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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Human and Community Development Committee Minutes June 9, 2014

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

- Committee Members Present** (\* indicates that member participated via webinar): Gina Massuda Barnett\* (*Cook County Department of Public Health*), Jennifer Becker, (*Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors*), Jennifer Clary (*Social IMPACT Research Center/Heartland Alliance*), Sheri Cohen (*Chicago Department of Public Health*), Michael Davidson (*Chicago Community Trust*), Eira Corral\* (*Village of Hanover Park*), Laurie Dittman (*City of Chicago, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities*), Jacky Grimshaw\* (*Center for Neighborhood Technology*), Mary Keating\* (*DuPage County*), Jay Readey (*Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights*), Laura Schneider (*Lake County Health Department & Community Health Center*), Jennifer Miller for Dominic Tocci (*Cook County Bureau of Economic Development*), Tammy Wierciak, *West Central Municipal Conference*
- Others Present:** Lillian Lahr (*CTA*), Jennifer Miller (*Cook County Bureau of Economic Development*)
- Staff Present:** Jonathan Burch, Bob Dean, Akshali Ghandi, Emily Plagman, Samantha Robinson (*Liaison*)

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Staff liaison, Samantha Robinson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Emily Plagman gave an overview of the [legislative update](#).

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2014

Laurie Dittman motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 12, 2014. Sheri Cohen seconded. All were in favor, except Jennifer Clary, Jay Readey and Tammy Wierciak, who abstained.

#### 4.0 LTA Call for Projects and Program Evaluation

Bob Dean reminded the committee that staff is undertaking an evaluation of existing LTA plans that will focus on implementation, in order to continue to improve the LTA program. Mr. Dean presented basic statistics about LTA program as well as external surveys.

Laurie Dittman asked if there were any cases where an LTA plan has not been adopted. Mr. Dean responded that a situation like this has not yet occurred. (By the time these minutes were drafted, the LTA program has had one plan that will not be adopted.)

Sheri Cohen inquired whether the statistics will be adjusted to include categories of types of projects. Mr. Dean explained that such numbers will be presented at a later date.

In response to the increase in zoning updates, Michael Davidson mentioned that these updates are quite technical, and asked whether they are done in-house or contracted out? Mr. Dean mentioned that they are 50/50.

Jennifer Becker commented that staff should continue to encourage larger communities that even have some capacity for planning to apply. Ms. Becker is willing to continue to work with communities and encourage them to apply.

Jennifer Becker asked if communities are aware of the cost of projects. Mr. Dean responded that the cost can be disclosed going forward.

Regarding implementation, Michal Davidson inquired if there is anything LTA can or should do to lay out an implementation program. Mr. Dean explained that implementation will be discussed more in-depth at the next couple of meetings. For example, staff wants to figure out how to best connect communities with resources like infrastructure funding. Tammy Wierciak pointed out that most communities she works with have a list of funding sources.

Gina Massuda Barnett asked whether the LTA program will begin to integrate health and if there will be opportunities to address equity. Mr. Dean responded that these topics are included in GO TO 2040, making these links will require partnerships, and that the committee will be asked to think about these connections in the upcoming months.

Sheri Cohen asked how successes could be shared. Mr. Dean mentioned that there is no formal tracking of this information. Just recently, staff co-hosted the

GreenTown conference, where several LTA projects were highlighted. There may be an opportunity to share LTA successes via the weekly update.

## **5.0 Public Comment Release: Draft GO TO 2040 plan update**

- a. Drew Williams-Clark, CMAP Staff, explained that MAP-21 requires an update to GO TO 2040. Staff has been in the process of this update since the summer of 2013. Staff has prepared a draft plan update consisting of a summary document and a series of appendices that describe each of the key elements of the project in technical detail. As discussed at previous meetings, none of the plan's recommendations have been revised. Staff anticipated release of the draft for public comment on June 13. Outreach meetings have been [scheduled across the region](#) through the end of the public comment period on August 1. Staff anticipates adoption of the final plan update at the October meetings of the Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Mr. Williams-Clark reiterated that no recommendations have been changed in GO TO 2040. The update satisfies federal requirements. On another note, the 2018 Plan will envision what the regional comprehensive plan will be.

Mr. Williams-Clark inquired whether committee members had input. He also mentioned that staff would compile a summary of comments received and a list about how the document has been revised.

### **b. GO TO 2040 Plan Update Public Meetings**

Jessica Gershman, CMAP staff, explained that the [GO TO 2040 Plan Update](#) will hold a public comment period throughout summer 2014, during which CMAP will hold several public open house meetings around the region. A list of the meetings can be found [here](#). The meetings will serve as opportunities for residents and stakeholders to learn about and comment on the Plan Update. CMAP staff would like to target organizations that serve underrepresented populations for outreach, and will be looking for suggestions from the committee.

The update will be open for the public comment period of June 13, 2014 to August 1, 2014.

Michael Davidson asked if the City of Chicago was represented among public comment locations. Mrs. Gershman responded that the CMAP Public Meeting would take place in the City of Chicago, and City residents would have an opportunity to attend this session.

Mr. Davidson also inquired how the committee participated in the update. Mr. Williams-Clark responded that the committee weighed in on the implementation action areas for Improve Workforce and Education and Sustainable Local Food.

Committee members inquired about outreach materials for the public comment period. Mr. Gershman shared that a website will be created to receive comments. Also, postcards including this website link are being distributed.

## **6.0 Planning for Progress in Cook County**

**Jennifer Miller, Program Manager at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development** gave an update about the Bureau's new planning initiative, [Planning for Progress](#). The presentation focused on feedback from the first round of outreach followed by a discussion with the committee on the types of projects and programs that would best respond to the feedback.

Ms. Miller emphasized how Planning for Progress is a coordinated effort among Cook County departments, including the Forest Preserve District, Public Health, Transportation, to name a few. The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership is involved, and is discussing how workforce development can maximize funds.

Laurie Dittman inquired whether Planning for Progress is focusing on the disability community. Ms. Miller explained that sub-populations haven't been identified just yet, but will be determined; this population has been mentioned during the outreach process.

Ms. Miller asked committee members to think about how they view the lack of traditional social services as a top priority for stakeholders.

Eira Corral commented that social services are a big conversation for local government especially for those areas that are experiencing changing demographics.

Tammy Wierciak mentioned that the PowerPoint was broken or malfunctioned. Hence, she's not sure if people thought about this and were guided to the large boards. The website, however lists the priorities for comments. Residents might not know to bring up social services.

Ms. Miller asked committee members to also think about what role they see for social services within the possible framework. She then asked if there are groups that Cook County should engage.

Michael Davidson commented that there is a need to address access to social services. He then asked if there has been any discussion about a comprehensive county-wide plan. Ms. Miller responded that there no overall liaison between County departments to force such integration.

Jacky Grimshaw mentioned Cook County's Department of Transportation and Highways Long-Range Plan as well as this process. Ms. Miller commented that coordination is ongoing.

Sheri Cohen inquired about how the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is related to Cook County CEDS. Ms. Miller explained that once the County files the CEDS, the City of Chicago can tack on to it. There will be direct coordination with the City of Chicago.

**7.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8.0 Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The Human and Community Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. The July 14<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**10.0 Adjournment**

Sheri Cohen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Clary seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.