acquisition rather comments regarding the EIS. The period for comments closed a little over a week ago, Blankenhorn continued, a final EIS is expected and staff will continue reporting accordingly.

Blankenhorn also asked that Board members who have not already been contacted to join the *GO TO 2040* campaign as a partner contact Ylda Pineyro to sign up.

The FLIP (Future Leaders in Planning) program has met twice, with its kick-off at the Field Museum (thanks to Mayor Bennett for opening comments) and a retreat last weekend in Ryerson Woods in Lake County, Blankenhorn reported. There the students learned more about the program and participated in team building exercises. The participants were also broken into focus groups that mirror our agency's focus areas (transportation, environmental, housing, etc.) Continuing to seek Board support, Blankenhorn asked that if members could get involved they do so by contacting Andrew Williams-Clark.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

Before considering the procurement approvals, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that under the Water Supply Study (Item 5.4), material was presented for informational purposes only, since the action had already been approved last month.

The following procurement approvals were recommended by CMAP staff. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor carried, approving the Subgrantee Contract Awards under the Illinois EPA Financial Assistance Agreement in a total amount of \$1,208,978. A motion by Russell Hartigan that was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried, approving a contract award to RCF Economic &

Financial Consulting for an Economic Development Strategy Analysis in the amount of \$99,917. A motion to approve by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein carried awarding a contract to S.B. Friedman & Company for Public Finance Analysis on a task-order basis in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

On behalf of Rita Athas, Chair of the Programming Coordinating Committee, Dan Shea reported that the committee met, discussed the DRI outreach, approved the FY 2009 multi-year CMAQ Program and the Update to the 2030 RTP, TIP amendments and conformity analysis as well as Title VI and recommended approval by the CMAP Board. The Committee also were briefed on the RTA's preliminary planning programs.

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Coordinating Committee Chair, reported that the committee met, gave preliminary approval of regional indicators that will be presented for Board review and endorsement in November and that staff will then begin collecting data. Hartstein went on to report that two Economic Development Snapshot reports are being developed. One involving employment clusters showing where sectors have grown, matured or stayed the same and the second, business location decisions that identifies the factors that drive where businesses locate (i.e., workforce, proximity to transportation, etc.).

Written summaries of the working committees and the Citizens' Advisory Committee were also distributed.

## **7.0 Title VI**

While the staff of CATS was administered by IDOT, their Title VI Plan as required by USDOT covered the staff of the MPO and since that relationship no longer exists, CMAP is required to adopt its own Title VI for the MPO staff. Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration Dolores Dowdle reported that Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that programs do not discriminate against any groups. A motion by Alan Bennett to adopt Title VI as presented was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

## **8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda**

Principal Planner Patricia Berry reported that as had been stated by Dan Shea on behalf of the Programming Coordinating Committee, the Transportation Consent Agenda covered approval of the FY 2009 multi-year CMAQ Program and the Update to the 2030 RTP, TIP amendments and conformity analysis. Four BRT projects will be deferred to the Transportation Committee. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to approve the recommendations of the Programming Coordinating Committee regarding the CMAQ Program and the RTP, TIP amendments and conformity analysis as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **9.0 Legislative Update**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that there was nothing new from Springfield to report, but that certainly CMAP will continue to promote a capital program. Mayor Bennett also suggested that Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics will be hampered without a commitment from the State on a capital program and hopes this will be on the fall veto session, perhaps funding from a Bond issue. Mayor also asked that CMAP forward another letter in favor of a capital program. Briefly, Blankenhorn fielded questions regarding changes in the Senate that will occur next year.

## **10.0 Housing Policy Briefing**

Similar to the policy briefing that was presented on the capital funding, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the work and thinking on housing issues, especially in light of the foreclosure crisis and pointed to CMAP's Housing Fact Sheet. Broken out into three sections, the fact sheet illustrates existing conditions, CMAP's vision for housing and CMAP's housing principles. A number of Board members weighed in on the topic and one suggestion included counseling assistance centers, to serve both the homeowner and lenders. CMAP's Housing and Community Development Planner Lee Deuben reported that CMAP is working with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and BPI (Business and Professional People for the Public's Interest) who is conducting an analysis of potential legislative needs, developing a best practices manual and model ordinances. CMAP and the Mayors Caucus also developed a survey for municipalities to determine needs and ordinances that have already been adopted. The results of the survey will be shared with HUD, IDHA and other CMAP partner agencies. While very concerned for the individual, this is seen as an opportunity for CMAP to assist the region in planning for the future. Township officials should also be contacted to complete the surveys. In conclusion, Blankenhorn reported that this month Illinois received \$170 million from HUD as part of the neighborhood stabilization program of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act. CMAP will work with the recipients of the funding to assure that the money is targeted appropriately and to provide technical assistance where needed.

## **11.0 Community and Technical Assistance**

Deputy Executive Director for Community and Technical Assistance Bola Delano briefed the Board on its programs. A Powerpoint of the presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

## **12.0 Other Business**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn pointed to a handout entitled "Summary of Emergency Assistance for the Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes (Neighborhood Stabilization Funds) as included in P.L. 110-289, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (H.R. 3221) for additional information on the \$170 million program referenced in Agenda Item 10.0 Housing Policy Briefing.

Data requested earlier in the meeting regarding FLIP students was also distributed.

CMAP marks its third anniversary this month; Blankenhorn thanked the Board for its efforts.

### **13.0 Public Comment**

Paul Heltne from the Center for Humans and Nature reported that data from an Australian organization which has been commissioned by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to keep track of carbon emissions on a yearly basis, issued their report on carbon emissions for 2007 and found them to be dramatically higher than any of the scenarios previously considered by the IPCC. The high level of 2007 emissions means that actions to mitigate climate change and the reduction of carbon emissions will have to be even more stringent than before. It also means that adaptation measures will need to be much more aggressive. This level of carbon emissions will mean potentially rapid and very significant sea level rise and the resulting movement of people from the coasts to safer areas like right here in the Midwest. Heltne went on to say that he brings this to the Board's attention because he believes it is important and hopes that CMAP will make climate change even more solidly central to 2040 planning activities, given this new information which will provide context and often constraints for all of our 2040 regional visions.

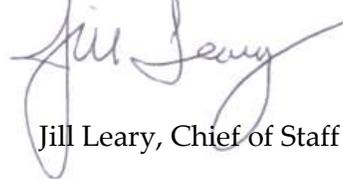
### **14.0 Next Meeting**

The Board will meet again on November 12, 2008. The December meeting may be cancelled.

### **15.0 Adjournment**

At 10:40 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by Mayor Elliott Hartstein. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary".

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

10-08-08

*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, December 10, 2008.*