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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2007

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

Board Members Present: Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Gerald R. Bennett-Chair (Mayor, City of Palos Hills), Elliott Hartstein (Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP)

Others Present: Mark Avery-DuPage County, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Bruce Christenson-Lake County and CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano and Patricia Berry.

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Elliott Hartstein questioned CMAP's ability to conduct electronic meetings with Chair Jerry Bennett offering to forward a copy of a recent ordinance that was passed by the City of Palos Hills that CMAP may want to re-title as a resolution.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting as presented, was made by Al Larson and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Fiscal Year 2008 Work Program and Funding

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the FY 08 Work Program, in a preliminary stage now, will be presented for approval in June. Key projects were identified as well as expected costs, the majority of which having been submitted through the Unified Work Program (the transportation funding program) and staff and non-consultant work totaling nearly \$10.4 million has been recommended by the UWP committee. Another \$2 million in consultant fees are subject to the competitive program.

An additional \$2 million shown as funding from other sources such as DNR and EPA covers the water resource and environmental work for those agencies. Blankenhorn also explained the methodology used in developing the FY 08 Work Program offering as an example that outreach is shown independent of the TIP, environment and water supply.

Where possible, staff will provide direct comparisons between current level of effort and past. As a point of clarification, about \$1.2 million of the total \$2 million budgeted for consultants is related to two projects: one to create a new transportation and land-use model working with the two Illinois universities, the other for data collection that will bring Kendall County into CMAP.

While meant to accomplish what was set out in CMAP's strategic plan, the revenue side has not yet been developed and a discussion ensued regarding the topic.

Blankenhorn suggested that CMAP look into qualifying as a 501(c)(3) corporation that may allow flexibility in attracting grants from non-traditional sources. Agreed by the Executive Committee so long as advocacy or lobbying is not required, staff will look into the process. Legal advice may also be required.

5.0 Legislative Initiatives

Blankenhorn reported that HB 0002, the technical fix, is scheduled for hearing soon and may come out of committee as well. Only one question remains as to whether language to sunset NIPC is amended now or wait until it gets to the floor and allow the committee chair decide. The speaker's staff has asked if CMAP would consider an amendment to the bill that will allow former CATS staff to stay on the state retirement system.

HB 1134, Blankenhorn continued, is expected to be transferred (from Representative Lou Lang) to the chair of the smart growth and regional planning committee. Not a shell bill because it does contain language, it is meant as a placeholder for action CMAP may want to take on other issues during this legislative session.

The Capital Investment Accountability legislation was also discussed briefly.

Regarding editorial briefings, Tom Garritano reported that briefings have been scheduled with the Daily Herald, the Chicago Tribune, Pioneer Press and a tentative briefing has been scheduled with the Joliet Herald.

6.0 Joint Memorandum of Understanding

Changes to the Joint Memorandum of Understanding were made in the brief preamble and the Policy Committee has agreed to two members of the CMAP Board serving on the Policy Committee. Due to meeting cancellations of February 14, expected is the same schedule on March 14, with a special joint meeting of the policy committee and the CMAP board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and to discuss the re-designation of the MPO.

7.0 Transition of Personnel

There remain nine (9) IDOT employees that have not yet come over to the CMAP, Blankenhorn reported and asked that the board allow staff to direct a letter to IDOT recommending that on or before June 30, 2007, the matter be completely resolved. The Executive Committee completely concurred and suggested an earlier date so that the transition can be made.

8.0 Executive Committee Meeting Dates

The Executive Committee agreed to meet the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:30 a.m. This allows discussion of Board Agenda material in advance of the meeting.

9.0 Other Business

A press event by TFIC (Transportation for Illinois Coalition) is scheduled for March 15 and an invitation is extended for all to attend. The focus is the general need for a capital plan for Illinois. Local officials will speak about their respective needs and CMAP will then report its regional perspective.

Additionally, staff will be issuing an RFQ for legal services in the near future and will target the request specific to a municipal attorney.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Adjournment

At 9:30 a.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Larson and seconded by Mayor Hartstein passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, April 11, 2007.