

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory Committee met on November 8. CMAP staff led a brainstorming activity to identify public engagement opportunities and new groups for CMAP to reach out to and connect with. It is hoped this will help the committee identify and set targets so that over the 2012 calendar year staff and the committee will be working towards common goals.

Potential collaborations include partnership with local aldermen, home builder associations, and community colleges. A MetroPulse demonstration as a resource tool to offer stakeholders within their jurisdiction was also given. The committee meets next on February 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Economic Development

Staff Contact: Annie Byrne

The Economic Development Committee met on November 29. Staff provided updates on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program and discussed the committee's involvement moving forward. Staff also gave an update on the development of the GO TO 2040 Implementation Report and presented an overview of the Energy Impact Illinois(EI2) program that included practical ways for which committee members can help spread awareness of the program. Staff gave an update on the status of the Freight Cluster Drill-Down report. Finally, the committee debriefed on the innovation themed brainstorming session held after their last meeting and discussed the development of goals for 2012. The committee meets next on January 24, 2012.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources committee did not meet in December. It did meet on January 4, 2012 at which time an update on the City of Chicago's efforts in the area of sustainability, with a presentation by the City's Chief Sustainability Officer. A representative from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources also gave an overview of the recently-proposed Millennium Reserve, focusing on the "Calumet Core." The committee meets again on February 1 at 9:30 am.

Housing

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

The Housing Committee met on November 17th. Committee members finalized the 2012 Housing Committee calendar and work plan. Updates were given on the West Cook & South Suburban Collaborative Homes for a Changing Region projects and CMAP's upcoming State Legislative Agenda. The Housing Committee did not meet in December and is scheduled to meet next on January 19th, 2012.

Human & Community Development

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human and Community Development Committee met on November 14. An update was given of the recent Local Coordinating Committee and staff presented an outline of the GO TO 2040 Implementation Report, requesting feedback from the committee. Staff also gave an overview of CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project to develop a comprehensive plan for the Village of

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Norridge and presented a framework for the Model Local Food Ordinance and Toolkit project, which is part of CMAP's Model Plans and Ordinances Program.

The Human and Community Development Committee met again on December 12. Staff gave the following updates: the Norridge Comprehensive Plan project, part of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, addressing committee input from the November meeting; an overview of ongoing work to support and improve MetroPulse, a data website that is a major deliverable of CMAP's Data Sharing and Warehousing Program; and an update on the Cultural Vitality Indicators project, for which CMAP is providing assistance to Arts Alliance Illinois and the Chicago Community Trust. Virginia Carlson, Executive Director of the Metro Chicago Information Center (MCIC), gave an update on the Apps for Metro Chicago contest. Finally, the committee discussed specific LTA projects about which there was interest in receiving presentations and updates. The committee agreed to continue to meet on the second Monday of the month throughout 2012, beginning in February. The HCD committee meeting will take place in February, but the exact date is not yet known, since CMAP offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee did not meet in November, as committee members were participating in a charrette in Carpentersville on November 16. Nor did the committee meet in December. With the retirement of Committee Chair Mark Avery, Ed Paesel of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) has been appointed the committee's new Chair, and David Galowich, who represents the Urban Land Institute-Chicago District Council, has been appointed as the Vice-Chair. The committee is scheduled to meet again on January 18.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on November 18 and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) financial amendments, noting administrative modifications. The committee agreed to a special meeting to consider recommendation of the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and associated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for an add lanes project on IL 47 from Caton Farm Road to I-80 to the MPO Policy Committee on December 8, 2011. Meeting dates for 2012 were approved.

The committee discussed the history and effectiveness of CMAQ program management and the current status of the program which is operating under a first ready-first funded approach. Staff was asked and later provided additional information regarding the CMAQ program and active program management. Staff reported that work on the implementation of a GO TO 2040 report was in progress. Summaries on the status of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, Major Capital Projects and federal reauthorization were given as well as a synopsis of the process for developing the CMAP state legislative agenda based on the principles of GO TO 2040. The committee was asked to provide comments on the Framework document.

The committee's chair and vice chair for 2012, Ms. Leanne Redden and Mr. Michael Connelly were welcomed. Outgoing chair, Chris Snyder, was thanked for his service to the committee.



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A special meeting of the Transportation Committee was held December 8, 2011 to consider the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and associated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment for an add lane project on IL 47 from Caton Farm Road to I-80. The committee recommended approval of the project to the MPO Policy Committee.

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