CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee
Staff Contact: Ricardo Lopez
The Citizens' Advisory Committee met on August 9. Staff gave an overview of the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program and the committee discussed ways to help organize and grow the region's green job market. The committee also received program updates on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and the project descriptions submitted under the Community Planning Grant Program. Staff will catalog the projects by members' areas to encourage involvement in the planning process. Members were oriented to GO TO 2040 and received talking points to assist in sharing the GO TO 2040 message efficiently to their communities. The meeting concluded with a discussion regarding upcoming outreach opportunities for CMAP to educate and engage the public on GO TO 2040. Staff will contact members before the next scheduled meeting (November 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.) to identify potential new groups to reach.

Economic Development
Staff Contact: Annie Byrne
The Economic Development Committee did not meet in August. At the September meeting, however, the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC) presented on several of MCHC's efforts to align education and workforce development with opportunities in the healthcare industry. Challenges and successes in collaborating with diverse partners across the region were discussed. Staff from CMAP and the Chicago Workforce Investment Council (CWIC) gave a presentation on the freight cluster research being undertaken through a collaborative effort between CMAP and the CWIC. Preliminary findings of the research were discussed and feedback was requested. Finally, staff provided an update on the development of CMAP's state policy agenda and discussed future opportunities for the committee to provide input.

Environment & Natural Resources
Staff Contact: Jesse Elam
The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on October 5. A presentation on legislation regarding the financing of "smart grid" electricity infrastructure by ComEd staff was given and the committee also discussed energy efficiency programs that are part of that legislation. The GO TO 2040 implementation progress by partners was reviewed and CMAP's 2012 legislative agenda was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2 at 9:30 am.

Housing
Staff Contact: Kendra Smith
The Housing Committee did not meet during the month of August. Committee leadership took the break to analyze results of the Housing Committee survey conducted during the months of June and July. Final results are expected at the September meeting. New strategies and committee discussion topics should be finalized by committee members at the October meeting.

The Housing Committee met on September 15th. Current new home market statistics for the region were presented. The committee was updated on the current status of West Cook Housing

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Collaborative HOMES, as the 5 communities recently completed their first round of public meetings. HOMES coordinators presented *South Suburban Subregional Analysis/Recommendations* (draft) to the committee for comment. Committee members briefly discussed current LTA Updates, the GO TO 2040 Implementation Report and CMAP's legislative agenda. These will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting, scheduled for October 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Andrew Williams-Clark

The Human and Community Development Committee met on September 12, 2011. Representatives from Cook County Department of Public Health gave an update on the Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative. RTA staff presented an overview of the preliminary JARC/New Freedom program of projects. The committee's co-chair presented a memo and wiki that allows members to contribute to an overview and framing of community engagement that can be used as a resource for CMAP staff as they continue to conduct outreach and engagement activities for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. CMAP staff also gave an update on the MetroPulse iPhone app release. The committee will not meet during the month of October.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Stephen Ostrander

The Land Use Committee met on September 21. CMAP staff introduced plans to produce a GO TO 2040 Implementation Report, which will describe the actions that have taken place over the past year that have advanced the implementation of GO TO 2040. Committee members were asked to give feedback on CMAP State Agenda. Staff presented the details of a memorandum entitled "Implementing GO TO 2040: Proposed Regional Analyses supporting Land Use and Housing Implementation Actions," and received feedback from committee members. One committee member led a discussion on what should be the role and response of the committee in addressing regional land use concerns raised by local transportation projects. The next meeting of the CMAP Land Use Committee is scheduled for October 19, 2011.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on September 30. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) financial amendments were approved and administrative modifications were noted. Given the end of federal fiscal year 2011, the committee approved revising Attachment A of the TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures to designate both 2011 and 2012 as selected years of the TIP. The list of fund sources included in the TIP was also updated. All implementing agencies were asked to move, delete or award 2011 line items by January. The semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment was recommended for approval to the Regional Coordinating Committee and the MPO Policy Committee.

The committee concurred with staff's responses to the public comments received on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program and recommended

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Regional Coordinating Committee and MPO Policy Committee approval of the FFY 2012-2016 CMAQ Program and Multi-Year B list proposed by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee.

A status report and discussion on the progress towards implementation of GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects was also given. The report and discussion will become a regular agenda item for the committee. Members were asked to submit a list of activities undertaken by the entities they represent to be included in a report on how the region is moving forward to implement GO TO 2040.

Brief overviews of RTA's funding programs of projects and CMAP's local technical assistance program were provided. The status of reauthorization of the federal transportation bill was also discussed. The Transportation Committee meets next on November 18.

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