

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its February 8 meeting, the CAC discussed memos that were submitted to the CMAP Board on policy recommendations dealing with transit, transportation financing and open space and parks. The committee deferred a memo on tax policy until it receives specific recommendations from a task force called for in the policy recommendation. The CAC was briefed on policy recommendations concerning data sharing and transparency, land use and housing and resource conservation that will be presented to the Board in March. The committee also received updates on the contract for the production and promotion of *GOTO2040*, the public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Program and a new "My 2040" blog series that will be introduced on the CMAP website later this month.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on January 26. The committee reviewed and agreed to the committee work plan for 2010/11, that included: 1) providing feedback on *GO TO 2040* planning efforts and reports; 2) conducting innovation focus groups; and, 3) continuing to contribute and provide professional support to community and technical assistance programs. Staff presented a draft outline of the final process to complete the comprehensive plan, requesting that members review and provide feedback on topics related to economic development. The Committee welcomed the opportunity and set a date for a sub-committee to meet with staff to discuss innovation. A presentation on the regional freight system planning recommendations was also given. The committee meets again February 23.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on February 3. Since the CMAP Regional Water Supply/Demand Plan had been adopted the week before, the project manager gave a brief summary stating that the plan moves next into the implementation phase. The committee set March for a fuller discussion of the implementation phase of the water supply plan. A presentation from one of its members on the state's green infrastructure initiative, a project undertaken by the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Center for Neighborhood Technology, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning was given and the expected outline and timeline for the *GO TO 2040* plan development was presented. The committee also had a focused discussion on the draft parks and open space recommendations in the *GO TO 2040* plan.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The CMAP Housing committee met on January 21st. Nancy Fifer of Chicago Metropolis 2020 will assume the role of CMAP housing committee Chair to replace Adam Gross of Business and Professional People's for the Public Interest (BPI). New housing committee members, Sarah

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Ciampi of McHenry County, Tammie Grossman of Oak Park, and Steven Schaffer of Fannie Mae, were introduced and welcomed. Bob Palmer of Housing Action Illinois provided a brief overview of housing legislative priorities for Illinois in 2010, most of which will focus on foreclosures. BPI is leading two initiatives that will enhance municipal authority to address foreclosure by authorizing municipalities to create vacant property ordinances and holding financial institutions responsible for maintaining properties. The second is a bill that includes collecting a fee on the proceeds of a foreclosure sale for the purposes of creating a foreclosure mediation fund. CMAP staff Ylda Capriccioso provided the committee a brief update on CMAP's major legislative initiative-the Regional Planning Comprehensive Fund. Much to CMAP's disappointment, Lee Deuben announced that the regional proposal for NSP2 dollars led by CMAP was not awarded by HUD. CMAP has submitted a letter to HUD Secretary Donovan requesting a formal debriefing. A brief recap of the NSP coordinating council meeting which was hosted by CMAP on January 20th was also given. Adam Gross provided the committee an update on the Municipal Best Practices on Mitigating the Impact of Foreclosures manual, a partnership with CMAP, the Mayors Caucus and BPI. The manual includes model ordinances and case studies from around the region on communities taking measures to address vacant buildings as a result of foreclosures. The information will be more extensive on the web and updated on a regular basis as new information and best practices emerge. The launch of the guide will involve a large outreach effort including hosting a one day summit, scheduled for early March. Beth Dever quickly recapped the recent "After the Shock Event" an event that was co-sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, Chicago Metropolis 2020, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and CMAP, which had attracted over one hundred municipal officials, developers and representatives from the banking industry. Evaluation results from the event indicate that it was overwhelmingly successful- 100% of respondents indicated that they would be interested in follow up discussions between municipalities and the development community. The partnership will continue convening to determine appropriate next steps.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met on February 8th. At this meeting the committee discussed changes to the selection criteria for the JARC and New Freedom program that RTA staff will be presenting for approval at the February RTA board meeting. There was a presentation on CMAP's data and indicators project. In addition, the committee discussed various models associated with determining the number of 2-1-1 call centers that will be needed in order for Illinois to have 2-1-1 coverage statewide. Finally, there was a brief discussion on the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) is coming along. Specific mention was given to the inclusion of the built and natural environment in the planning document, something that had previously not been incorporated. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 8th.

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Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee did not meet in January. The next scheduled meeting is February 17, 2010.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee did not meet in February. The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2010.

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