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Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 18, 2010

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

Members Present: Adam Dontz, Nancy Firfer, Janice Morrissy, , Tammie Grossman, Paul Leder, Janice Morrissy, Nicole Nutter, Carol Roark, Tom Tomschin, Joanna Trotter, Dan Ungerleider, Eleazar Vazquez, Amy Wagner

Staff Present: Lee Deuben, Hala Ahmed, Bob Dean, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Students from UIC Urban Planning School

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by committee Chair, Nancy Firfer

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda or announcements made

3.0 Approval of Minutes- February 18, 2010

A call for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 housing committee, as presented, and a motion was made by Janice Morrissy and seconded Amy Wagner. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Potential *GO TO 2040* Transportation Major Capital Projects: Bob Dean, CMAP

Mr. Dean reviewed the remaining timeline for the *GO TO 2040* planning process and stressed that over the next few months it will be really important for committee feedback on the plans recommendations. Next, Mr. Dean described the proposed major capital projects as part of CMAP's federal requirements of the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Dean explained why projects need to be fiscally constrained and the difference between fiscally constrained projects on the list and those that aren't. He also explained that major capital projects are those that add additional capacity to either highways or transit. Mr. Dean reviewed the budgetary numbers and provided an explanation of how CMAP determined that \$10.5 billion anticipated for additional capital projects. Joanna Trotter asked whether there was additional dollars available to further analyze projects that look good but need better cost studies. Mr. Dean responded that there was. Nancy Firfer

inquired about the MPO approval process of which Bob Dean commented that the list of capital projects will have to be approved by both the MPO Board and the CMAP Board. Paul Leder inquired as to whether or not there was opportunity to move projects from unconstrained to fiscally constrained. Mr. Dean explained that the under federal regulation the plan must be updated

6.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Resource Conservation Recommendations: Hala Ahmed, CMAP
Hala Ahmed provided the housing committee with a presentation on the preliminary Resource Conservation recommendations. She explained that resource conservations can be thought of in two ways: electric and water. First, Ms. Ahmed reviewed the recommended building retrofit strategy. She explained that the region would set a target to have 50% buildings retrofit by 2040. Next, she explained the current state of the region's water resources, described CMAP's recent release of the water supply plan and provided some sample recommendations for the plan. Adam Dontz asked Ms. Ahmed about how much research CMAP has done in terms cost and municipal and individual incentives. She explained that while it is still a work in progress, CMAP is looking at various funding mechanisms including revolving loan funds. Stacie Young stated that she should be sure to distinguish between single family and multi-family buildings. She also recommended that CNT provide an overview of all the energy and water programs currently available. Lee Deuben reminded the committee of the recent EECBG Retrofit Ramp-Up grant that CMAP applied for as part of the stimulus package. Nancy Fifer recommended looking at the recent Homes for Changing Region report which includes energy efficiency modeling. Dan Ungerleider stressed that with a finite water supply, the region should really consider where growth should occur.

7.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Data Sharing Recommendations: Andrew-Williams Clark, CMAP
Andrew Williams- Clark provided a presentation on the status of the Regional Indicators Project and the proposed recommendations for data sharing. Mr. Williams-Clark provided a quick demonstration of the beta version of the indicators website. Housing committee member's comments on what a valuable resource the website will be and how far CMAP has come over the past few years in developing it. Next, Mr. William Clark provided information on the information sharing recommendation.

8.0 Other Regional Housing Initiative Updates: Lee Deuben and Committee Members
Nancy Fifer provided a brief update on the outcomes of the Taking Action Event. She stated that CMAP, ULI, and Metropolis 2020 will be working on a pilot with a cluster of communities in west Cook including Northlake, Melrose Park, Bellwood, etc. She also said that there are discussion to bring the same dialogue to the Southern Cook suburbs and a cluster of communities in McHenry county.

Lee Deuben provided a brief update on CMAP's submission of comments for the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Other Comments

There were no other comments

8.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Housing Working Committee is Thursday, April 15th 2010 at 9:00 am in the CMAP offices.

9.0 Adjournment

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and a motion was made by Tammie Grossman and seconded by Joanna Trotter. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Deuben