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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

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), Elliott Hartstein (Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin LLP)

**Others Present:** CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Tom Garritano, Gordon Smith and Sherry Kane.

### 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 4:05 p.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

### II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

Under item 4.0 Board Meeting Agenda, the topic Committees was introduced for discussion purposes following item 4.4 CMAP Contextual Approach.

### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of both the October 10 and October 31, 2006 Executive Committee Meetings as presented, was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Nigel Telman. All in favor, the motion carried.

### IV. Board Meeting Agenda

Under the topic of Transition/Staffing, Chief of Staff Jill Leary reported that today had been the deadline for former NIPC and CATS staffs to accept offers of employment with CMAP effective January 1, 2007. There could be as many as 10 that had not yet responded, the majority of whom were union employees. Chairman Bennett briefly reported that he had teleconferenced with IDOT's Secretary Tim Martin.

The joint Memo of Understanding that had been presented to the CATS Policy committee came back to CMAP with a few changes, one of which was to increase the number of

representatives to the CMAP Board. Board approval of this document will be sought in January.

Five points supporting a State Capital Funding Plan will be presented at the upcoming board meeting.

A presentation outlining a contextual approach linking the comprehensive regional plan, evaluation criteria, projects of regional significance, regional priorities, incentives and technical assistance will also be made at the upcoming Board meeting.

Regarding working committees, Executive Director Blankenhorn was able to report that staff liaisons had been assigned to each committee and plans were underway to solicit members to those committees and to schedule meetings in January. Chairman Bennett asked that staff forward a reminder to Board Members to identify any particular committee assignment interest.

Blankenhorn also reported that the water supply planning group had formed its committee of thirty-four members, 10 from municipalities, 10 from the collar counties, as well as others named from business and real estate concerns. Four Cook County CoGs (Northwest & West Central as well as Southwest & South Central) will share representation by two members.

CMAP staffer Hubert Morgan will be coordinating/facilitating commissioner training in Kendall County that will result in the collection of data to bring Kendall County into the CMAP process.

Finally, a UWP update will also be given at the Board meeting.

**V. Open Meetings Act**

Briefly stated, changes in the Open Meetings Act become effective in January that will likely affect the ability of the Executive Committee to meet via teleconference. Additional details will be reported soon. If teleconferencing is no longer an option, a decision may be made to schedule Executive Committee meetings prior to Board meetings.

**VI. Other Business**

CMAP staffer Tom Garritano reported the content of a recent feature in the Illinois Issues related to CMAP's effectiveness in the region and subsequent action that was taken in response to the article. A letter signed by 19 partners was addressed to the editor and a "rebuttal" type article will be prepared and submitted for inclusion in the February issue.

**VII. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. Adjournment**

At 4:30 p.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Hartstein passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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*Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote on January 10, 2007.*