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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2009

Lake County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

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, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago and Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Others Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Bob Dean, Brett Baden and Sherry Kane

1.0 Call to Order

Chairman Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. A concern was raised by Mayor Roger Claar regarding two features that had appeared in recent publications indicating that the cities of Joliet and Aurora will experience water shortages as early as 2015, based upon comments made by staff at Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC). CMAP staff will look into the matter respond immediately to the COGs and the Mayors Caucus in an attempt to correct the misconception.

2.0 Introduction of Workshop Goals

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the purpose of the workshop is to talk about major policy implications with the introduction of a preliminary draft Preferred Scenario for *GO TO 2040*. He outlined the schedule for the various approvals required, including Preferred Scenario adoption in January 2010, identifying capital projects in April/May, releasing the draft plan in May/June and final Plan adoption in October 2010. Further, Blankenhorn stated that the Board will be asked at the conclusion of the workshop, if the members are comfortable with the Preferred Scenario and next steps. Blankenhorn also introduced Brett Baden, an economist by trade, who recently joined CMAP staff.

3.0 Plan Production & Promotion

Blankenhorn reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) had recently been developed for plan production and promotion. Expected to allow CMAP to pick and choose from a variety of options, funding will come from both this and next year's budget and outside sources will also be targeted. A suggestion was made that marketing initiatives should also be used to elevate CMAP as well as *GO TO 2040*.

4.0 GO TO 2040-Preferred Scenario & Plan Recommendations

The top dozen key policy directions that include: land use and housing, resource conservation, food systems, open space, transportation finance, public transit and high-speed rail, freight, workforce and education, innovation, tax policy, transparency and data sharing and "unsiloing" state and federal programs were presented and within each policy area, tradeoffs among them and the ability to implement must be considered. Staff believes it is critically important for the plan to include prioritized and targeted recommendations, and several Board members have noted that *GO TO 2040*'s recommendations should be bold and also implementable. Blankenhorn asked "how 'Bold' should we go?" An issue-by-issue discussion needs to occur of key recommendations to discuss the tradeoffs for each, including where the plan should "push the envelope" in each of the policy areas. A preliminary discussion was held on the following topics: land use and housing, transportation finance, and tax policy.

The discussion concluded with staff being directed to recommend a process and schedule for the Board to discuss and consider the Plan's recommendations. Again, Blankenhorn stated that Preferred Scenario approval will be sought in January, so comments and feedback would be appreciated as soon as possible.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Executive Committee.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public

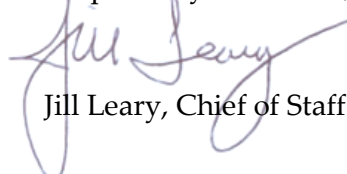
7.0 Next Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet again immediately following the Board meeting on November 18, 2009.

8.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:40 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein, seconded by Raul Raymundo and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, November 18, 2009