



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Regional Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

Elliott Hartstein, Chair (CMAP Board), Frank Beal (City of Chicago-CMAP Board), Pat Carey (Cook County-Economic Development Cmte.), Nancy Firfer (Metropolitan Planning Council-Housing Committee), Michael Connelly (CTA-Transportation Committee), Sheri Cohen (Human & Community Development Committee), John Noak (Will County-CMAP Board), Mike Sullivan (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors-Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Al Larson (Cook County-CMAP Board), Ed Paesel (South Suburban Mayors & Managers Assoc.-Land Use Cmte.)

Members Absent:

Peter Silvestri (Cook County-CMAP Board), Andrew Madigan (City of Chicago-CMAP Board), Leanne Redden (CMAP Board), Thomas Weisner (Kane/Kendall Counties-CMAP Board), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy-Economic Development Committee)

Others Present:

Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Janell Jensen-McHenry County Council of Mayors, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, and Jonathan Tremper-Metra

Staff Present:

Dolores Dowdle, Drew Williams-Clark, Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Jesse Elam, Lindsay Hollander, Simone Weil, Gordon Smith, Patricia Berry, Elizabeth Schuh, Alex Beata, Jason Navota, Justine Reisinger, Claire Bozic

1.0 Call to Order

Elliot Hartstein called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM and asked committee members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2014

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Cook County Long Range Transportation Plan

Maria Choca-Urban presented on the planning process and results thus far in the Cook County Long-Range Transportation Plan process. The presentation highlighted the four transportation, funding, and investment scenarios developed through the process. Elliot Hartstein asked how the Service Boards had been involved. Maria described the two committees that have been used for feedback and comment on the plan. The Advisory Committee has representatives from the Councils of Government and civic organizations. The Program Committee includes representation from transportation agencies. She also noted there has been an extensive stakeholder and public outreach process for the plan. Ed Paesel noted that the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways has been investing in infrastructure to attract economic development and support existing businesses.

5.0 Reorienting State and Regional Economic Development

Lindsay Hollander presented CMAP's recent report, Reorienting State and Regional Economic Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Metropolitan Chicago. The report is a follow-up to a report on national best practices in regional economic development. The new report identified opportunities to reorient current ED practices around four strategies: Strategic and prioritized investment of resources, coordinated workforce development initiatives, monitoring and evaluation of policies, and competing in a global marketplace. Elliot Hartstein asked if standards for incentives and/or standards for clawbacks and repayment were discussed in the report. Lindsay noted that those topics were discussed as part of CMAP's local economic development incentives report. Frank Beal asked what CMAP's role in encouraging regional coordination of Economic Development is, beyond analysis. Lindsay indicated that this is a core topic of discussion, and noted the report's recommendations on competing in a global marketplace. Pat Carey noted that this is major topic of discussion at CMAP's Economic Development Committee and is an ongoing question.

6.0 Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture Update

Claire Bozic presented on the proposed Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture Update. Claire described the process thus far, and the intent to identify changes to the regional ITS infrastructure to ensure that it reflects expected ITS development over the next 15 years. She requested committee approval of the architecture update. A motion was offered by Mike Connelly, seconded by Al Larson, and approved.

7.0 State Legislative Update

Gordon Smith presented CMAP's revised State Legislative Framework and Agenda. He noted that the Framework document was formerly the State Legislative Principles document. He described the 6 areas of focus in the document and noted that the board would review and approve both documents at their meeting later on January 14th, 2015. Ed Paesel asked how CMAP is coordinating the various transportation and infrastructure funding initiatives currently proposed, like FUND 2040, TFIC, and Transit Future. Gordon noted that FUND 2040 would likely be part of a broader package of transportation funding initiatives, and that CMAP has to put our proposal forward. The General Assembly will coordinate. Sheri Cohen asked for more specifics about broadening the sales tax base. Gordon responded that, per the Regional Tax Policy Task Force, the framework refers to broadening the sales tax base. Pat Carey indicated that he was glad to see a proactive approach and asked how we see CMAP recommendations playing out given political changes. Gordon indicated that the Governor's Transition Team Report contained many CMAP policies. At the General Assembly level, CMAP has been working with legislators on tax reform and sees opportunities. John Noak asked if CMAP should stay with an 8 cent MFT increase request. Gordon noted that is a recommendation of GO TO 2040. A final committee member asked if the Framework and Agenda give the agency flexibility. Gordon noted that this is the intent of the documents. Frank Beal noted that it was good to see that the governor's transition report has so many CMAP policies.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

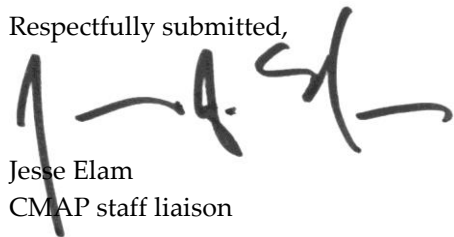
10.0 Next Meeting

The Regional Coordinating Committee meets next on March 11, 2015.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Carey and seconded by Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Elam
CMAP staff liaison

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 11, 2015