

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its March 8 meeting, the CAC gave unanimous final approval to comments its members had made in response to staff presentations on policy recommendations dealing with public transportation, transportation financing, tax policy and open space and parks in *GO TO 2040*. The CAC also received briefings and had extensive discussions on policy recommendations concerning data sharing and transparency, land use and housing and resource conservation. Members' comments will be presented in memo form for the committee to review and approve at its April 12 meeting.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on February 23. A brief update on the innovation recommendations was given and another sub-committee will reconvene on March 8 for additional discussion. Two presentations were given, an overview of the State and Local Tax Policy Snapshot, and Transportation Finance recommendations for *GO TO 2040*. Overall, the committee thought the reports were comprehensive in their analysis and asked that future updates be forwarded as recommendations and the plan progresses. The committee meets again March 23.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on March 3. Staff provided updates on the regional indicators data warehouse and web interface being developed in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust. The committee discussed the preliminary recommendations for resource conservation in *GO TO 2040* and continued a discussion of the parks and open space recommendations. The committee will form a subcommittee which, along with additional members of Chicago Wilderness, will help evaluate the capital projects recommended in *GO TO 2040*. The committee meets again April 7.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee met on Thursday, February 18. The committee received an overview of the Chicago Southland Housing & Community Development Collaborative that included a status on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and other initiatives. A brief presentation was given on the 2010 Annual Comprehensive Housing Plan. Of particular interest is the new Housing/Transportation/Employment Linkage Working Group that is intended to build upon work begun as part of the initial 2004 Housing Task Force "Community & Regional Strategies Working Group" which, among other topics, examined a jobs/transportation/housing mismatch in Illinois. The new working group will revisit that examination and propose new and timely

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solutions. A brief update on *GO TO 2040* was followed by a presentation on the land use and housing recommendations as presented to the CMAP Board. Finally, regional housing initiative updates including CMAP's intent to respond to HUD's request for comments for the Sustainable Communities Initiative was given.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met on March 8 and discussed Public Transit and the Parks and Open Space components of *GO TO 2040*. Paratransit was a specific area for which the committee provided feedback and the discussion will likely continue at a future committee meeting. The committee received an update on the 2-1-1 state-wide planning process, anticipating the final plan document will be presented in April. The State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), centered on the inclusion of the built and natural environment in the plan and the relationship that the SHIP has with *GO TO 2040* was also discussed. Finally, it was reported that CMAP is putting together a dial-a-ride summit that is tentatively scheduled to take place in April. The Human Services Committee meets again April 12.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on February 17. An update was given on the status of the Comprehensive Regional Planning fund and proposed legislation regarding Illinois School Repair and Construction (HB 6050), the Illinois Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Incentive (HB 4823, SB 2559), and other proposed legislation including bills relating to cellular tower regulation in counties (HB 4877), public private partnerships for transportation (SB 3482), and rainwater harvesting and other conservation measures (SB 2549). The Tax Policy Snapshot was presented and the Committee discussed land use impacts of tax policy in Illinois. The Committee also saw an overview of the U.S. Census' American Community Survey information and a presentation was given on municipal baseline forecasts using the FutureView software, outlining the future development expectations of CMAP's municipalities and counties. The Committee meets again March 17.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments, including administrative modifications for notification to federal partners. Regional priorities, enhancement funding and the projects included in the TIP were discussed. The approval covers "regular" projects and the "Jobs for Main Street Act" Bill (H.R. 2847) projects with the provision that the projects will only be included in the TIP if the bill is passed by Congress. The "Jobs for Main Street Act" Bill (H.R. 2847) projects that IDOT has provisionally programmed were discussed. IDOT is encouraging comments on the proposed projects and comments on projects that could be programmed using the "Jobs for Main Street

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Act" Bill (H.R. 2847) funding. The list of proposed projects is available on the IDOT website (<http://www.dot.state.il.us/stimulus/index.html>). Comments should be forwarded to CMAP. The Transportation Committee recommended the semi-annual TIP/RTP conformity analysis and TIP amendments to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board for approval. The Financial Plan and Major Capital Projects for *GO TO 2040* were presented for discussion.

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