



Regional Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

Elliott Hartstein, Chair (CMAP Board), Pat Carey (Cook County-Economic Development Cmte.), Sheri Cohen (Chicago Dept. Public Health-Human & Community Services Cmte.), Jack Darin (Sierra Club-Environment and Natural Resources Cmte.), Michael Gorman (President, Village of Riverside-CMAP Board), Andrew Madigan (Mesirow-CMAP Board), Ed Paesel (South Suburban Mayors & Managers Assoc.-Land Use Cmte.), Rae Rupp Srch (DuPage County-CMAP Board) and Leon Rockingham (Mayor-North Chicago-Transportation Cmte.)

Members Absent:

Roger Claar (Mayor-Village of Bolingbrook-CMAP Board), Frank Beal (Metropolis Strategies-CMAP Board), Al Larson (President, Village of Schaumburg-CMAP Board), and Allison Milld (MMC-Housing Cmte.)

Others Present:

Mark Pitstick-RTA, Ryan Richter-Metra, Jeffrey Sriver-CDOT, Chris Staron, Northwest Municipal Conference

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Don Kopec, Kermit Wies, Gordon Smith, Dolores Dowdle, Patricia Berry, Drew Williams-Clark, Liz Schuh, Alex Beata, Justine Reisinger, Simone Weil, Ylda Capriccioso, Lindsay Hollander

1.0 Call to Order

Elliott Hartstein-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and asked committee members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting as presented, made by President Michael Gorman, was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Unified Work Program

CMAP staff Dolores Dowdle explained the planning projects approved for the Unified Work Program (UWP), including eight core projects, as well as seven competitive proposals determined after the ranking process. Total UWP funding is \$21.8 million, including \$16.8 million from FHWA and FTA.

A motion to recommend approval of the UWP to the CMAP Board, was made by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)

CMAP staff Kermit Wies explained that CMAP's DRI process was up for renewal and that CMAP staff recommends renewal with no expiration date, and with no modifications to the existing process. Because the process was developed to include high bars and strict criteria to carry out the procedure, CMAP has never received an application. There were two trial periods. Members discussed whether the criteria should be changed to encourage applications or whether CMAP should do publicity to educate communities about DRI. Members also questioned the purpose of having a process that is not used. Wies indicated that state statute requires CMAP to have a process in place. In addition, he indicated that by way of other CMAP programs and work like the Local Technical Assistance program, large development projects are considered by CMAP, just not through the DRI process.

A motion to recommend renewal of DRI to the CMAP Board was made by Pat Carey. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Status Update on CREATE

Jeff Sriver from CDOT presented about the CREATE program. He explained that the purpose of CREATE is to improve freight transportation flow through Chicago, which is a key part of the country's distribution system. CREATE was established to be a cooperative project involving multiple units of government and freight carriers. To date, 48 out of the 70 projects are either completed or underway, including the Englewood Flyover, the Grand Crossing connection into Union Station, 25 viaduct improvements in the City of Chicago, and grade separations projects throughout the region. Sriver stated that CREATE has resulted in a 28 percent reduction in freight delay thus far.

7.0 Housing Policy Updates – Tracking Housing Change in the Region

CMAP staff Liz Schuh provided an update to the Committee on ongoing analysis of regional housing market trends. Schuh discussed recent trends, such as the increases in home values and the increase in multifamily permits outside of Chicago. In addition, CMAP's analysis has shown that single-family for-rent units are also increasing.

8.0 GO TO 2040 Plan Update

CMAP staff Drew Williams-Clark provided an overview of CMAP's plans to update GO TO 2040. Williams-Clark indicated that CMAP must update the plan every four years to be in compliance with MAP-21. The update will be integrated with the annual implementation report and will not likely change the policies in GO TO 2040. Members inquired about the role of working committees. Williams-Clark indicated that there will be review by working committees. Members also asked about major capital projects, which Williams-Clark said would be addressed later in the process, and that there would be an opportunity for the Committee to discuss.

9.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Ylida Capriccioso presented the State Legislative Update. She reported that the state budget passed the General Assembly and has been sent to the Governor. Now the General Assembly is adjourned. CMAP supported seven bills this session and opposed two bills. Members asked about a potential state capital plan. Capriccioso indicated that CMAP will continue to communicate our principles regarding a capital plan. Matt Maloney mentioned that House Bill 3637 was introduced at the end of session, and that the bill would reform transportation funding by swapping the state motor fuel tax for a wholesale tax on motor fuel. Maloney indicated that staff was analyzing the bill according to the capital program principles approved by the Board.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

11.0 Public Comment

Mark Pitstick of the RTA announced that the draft of the RTA strategic plan update is available.

12.0 Next Meeting

The Regional Coordinating Committee meets next on October 9, 2013.

13.0 Adjournment

At 9:10 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 9, 2013