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## **Draft** Land Use Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
DuPage County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

### **Committee Members Present:**

Mark Avery, Kenneth Marabella for Jerry Conrad, Kristi DeLaurentiis, David Dubois, David Galowich, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel, Robert Palmer, Lisa DiChiera for James Peters, Dennis Sandquist, John Paige for Karen Stonehouse, Heather Tabbert, Kai Tarum, Nancy Williamson, Norm West

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Sam Assefa, Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Roger Dahlstrom, Ken Johnson, Tim Savage, Heather Smith. Also absent were Mark Ruby and Jackie Tredup, former NIPC members.

### **CMAP Staff Present:**

Janet Bright, Holly Ostdick, Doug Ferguson, Shana Alvord, Bob Dean, Stephen Ostrander

### **Others Present:**

Paul Heltne, Center for Humans and Nature; Nicole Nutter, Regional Transportation Authority; Mark Miner, Metra; Mark Walczak, Northwest Municipal Conference

### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Mark Avery, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chairman Avery welcomed Lisa DiChiera to the Committee as the new representative of Landmarks Illinois, replacing James Peters who has become its new President.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2008**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Mark Avery and seconded by David Dubois. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Legislative Update**

There were no legislative updates.

## 5.0 *Go To 2040 Scenario Evaluation Process*

Bob Dean relayed that the scenarios will be a combination of various strategies and will be analyzed independently. He gave an example concerning brownfields, saying this was easier to conceptualize, so that will be done first.

The basic reports on CMAP's website give an example of what these do, with the point being to test alternatives and eventually combined into a preferred scenario. The quantitative assumptions CMAP is making in each scenario will be laid out. There will be webinars on these scenarios, on a GoToMeeting, where committees can see this all at one time.

The indicators are going to the CMAP Board in November and the list is pretty final. There will be placeholders for FPA measurement, but CMAP staff is still figuring this out.

Norm West asked for clarification on what is on website and what is being asked. Bob said to become familiar with these now and they will ultimately be quantifying for modeling purposes. The Committee will be noticed on of all of this.

## 6.0 **Technical Assistance Providers Directory**

Stephen Ostrander introduced the Technical Assistance Providers Directory. A Technical Assistance Providers Group has been meeting regularly, sharing technical assistance they are involved in. One of the outgrowths has been the creation of a providers' directory as a way to compile information on providers and make contacting various organizations centralized and accessible.

Stephen demonstrated a live link to the directory, explaining its components and use. A wide net distribution was sent out last summer to populate this directory with information from CMAP's many partners. The directory is now up, but it needs more submissions.

Norm West asked to approach this from a huge agency, such as the USEPA; Stephen suggested that representative assistance avenues be listed, with a regional administrative office as the contact.

LaBelle suggested this somehow be linked to data and indicators.

Paesel explained that this grew out of duplication of technical assistance efforts in various parts of the region, and that this should help reduce duplication of effort.

Kai Tarum said this is a wonderful resource, as Kane County gets calls from smaller communities constantly. She suggested possibly sending out solicitations for contact

information again, even to the same list, as there is now something up to see, reference, and react to.

Lisa DiChiera suggested this be publicized, and a media release be made.

West said this was part of the original legislation bringing CATS and NIPC together, and that he hopes to hear more about this kind of thing.

## **7.0 Community Design Workshops**

Ostrander then passed out a brochure on the new Community Design Workshops, which have just been announced in conjunction with the Congress for New Urbanism – Illinois conference. The efforts will be focused on designers at this stage. A variety of communities will be targeted with teams of designers assigned to work with them, asking how they can see the various scenarios playing out in their contexts. CNU Illinois is an important partner on this. Some designers will represent a whole firm, whereas others will be working as individuals. Another brochure is being prepared that will be more targeted to the municipalities. This effort will help tweak the scenarios, but also provide images for the comprehensive plan. They will have a space in Millennium Park during the Burnham Centennial to display these visualizations.

Nancy Williamson asked if students could participate with these, and Stephen said this is being considered.

In response to questions from John Paige, Stephen said they are seeking to identify 15 communities for this, but are just looking for designers right now. Once municipalities become aware of this, they may have more interest than they can reasonably do. The original thought was to ask the designers to do this pro bono, but they may to rethink this, as long as there is available funding. They will be looking for urban planners as well as urban design people.

