

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizens' Advisory Committee will not meet in December and is scheduled to meet next on January 11, 2010.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on November 17. The committee provided feedback on the preferred Regional Scenario draft report with most of the comments suggesting that several of the issues in the report needed to draw attention to the distinct strengths and benefits of the Chicago metropolitan global economy and the scenario analysis should lay more emphasis on hot issues in the region. The final report on innovation was discussed and it was suggested that there was a need to make the recommendations more realistic. Some members agreed to work with staff to develop a program, by scheduling meetings (beginning in January) with innovative companies (a number of members offered to forward the names of companies to approach) to identify the kinds of innovative activity going on in the region, to build on those efforts and to discuss and identify regional challenges while defining innovation in a practical, realistic and regional context. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 26, 2010.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2010 at 9:30 am.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The CMAP housing committee met on November 19th. Committee Chair, Adam Gross and staff liaison, Lee Deuben welcomed several new members to CMAP's housing committee including: Rob Breymaier of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center, Michael Garrigan of the Village of Plainfield, Janice Morrissy of the South Suburban Housing Collaborative, Carol Roark of DuPage County, Seth Reimer of the City of Chicago, Lisa Kuklinski of Mercy Housing Lakefront, Jacques Sandberg of IFF, Geoff Smith of Woodstock Institute, Tom Tomschin of the Town of Cicero, Eleazar Vazquez of the Resurrection Project, and Amy Wagner of Illinois Housing Council. Next a brief overview of a newly forming initiative in the region, that is aimed at addressing state and federal policies that expand access to opportunity (e.g. Sustainable Communities Initiative) was presented. The group, made up of representatives from non-profits and policy focused agencies within the region, has two primary focuses that include: (a) looking at state policies that affect access to opportunity including housing, transportation and infrastructure and (b) examining federal policies, particularly, metropolitan issues and for example, the transportation appropriations bill. The group intends to weigh in on policy specifics and to address political challenges and barriers (building congressional



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support) to more equitable development. CMAP Staff presented the latest draft of the Preferred Scenario document and asked that housing committee members review the document in more detail and to forward comments by December 14, 2009. A brief recap on the "Homes for a Changing Region" initiative, a joint project of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and Metropolis 2020 in consultation with Fregonese Associates was also presented, that included a quick review of the supply/ demand housing forecast models that laid the context for the initial Homes for a Changing Region reports and the subsequent housing plans produced within individual communities. The funding for Homes for a Changing Region, now complete, it is hoped that CMAP will take the project in the future should more funding become available. Another quick recap of the recent "After the Shock" event co-sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, Metropolis 2020, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and CMAP was given. The event attracted over one hundred municipal officials, developers and representatives from the banking industry. Evaluation results from the event indicate that it was overwhelmingly successful. All respondents indicated that they would be interested in follow-up discussions between municipalities and the development community. Having cancelled its December meeting, the committee meets again on January

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services Committee is scheduled to meet again on December 14, 2009.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on November 18th. This meeting focused on the challenges of local government regulations either supporting or hindering regional development goals. The Committee responded to a draft model water conservation ordinance and discussed how to encourage local adoption of such regulations. The Committee heard a presentation on the Congress for New Urbanism's Emergency Response and Street Design Initiative that has made significant inroads to adjust the Fire Marshal's code to allow for good urbanism while meeting public safety goals, and promotes the mutual benefits of an interconnected street network to emergency response times. A mini-workshop to brainstorm impediments and obstacles to developing more compactly, at higher densities, and with a greater mix of land uses in the region was conducted that began to identify the ways CMAP, as a regional agency, may be able to help overcome obstacles and encourage development within the region's municipalities and counties in support of the GO TO 2040 preferred scenario. The Committee will continue this work on December 16th.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee met on November 20, 2009 and approved the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment that included administrative modifications for notification to federal partners. Meeting dates for 2010 were approved. Staff presented the



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rescission implementation plan for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects, which was discussed and recommended for approval by the Committee. There was an update on the GO TO 2040 process. The Transportation Committee will be asked to recommend endorsement of the final Preferred Scenario document at their January meeting. The major capital project evaluation will be delayed to allow more time for technical work, stakeholder coordination, and public engagement. A recommended fiscally constrained project list is expected to be finalized by June 2010. Results of the Travel Demand Management strategy paper were presented and discussed. A statewide 511 telephone number for travel information was discussed. The committee was informed that CMAP has a contract with Cambridge Systematics, a consultant group preparing analysis on the impact of freight as part of the GO TO 2040 process. The Freight Committee is scheduled to meet in December to discuss recommendations, analysis and policy issues which will be shared with Transportation Committee in January. Finally, the RTA is working through a series of detailed studies, conditions assessments, market assessments, and a long term financial outlook which will be shared in future meetings.

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