

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez

The Citizens' Advisory committee has not met since our last report. It is scheduled to meet next on February 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on February 7 and approved requests for advance funding (the practice that allows sub-regional councils to reallocate surface transportation program (STP) funds among and between the councils) from four sub regional councils. Policies for advance funding were approved. The mayors also received an update on the status of STP expenditures for FY 2012. Staff reported that management policies for the CMAQ program would be discussed at the Regional Coordinating Committee and CMAQ Project Selection Committee meetings later in the week. An updated status report for locally sponsored CMAQ projects was discussed. IDOT will begin providing regular CMAQ project updates at council meetings. The FY 2012 Planning Liaison scope of services and application for UWP funding was approved and the committee received updates on the CMAP Local Technical Assistance program, Energy Impact Illinois program, Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and CMAP's state legislative principles and agenda. The work of the Regional Tax Policy Task Force was also discussed. Staff thanked the committee members for providing comments to the USEPA on the region's attainment status. The next meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee is on call.

Economic Development

Staff Contact: Annie Byrne

The Economic Development Committee met on January 24. Vice Chair Jerry Weber, provided an update of the OECD Tri-State Territorial Review and described highlights from the presentations with the OECD team in Paris. Staff provided a brief update on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and committee member Carrie Thomas described the workforce development component of the Blue Island Project. Staff presented on a new data portal in development, the Human Capital Information Portal. Committee member Reggie Greenwood presented an overview of major freight and logistics projects in the southern Cook County. The committee meets next on February 28.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources committee will not meet in February. The next scheduled meeting of the committee is March 7.

Housing

Staff Contact: Kendra Smith

The Housing Committee met on January 19. Committee members were provided an overview of the HUD Fair Housing & Equity report that will be completed by Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) as part of the Sustainable Communities Grant. Members also reviewed and made recommendations to the Homes for a Changing Region – West Cook Collaborative Essay.

Updates were given on the South Suburban final reports (final draft is now available) and current LTA projects. The committee meets next on February 16 (via webinar).

Human & Community Development

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human and Community Development Committee did not meet in January and is scheduled to meet next on February 13.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on January 18. It was the first meeting of the committee with its new Chair Ed Paesel (SSMMA) and Vice-Chair David Galowich (ULI). Staff gave an update on the Carpentersville LTA project, including details of the November 16, 2011 charrette that many committee members participated. Next steps were also reported and feedback from committee was sought for each of four design concepts. Staff gave an overview of CMAP's upcoming local food ordinance toolkit and a preview of the Technical Assistance Panel, led by ULI Chicago on January 24 and 25, which will include redevelopment opportunities for the former Joliet Prison, as well as the adjoining site formerly occupied by U.S. Steel. The committee is scheduled to meet again on February 15.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on January 20 and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) financial amendments, noting administrative modifications. The committee agreed to release the Semi-annual TIP/GO TO 2040 conformity analysis and TIP amendments for a 30 day public comment period from January 20 through February 20. An overview of the state legislative framework was presented. CMAP's executive director reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee will be consulted for policy guidance to alter CMAQ administrative procedures since changes are needed to move projects forward in a timely manner and, when necessary, eliminate non-performing projects from the program. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee and Transportation Committee have struggled to address the issues being discussed, and policy direction from a committee that is less involved in project implementation is desired. Steve Schlickman reported that UIC will receive \$1.4 million and has been designated as a National Transportation Center by USDOT. Staff reminded the committee to provide comments to the U.S. EPA by February 3, regarding the region's air quality attainment status. The Transportation Committee meets next on March 3.

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