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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2006

4:30 p.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Will County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members Present:** Gerald R. Bennett-Chair (Mayor, City of Palos Hills), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox), Marilyn Michelini (Mayor, Montgomery), and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin LLP)

**Others Present:** CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Sherry Kane, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Tom McKone-CCA, Karen Greenbaum-CCA and Dave Seglin-CDOT.

### I. 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 4:38 p.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

### II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of both the May 10, 2006 and the June 19, 2006 meetings was made by Nigel Telman, seconded by Vice Chair Michael Smith and passed unanimously.

### IV. Board Meeting Agenda

*Report to the General Assembly:* Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn walks committee members through the two memos included in the packet related to CMAP Governance and Funding. A third piece, Vision, will be discussed at the next board meeting and further developed in the Board Visioning Workshop scheduled for Friday July 14, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Regarding governance issues, Blankenhorn explains that staff has basically taken previous

board input in developing 4 major points as a governance philosophy (these are shown in Memo dated July 5, 2005, re: Governance ). Of 3 options to be considered as the board's committee structure (also outlined in the memo), staff recommends committees aligned with staffing—such as planning, programming & operations, economic & community development and technical analysis—with functional areas being assigned to one committee or another. Also to be considered is how those committees are to be chaired. A suggestion is made that CMAP board members ought to be a part of the committees. Blankenhorn cautions, however, that there are a number of activities that occur within the transportation, land use and water resources that the board may want to avoid, an example was given that the CATS Work Program Committee approved approximately 1200 TIP amendments last year. A fairly lengthy discussion followed which resulted in staff gaining additional insights that will help in fine tuning the governance issue. A decision does not have to be made immediately, rather enough information that the board is comfortable with that allows staff to draft the report [to the General Assembly].

As indicated in a second memo (dated July 5, 2006 re: Funding) also included in the committee packet, basic potential funding options are identified while criteria related to fairness, ease in implementation and political acceptability are kept in mind. Blankenhorn stated that Legislators have said talk [to us] about options--don't just come with a proposal. The memo outlines the various funding mechanisms: matching funds, other state and federal funds, options for local funds, where the most discussion has been, and grants that actually contribute to the agency's mission. Staff is asking the board for its go-ahead that these are options to be considered and refined for the report.

The visioning packet, Blankenhorn continued, will be forwarded within the next day or so. The 7 policy areas will be covered by showing: (a) this is where we are (b) this is where we can go and (c) this is where we want to be. Costs in financial and human resources, etc., and the authorities we need to accomplish all this will also be covered.

*CMAP Budget update:* presently CMAP does not have an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation that may soon result in cash flow problems. The Department has made additional requests for significant amounts of information. Since the financial aspect is so critical, staff is directed to comply with the request for information. Additional contact is expected and follow-up reported at the board meeting.

*Draft 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, Proposed FY07-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis:* At this time, staff will be seeking board approval, through the Planning and Priorities Committee, to remand to the CATS Work Program Committee the ability to release this report for public comment. The CATS Policy Committee has already given its authority to do the same.

*Citizen's Advisory Committee:* an orientation for the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be held prior to the board meeting, [CAC] members will be asked to join the board meeting and a light lunch will be served immediately following the board meeting. Twenty-five of the 33-member committee had confirmed they will attend.

**V. Election of Officers**

Mayor Michelini reported that the nominating committee met via conference call just prior to the Executive Committee meeting today, that it had selected its slate of officers and at large members and is recommending to the Executive Committee to maintain the slate of officers and members as it exists today, provided of course, they will continue to serve. The first vice-chair is Rita Athas; Mayor Smith is 2<sup>nd</sup>. A suggestion may also follow to increase the number of members to 7, Michelini concluded.

**VI. Other Business**

There was no other business before the Executive Committee. Although Mayor Larson did announce that WFLD will televise a feature on the City of Schaumburg Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

**VII. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 5:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Larson passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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*Approved, by unanimous vote, with the following correction: Mayor Marilyn Michelini was present.*