



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

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

#### Board Members

##### Present:

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing Northwest Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing West Cook County, Peter Silvestri-representing Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties and non-voting members André Ashmore and Sean O'Shea-representing the Governor's Office and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

##### Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Gordon Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark, Patricia Berry, Alex Beata and Sherry Kane

##### Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Jennifer Becker- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Dan Johnson-Midwest High Speed Rail Association, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Governmental League, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC.

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A correction to the minutes was reported (Mayor Al Larson represents Northwest Cook County versus West Cook), and a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014, meeting of the CMAP Board with this correction was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had been included in the Board packet.

Blankenhorn also announced that Deputy Executive Director Don Kopec would retire from CMAP at month's end, that Kopec had served CATS and CMAP for nearly 40 years, was instrumental in developing GO TO 2040, had been recognized on a national level having served as President to AMPO and received their Leadership Award. Blankenhorn offered thank-you for Kopec's service to the agency, to the Board and residents of the region and a personal thank you as well.

Finally, Blankenhorn reported briefly on World Business Chicago's (WBC) efforts to grow the region's export business that is expected to boost economic development in the City and throughout the region. On a fast moving pace, the WBC proposal is expected by summer's end, Blankenhorn concluded.

## **5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

The following procurements and contract approvals were presented. A motion to approve a contract up to \$50,000 for market and financial analyses for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects to Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. A motion to approve CMAP's annual commercial data renewals to various providers in an amount totaling \$310,900 was also made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motions carried.

## **6.0 Resolution Allowing IMRF Service Credit to Members who Served in the Armed Forces**

A resolution was presented to the Board that would allow the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to allow service credit to members who served in the armed forces for up to four years of service, prior to their participation. A motion by President Reinbold was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adopt the resolution as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

Regional Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning and that staff gave a presentation on CMAP's Unified Work Program (UWP) which the committee recommends approval of by the full Board. Staff reported its progress on the GO TO 2040 update (to be presented to the full Board later in

the meeting). The results of CMAP's work analyzing the freight and manufacturing activity clustered around O'Hare airport, one of its "drill down" reports on various industry clusters in the region, was given. The report assessed how local conditions support the competitiveness of freight and manufacturing firms and described opportunities to enhance the success of these industries. A new web "microsite" was previewed. CMAP will roll out a new web microsite next month with data and analysis tracking a wide variety of regional economic indicators. Finally, staff gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program. The federally-funded program is administered by CMAP through a call for projects every two years. Working with the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, changes to the project evaluation and ranking process are being considered, Hartstein concluded.

#### **8.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee**

Board Chair Mayor Bennett appointed the following to serve as the nominating committee to make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting naming officers and members to the Executive Committee: Lisa Laws, representing the City of Chicago; President William Rodeghier, representing suburban Cook County; and Mayor Tom Weisner, representing the collar counties. Bennett also reminded of the new procedure that staff works with the nominating committee contacting all board members to gauge interest in remaining on or becoming a member of the Executive Committee. The nominating committee would then convene and make its recommendation for the full Board's consideration. Bennett thanked everyone in advance for their service.

#### **9.0 State Legislative Update**

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that the spring session adjourned on May 31, and since its last reporting, staff had added three new bills that are of interest to CMAP and its partners: SB2612, having passed both houses, creates a Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force to study modernizing the sales tax structure; SB3224 & HB3794, also passed both houses, provides \$1.1 billion in new bond-financed capital spending on transportation (\$1 billion for IDOT and \$100 million to local governments). Smith also reported that HB5785 (a CMAP-supported bill), provides a process for consolidating a variety of special districts (cemetery, museums, etc.) with other governmental units and HB5664 Bus-on-Shoulder, transitions the pilot program into a permanent program on both IDOT and tollway systems had also passed both houses. Two bills related to the Illiana project, Smith continued, had not passed out of the second chamber. A question was raised regarding the mechanism that would be used to distribute the \$100 million to local governments and the impact on Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund. Regarding the Illiana project, it was reported that the public-private-partnership still exists and that clarifications were being made related to IDOT's authority.

