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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 13, 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), Marilyn Michelini (President, Village of Montgomery) and Ed Paesel (Executive Director, SSMMA)
- Absent:** Al Larson (Mayor, Village of Schaumburg), Michael Smith (Mayor, Village of New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP)
- Others Present:** Vicky Smith-SWCOM and CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Gordon Smith, Patricia Berry and Sherry Kane.

### 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 8:07 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

The presentation by Don Perkins will be rescheduled and the topics of MPO appointments and the RTA resolution were added.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting as presented, was made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

### 4.0 Legislative Update

The language of HB 1134, agreed to by both the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee was eventually amended into SB 1201, passed both houses of the General Assembly and will be sent to the Governor's office for signature. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that staff had sent hundreds of e-mails to CMAP partners

requesting support. A similar letter, tailored for CMAP Board Chair's signature was presented to the Executive Committee and will also be forwarded to the full Board later in the morning.

Considering appointments to the Board made over a year ago embodied a well-balanced representation of the region, the executive committee discussed the governor's proposal of appointments to the CMAP Board at length.

#### **6.0 Agency Funding**

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that a meeting was scheduled for later in the day to clear up current invoices that have not been paid by IDOT. Staff remains cautiously optimistic and the Executive Committee is concerned that issues such as this will continue. The conversation turned back to governor's appointments and staff was directed that appointments (to the CMAP Board) are not to be discussed until the issue of funding has been resolved.

#### **7.0 Fiscal Year 2008 Budget**

Deputy Director of Finance and Administration Dolores Dowdle explained that the Budget proposal is identical to budget proposal "A" that had been presented in May and includes an additional \$100,000 in Economic Development and Environmental planning. Provided the Executive Committee concurs, approval will be sought by the full board. The budget includes a build-up of reserves with \$225,000 budgeted for that purpose. The Line of Credit that had been issued to NIPC will be transferred to CMAP. Blankenhorn reported that in talking with the counties, an estimated \$10-\$20,000 per year from the 10 largest groups may be requested for projects that are non-government (state) and likewise unrestricted. While the bonding authority was removed from the legislation, the Executive Committee commits to bringing this up again.

#### **8.0 \*Potential Claims Against CMAP Exception 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)**

Having felt this topic was adequately discussed, the Executive Committee declined adjournment to an Executive Session.

#### **9.0 Other Business**

Resolution #07-01 calling on Governor Blagojevich and the General Assembly to pass a capital program in which transit is sufficiently funded at the level identified in the RTA's Moving Beyond Congestion plan was presented for approval by the Executive Committee and recommendation to the full Board for adoption.

CMAP Chair Jerry Bennett announced the resignation of Michael Smith (Mayor, Village of New Lenox) from the CMAP Board and will recommend acceptance of his resignation by the full Board later this morning. Staff was asked to give notice to Will County to name a replacement.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the State audit had been completed and while there were no real surprises, CMAP Executive Committee asked that responses to the audit be given by the President on behalf of the NIPC Commission separate from any response released by the CMAP Board.

Staff reported that four vacancies now exist on the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the CAC is expected to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for replacements.

As was authorized in SB 1201, a Facility Planning Area water quality committee, consisting of 1 member each of the City of Chicago, suburban Cook County and 1 member to represent the collar counties will be named later in the morning at the full Board meeting. The Executive Committee named Frank Beal as the CMAP/City of Chicago appointee.

#### **10.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **11.0 Adjournment**

At approximately 9:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Hartstein and seconded by Rita Athas passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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*Approved with a minor correction, by unanimous vote August 28, 2007.*