In response to a comment from West regarding a competition that could go in various directions, Stephen said these will be tailored to their locational context. West further expressed the concern that the potential of visualization could create a sense of finality in people's minds; Stephen replied that they will also be relying on the verbiage that goes with these.

Marabella expressed a concern that there would not be any inherent fiscal constraints or strong tie to reality. Galowich pointed to ULI's urban plan program exercise, which helps you see the effects of a shopping center vs open space vs homeless shelter, etc. It was also pointed out that one has to have a plan in order to have something to deviate from. DeLaurentiis pointed to the Retail 1-2-3 publication, which helped to put parameters on what is realistic, and called for more refinement around financing tools. West suggested a community level alone might not be as efficient as taking in a larger area; how might you

portray an image of how a whole region is impacted by this plan? Paesel pointed to the pattern book developed from the Calumet River planning effort.

Sandquist said he understood that the effort is to create visions of scenarios, which themselves will be made up of these certain types economic analyses, so this does get evaluated at some level. It helps us answer the question, what do we want in 40 years? Paige said that municipalities often have a planner on staff to help do this, but Galowich countered that the majority of our communities don't. Williamson said that without real financial cost information, we tire communities out.

LaBelle asked about the criteria for selecting these communities. Stephen said they are being invited through the COGs and PLs, and there will be follow up work with them. LaBelle said this is a cool idea with a practical connection.

Dubois asked about opportunities for unincorporated areas for potential infill; Stephen said they want variety, so this should be talked about. Palmer wondered if 15 communities was too many; Stephen said this has already been brought down from 30.

DeLaurentiis reiterated that this links scenarios to specific communities and how these play out, and that the challenge will be to translate these futures in a specific community with specific challenges. Palmer asked how Chicago would be brought into this process, and West clarified that one area will have all four scenarios applied to it.

## **8.0 Interactive TIP Map**

Doug Ferguson presented the interactive TIP map in place of Holly Ostdick, who was called away elsewhere. The Interactive Transportation Improvement Program map helps CMAP meet a Federal requirement for visualization by using an easily accessible interface, Google maps, to track significant TIP projects. In the past, this was done using static maps, but now the integration with Google maps allows for live and updated links. Doug walked committee through live link to the database.

The information displayed includes the total cost of funds ready to be spent in the near future, as well as contact information. This information can also be downloaded into Google Earth.

Nicole Nutter of the RTA pointed out the TIP is only 4 years out, whereas there is a long range completion year of 2030. Reality is that there are a lot of projects happening that could be 20-25 years out. DeLaurentiis wanted to know how frequently the information is updated, and whether is the ability to further identify who is paying for a project. Ferguson said CMAP would like feedback on what data is desired, and they want to show what the total cost of the project is.

LaBelle said the listing should say clearly if the project is not fully funded. He also pointed to RTAMs from the RTA and Tollway, and said these should somehow be

connected as having various pieces of data that should be linked. Galowich suggested there be two maps instead of one. Nicole Nutter wanted fuller pictures.

Warner said this is a huge step up from the printed tables that used to be distributed. The legislation requiring use of visualization does not specify techniques to be used, so there is a bit of pioneering with this.

Nicole Nutter of the RTA said that IDOT maps all their TIP projects, so this could integrate with that. DeLaurentiis suggested looking at a color spectrum for funding level, to make it more intuitive. Paesel suggested dashed lines, if color cannot be used. Galowich suggested the interface allow looking at the Township level first, and not the whole county-level info as the default.

**9.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) Status:** Mark Avery, Chair

Avery relayed that the proposed DRI framework is in a public comment period now. CMAP in process of presenting to various groups, with 21 presentations scheduled to date, including DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference yesterday and a DuPage dinner meeting tonight. As extraneous comments from the Committee were not included in what was distributed, Avery recommended that any member that felt these were not reflected should resubmit those comments to Jill Leary.

**10.0 Next scheduled meetings:** November 19 & December 17, 2008

Warner said he cannot attend the November meeting, so Stephen Ostrander will be staffing the committee. Jim LaBelle indicated he had conflicts with both of those dates.

**11.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by David Galowich and seconded by Nancy Williamson. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ty Warner".

Ty Warner, Committee Liaison