#### **10.0 FY 2015 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

CMAP staff Dolores Dowdle reported that the Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee had approved the FY 15 program totaling \$21,305,358, \$16,757,725 of which comes from FHWA and FTA regional planning funds. Twenty-two proposals, in two groups (core on-going transportation planning activities and competitive projects) were received; 15 were

approved to remain in the funding mark. Nine proposals for the core planning activities were approved for CMAP, CTA, the City of Chicago, the Council of Mayors, Metra, Pace and the RTA. DuPage County also received funding for a long-range transportation plan, Dowdle continued. In the competitive projects category, 6 proposals were approved: CMAP/RTA Community Planning Program; CTA for planning automated special transit services; the City of Chicago for planning related to CREATE; Pace for the Pace/CTA North Shore Transit Service Coordination Plan and ADA Paratransit and Vanpool Customer satisfaction survey; and finally, the RTA to conduct a collar counties coordinated paratransit systems study. The FY 15 program, already presented to the Regional Coordinating Committee, Dowdle concluded, was recommended for approval by the full Board. Questioned about funding for the CREATE program, Dowdle reported that funds would be allocated toward outreach, not operations, to move the program to next steps. A motion by Rita Athas was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the FY 2015 Unified Work Program (UWP) as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **11.0 FY 2015 Work Plan and Budget**

A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to approve the FY 2015 Work Plan and Budget, as was presented. All in favor the motion carried. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, while agreeing that CMAP appreciates the IDOT funding support, reported there remains a \$500,000 gap related to the federal match and that staff will continue to work with IDOT, as well as DNR and DCEO to fund its non-transportation related planning.

#### **12.0 Transportation Reauthorization Principles**

Regarding the current transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), due to expire on September 30, 2014, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that a national conversation is underway on what a new surface transportation bill would look like. Adopted four years ago for MAP-21, Blankenhorn continued, CMAP had developed a set of reauthorization principles. Adjusting for the new bill discussions, the following four principles were crafted:

- The federal government should provide sustainable, robust funding for surface transportation
- The federal government should implement performance-based funding
- The federal government should provide appropriate tools to regions to support the transportation system
- The federal government should support a robust freight system.

Blankenhorn went on to suggest that these four principles are more succinct and refined than the previous version and with Board approval, staff, while continuing to monitor reauthorization as it unfolds, will communicate these adopted policies and principles. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adopt the transportation reauthorization principles as were presented. All in favor, the motion carried. A suggestion was also made not to lose sight of transit in the transportation reauthorization.

### **13.0 Title VI Plan**

An update of CMAP's Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 601 specific to Federal Transit Administration Programs, as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, was presented for approval. A motion by Mayor Roger Claar was seconded by President Richard Reinbold to adopt the update as was presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **14.0 DRAFT GO TO 2040 Plan Update**

The Draft GO TO 2040 Plan Update was distributed and CMAP staff Andrew Williams-Clark reported the following. The draft had been presented to the working committees for feedback during the previous month. Williams-Clark also reported that the full plan update would be released for public comment beginning June 13, continuing through August 1, 2014. After the comment period closes, Williams-Clark continued, staff will prepare a summary of the comments to present to the Board in September, with adoption of the update anticipated at the joint meeting of the Board and Policy Committee in October. Williams-Clark added that a schedule of open houses that will include visuals and staff to answer questions, throughout the region, had been posted to the webpage.

### **15.0 Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report**

Former Village of Riverside President and CMAP Board Member Michael Gorman, having served as the Chair of the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force, gave a brief background of the task force's work having begun in October 2013, (including membership selection, charge and outcome), acknowledged the contributions of the members, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and turned to CMAP staff Alex Beata to present the findings and recommendations contained in the Regional Freight Leadership Task Force Report. Beata gave an overview of the task force's proceedings, its challenges, principles developed by the task force and finally its recommendations that included: developing a freight element in CMAP's next long-range comprehensive plan; establishing a Metropolitan Chicago Freight Plan, and institutional organization. Next steps, Beata concluded, would be to continue outreach to both internal and external audiences and reconvening CMAP's Freight Committee. A brief discussion took place related to freight funding, public-private partnership, the CREATE program, and freight's unique focus in our region, as well as drafting legislation related to bonding authority.

### **16.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

### **17.0 Public Comment**

Dan Johnson, on behalf of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association, presented House Resolution 1044, urging the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to include Crossrail Chicago, a new passenger rail service initiative, in its list of fiscally unconstrained projects.

### **18.0 Next Meeting**

The CMAP Board is on call for its July meeting. It is anticipated that the Board will not need to meet before August.

**19.0 Closed Session – IOMA Section 2(c)(11)**

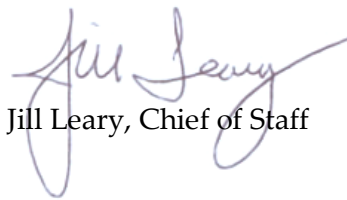
At 10:37 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting to an executive session was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Bennett announced that staff had given the Board an update on a matter of litigation and that no action had been taken.

**20.0 Adjournment**

A motion by Raul Raymundo was seconded by Frank Beal to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:47 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary".

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 10, 2014*