



Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

9:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

- Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Steve Lazzara (on behalf of Curt Paddock), Mark Muenzer, Heather Smith, Heather Tabbert, Jane Turley, Mark VanKerkhoff, Nathaniel Werner, Ruth Wuorenma, Angela Zubko.
- Members Absent:** Sheena Frève, Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Todd Vanadilok, Eric Waggoner, Nancy Williamson, Adrienne Wuellner.
- Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Alex Beata, Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Ben Gilbertson, Holly Ostdick, Elizabeth Schuh, Andrew Williams-Clark.
- Others Present:** Elaine Bottomley (Will County), Mike Klemens (Will County Governmental League), Ryan Richter (Metra), Jonathan Stytz (Will County), Matthew Tansley (Kane County).
- 1.0 Call to Order**
Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
Agenda item 7.0 (Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report) was moved to the beginning of the main agenda items.
- 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – June 18, 2014**
A motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014, was made by Rob Cole and seconded by Than Werner. All in favor, the motion carried.
- 4.0 GO TO 2040 Update: Public Comment Period – Drew Williams-Clark, CMAP**
A draft update of GO TO 2040 was released for public comment on June 13. A series of open houses are taking place around the region through the end of the public comment period, August 1, to address questions and solicit input from the public. Staff anticipates Board and MPO approval of the update in October, per federal requirement. Throughout the process, staff have updated the committee on the status of the update, including the

Financial Plan and Major Capital Projects. This included substantial committee discussion around the updated Implementation Actions for each plan recommendation at meetings from September, 2013 through January, 2014. Staff also sought committee input on updated plan Indicators and targets at the November and February meetings. At this meeting, Drew was seeking committee input on the draft plan update documents as released for public comment.

Committee Chair Ed Paesel mentioned that the committee will need to set aside time at the beginning of the September "field trip" to allow for any needed discussion on the GO TO 2040 Update.

5.0 LTA Program Evaluation, Part 2: Implementation Process – Bob Dean, CMAP

CMAP Staff will be working with the working committees and other partners in an evaluation of the first three years of the LTA program, with the intent of using the results to focus future resources most effectively. The discussion this month focused on implementation progress. New applications were also discussed (and covered in a separate memo).

Bob Dean mentioned that he can present the results of evaluation and survey at the committee's meeting in October.

A committee member wondered whether CMAP does this sort of GO TO 2040 implementation analysis for major capital projects. Bob responded that major capital projects do consider whether implementation would encourage development outside of existing communities or within.

Another committee member asked whether there is a way, in rankings, to judge scale and impact. Bob responded that was a good point, but they didn't exactly include that in the study.

A committee member asked Bob whether he had thought of doing something similar to the Burnham Award to recognize best LTA projects. Bob responded no, but added that some existing awards are tied to the principles of GO TO 2040.

A committee member suggested that there needs to be a better term for stormwater, and also stated there wasn't good local understanding about 'watershed literacy'. Bob responded that regarding water issues, CMAP actually looked at greater depth and complexity than just stormwater, so there is probably a need to term it something like "stormwater and water quality."

A committee member stated that CMAP needs to publicize successful regional projects that can be replicated. Bob agreed that CMAP could do more and it's something they would certainly like to do. Another committee member suggested that the MMC could help with this.

A committee member asked if there is a process for better engaging partners, and asked if

there was a way for the Land Use Committee to help. Bob responded CMAP hasn't yet figured that out fully; he also mentioned recent work with IFF and Enterprise.

A committee member asked if in the future LTA projects could be brought to the committee, so that committee members could go around the table to see if any one had connections. Bob responded that they would like to do that, especially with existing projects (in order to facilitate implementation).

Another committee asked Bob whether he had found a way to differentiate between CMAP staff led projects vs. consultant led projects in terms of implementation. Bob answered that CMAP staff follows up with consultant led to get updates on implementation. Also, CMAP is looking into the possibility of extra payments for consultants (perhaps something like \$10,000) to contract a greater degree of implementation assistance.

A committee member (from one of the county governments) mentioned that they had been telling communities about how completing LTA projects can help set communities up well for applying for funding for implementation.

Bob then talked about the applications submitted to the latest LTA program call for projects.

A committee member asked what method CMAP was using for low capacity communities. Bob answered that that is actually the most quantitative measure CMAP uses.

A guest in the audience commented about multi-jurisdictional projects being helpful. Bob responded that multi-jurisdictional applications receive some priority in the evaluation process.

A committee member asked Heather Tabbert from the RTA how RTA deals with multi-jurisdictional applications for their program. She responded that the RTA prefers a single-agency applicant. Ed Paesel added that the SSMMA had previously applied to the RTA (a such a single agency applicant) on behalf of several communities.

6.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, Part 2 – Jesse Elam , CMAP

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program is a federal transportation funding source that CMAP programs through a competitive regional process. Staff are undertaking a review of the evaluation and ranking process used in the program and are seeking working committee feedback. Following last month's presentation, Jesse sought additional committee feedback.

A committee member asked about whether land use diversity includes consideration of housing affordability. Jesse answered not currently, and added that while CMAP wants to keep the criteria simple and transparent, it is possible that it could be included.

Another committee member asked about whether porous pavement use around Metra

stops could be included. Jesse answered that CMAP could include quantitative consideration of that, but added that it's not considered an integral part of transit supportive land use.

A committee member stated that he thought if a community wants to do something right—such as increasing density—that should be rewarded. He added that he thought it was important not to judge suburban communities by “Evanston or Chicago standards.” Jesse responded that CMAP in including criteria that addressed those concerns.

A committee member thought that improving major hubs should have higher priority.

7.0 Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report – Alex Beata, CMAP

Drawing on GO TO 2040, the CMAP Board convened the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force in June 2013 to explore the potential benefits of creating a Regional Freight Authority to address institutional and funding barriers affecting the freight system in northeastern Illinois. The appointment of this Task Force acknowledged the need for a higher degree of industry involvement in the regional planning process and the importance of public/private cooperation in the creation of good freight policy. Alex provided an overview of recommendations in the task force's report to the CMAP Board.

One committee member asked about who from the private sector was involved. Alex answered that Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern. The committee member stated that there was a need to set up some criteria and metrics for market share and market growth.

A committee member stated that the key is that rail freight with hazardous materials will idle/stop in communities, often for hours, next to condos. So there is a need to study how to have them not do so, especially in high-density areas. Another committee member added that this problem makes it harder to sell the idea of TOD to communities.

A committee member suggested that there is an opportunity to consolidate rails. Another said that there is also an opportunity to discuss interaction between freight and commuter rail.

One committee member suggested that there needs to be “regional” in the fund name.

A committee member asked whether part of the agenda was to look at the federal agenda (especially to look at federal sources of funding). Alex answered that at the beginning of task force meetings, it would review current federal activity that was relevant.

Another committee member suggested that there is an important issue involving problems of the weight of rail freight (i.e. heavy engines) which limits access at times.

8.0 Other Business

Ed Paesel and Stephen Ostrander reminded committee members that the committee would not be meeting in August, and the committee would be taking its annual “field trip” in lieu of its

September meeting (see below).

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee does not meet in August. The committee planned to visit a site in the Forest Preserve District of Cook County in lieu of its regular meeting on September 17, 2014, to learn more about recent planning efforts by the Forest Preserve.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elyse Ostler", is written over a horizontal line.

Committee Liaison
September 12, 2014