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Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on September 23, 2008. The committee learned about the *GO TO 2040* Partnership and how they can be involved. Staff encouraged members to participate and disseminate information about the Partnership to contacts and communities that would be interested in getting involved. A brief presentation was given on the snapshot on Business Location Decisions. Members suggested that taxes and incentives be discussed in more detail in the report and recommended that the report demonstrate how the region compares to other regions as a location for business. The committee asked for a future update as the work progresses. Next meeting is on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The committee met on October 1. The agenda concentrated on addressing climate change, starting with a presentation from City of Chicago Department of Environment staff on the recently released *Chicago Climate Action Plan*. CMAP staff presented the preliminary results of research by the Volpe Center, a research unit of the U.S. Department of Transportation, to develop recommendations for CMAP on how to address climate change in the *GO TO 2040* Plan. Among the items in the report are the recommendations that the Plan try to achieve certain greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets to be set by the CMAP board, that GHG reductions be looked at as a "co-benefit" of many strategies rather than the exclusive rationale for any strategy, and that scenario planning include the measurement and projection of GHG. CMAP has contracted with the Center for Neighborhood Technology to develop more information on GHG for use in the plan, and CNT staff provided a brief presentation on that organization's scope of work and expected product. The next meeting is on November 5, 2008.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee did not meet in September. The next meeting is on October 16, 2008.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee did not meet in September. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2008.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee held their regular meeting on September 17. Continuing previous discussions, the Committee further discussed scenario construction activities following their conference call on this subject prior to the last Planning Coordinating



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Committee meeting, particularly in regard to considering financial aspects of each scenario and the importance of having good definitions around an emphasis on "existing communities." Further, the Committee had more discussion following-up on the Indicators Workshops, particularly in the area of Reinvestment, and suggested other ways to tackle the subject that the indicator dealing with FPA boundaries was trying to measure, such as tracking instead sewage disposal permits, percent of a community on sewer lines, or similar measures. The Committee also discussed the status of the DRI process and was introduced to the *GO TO 2040* Partnership Program, upon which a *GO TO 2040* pennant was waved in celebration. The Committee will next meet on October 15.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The committee approved financial amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Additionally the committee recommended approval to the Programming Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee for a RTP update, TIP amendment, and conformity analysis and that the MPO Policy Committee delegate approval of the four Bus Rapid Transit Projects to the Transportation Committee because these projects have not been included in the RTA Program. Three comments were received and responded to.

The committee requested approval of the Proposed FFY09 CMAQ program and withdrawal of three projects from the CMAQ program to the Programming Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee.

CMAP's progress on scenario construction was discussed. The committee also discussed and approved the indicators. CMAP staff also introduced the basic process for Major Capital Projects for *GO TO 2040*. The Committee also was introduced to the Freight Snapshot and the main points it will cover.

The Federal Highway Administration discussed the current and future status of the Highway Trust Fund. Earlier in September, Congress approved moving \$8 billion from the general fund into the Highway Trust Fund to be able to fulfill spending requirements that were authorized in SAFETEA-LU. There was much discussion regarding if the \$8 billion will last through the end of SAFETEA-LU and why the projections of revenue were incorrect.

Lastly, the committee reviewed the RTA's new funding programs and their proposed projects.

- Community Planning Program
- Subregional Planning Program
- Job Access Reverse Commute/New Freedom (JARC/NF)
- Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement (ICE)



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Staff Contact: John Allen

At its September 8 meeting, the CAC presented 11 suggestions for improving CMAP's public outreach. Among the suggestions are that the CAC receives an earlier look at quarterly plans; that public feedback is posted on-line in a timely manner; that event participants are told how to stay involved; that CMAP invite members of professional associations to participate in outreach events; that the CMAP video is distributed to local cable outlets; that all written literature clarifies how citizens can get involved; that written literature is distributed at all outreach events; that a record of each event is maintained and submitted to the CAC quarterly; that CMAP is used as a clearinghouse for regional planning information; and that CMAP outreach activities include underserved populations.

The committee also presented a written memo summarizing its concerns about the proposed DRI process; had a lengthy discussion about CMAP's letter to the Surface Transportation Board concerning the CN purchase of the EJ&E; listened to presentations on indicators and scenarios; received updates on the FLIP and Partnerships programs; and appointed a subcommittee to consider possible nominees for committee cochairman, with an election scheduled for the October meeting.