



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2012

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, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference), Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

##### Absent:

Michael Gorman-representing Cook County and Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County.

##### Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Gordon Smith, and Sherry Kane

##### Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Rita Athas-World Business Chicago, Allison Bos-SW Conference, Len Cannata-WCMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, Jason Duba-Metropolis Strategies, Juan Pablo ManManriquez-Metropolis Strategies, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Marta Perales-IL MPO, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Bob Weissbourd-RK Ventures, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Marwa Zohdy-World Business Chicago.

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

To accommodate those who attended the meeting via tele-conference, Agenda Item Nos. 5.0 Procurements and Contact Approvals, 9.0 FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP), and 10.0 Proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan were considered by the Board first. In the following minutes, the items are shown in their original order.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2012**

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Board meeting as presented, made by Susan Campbell, was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

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

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics.

- 4.1 The Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) final program was held May 31, at the Girls Scout facility, Journey World was attended by Frank Beal, Rae Rupp Srch and Michael Gorman, Blankenhorn reported, with the City of Chicago, the Collar Counties and Suburban Cook being represented. Blankenhorn also congratulated Mayor Roger Claar on having received the Boy Scout Person of the Year award. An interesting fact learned was that the City of Chicago uses enough road salt in a season to fill Soldier Field 5 times. Next year's recruitment continues, Blankenhorn reported, and he encouraged connecting with schools for candidates for the program.
- 4.2 A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to adopt a Resolution authorizing S-125 Flexible Spending Plan for CMAP employees. All in favor the motion carried.
- 4.3 The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board packet and of particular interest, Blankenhorn reported is the August 1 deadline for this year's call for projects. Blankenhorn also noted that multi-jurisdictional projects are highly sought.
- 4.4 The proposed merger of CMAP and the RTA raised questions related to: what is good for the region (as well as CMAP); can it work; would such a merger narrow CMAP's scope of work; where's the benefit; what is the feasibility of combining the boards; is there a problem and if so-what is it; what impact would it have on funding; what do the business leaders say when we keep telling them this is the way it's always been done. The lengthy discussion by the Board ultimately resulted in the consensus that the conversation should occur and it is time for the public discussion.

## **5.0 Procurements**

A motion to approve the following procurements made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Susan Campbell and with all in favor, carried.

- 5.1 Approval of Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Contract Changes for the "clawback" of \$2,000,000 of the Loan Loss Reserve Account for the Commercial and Industrial Properties Retrofit fund held by SCIenergy, Inc., and an increase to the contract with Community Investment Corporation by \$1,000,000 for the multi-family retrofit loan loss reserve fund and the increase of the community outreach program by \$1,000,000 with Fleishman-Hillard and CNT Energy.
- 5.2 Contract Approval for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Program Projects for the prequalification of the following consultants

Cameros, HLA, Land Vision, Sam Schwatz, Teska and URS for assistance with the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Programs in a combined amount not to exceed \$1.76 million.

- 5.3 Contract Award to Develop a Web-Based Data Upload Platform for a one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Pangaea Information Technologies for \$39,850 for the first year; the option renewal years would be dependent on performance and the level of approved funding and while proposed that each renewal year come in at \$40,000, the maximum of the five-year contract would be \$139,850.
- 5.4 Contract Amendment for Design Integration Services for a one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Thirst for \$100,000 to provide design integration services; the option renewal years would be dependent on performance and the level of approved funding and while proposed that each renewal year come in at \$100,000, the maximum of the five-year contract would be \$500,000.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Regional Coordinating Committee chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the committee had met earlier that morning, had received an update by staff on activities related to Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding and that CMAP will host a peer exchange with the Volpe Center of U.S. DOT in July, that staff presented the FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) and associated FY 2012 Revision, had considered the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming and Management Policies, both of which are recommended for approval by the CMAP Board. Additionally, a presentation was given by John Rogner of IDNR regarding conservation initiatives in the Millennium Reserve, specifically the Calumet Core phase that included plans for improving open space and public-private partnerships and collaboration with others regarding economic development in the area. Staff presented on the Green Infrastructure Vision originally developed by Chicago Wilderness, that ultimately became a part of GO TO 2040 and that is now being revised and updated by CMAP to be used as a planning tool for conservation efforts. Staff also presented on the 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC), convened in September 2011 for which GO TO 2040 had been the impetus. CMAP has played a very important role with the Council, with Randy having served as a member of one of the working groups and staff having provided numerous hours examining and analyzing various components. Hartstein reported that CMAP's involvement in the end result was very gratifying in this "beginning of a new beginning" as it was referred, and while there was no marriage between transportation and the environment, a civil union was created. Finally, staff had briefly updated the committee on state legislative matters.

## **7.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee**

Chairman Mayor Bennett announced this year's nominating committee of: Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, President Michael Gorman-representing suburban Cook County and Mayor Marilyn Michelini-representing the collar counties to work with staff, schedule a time to meet to prior to the Board's September meeting. Chairman also thanked everyone for serving.

## **8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda-CMAQ Programming and Management Policies**

CMAQ staff Patricia Berry presented the revised Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming and Management Policies changes that had been developed by focus groups, considered by the Transportation Working Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee, both of which recommended approval by the CMAP Board. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch that the Board approve the revised Programming and Management Policies as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **9.0 FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, Dolores Dowdle presented CMAP's FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) reporting that seven (7) core proposals and eight (8) of fifteen (15) competitive proposals were approved through the UWP process. Dowdle reported that this year's process was a little different than previous years because last June (after the UWP had been approved) an additional \$2.5 million had become available for the FY 2012 program. The Committee agreed to wait for the FY 2013 proposals to identify projects that would receive the additional funding. Therefore, Dowdle continued, the revisions to FY 2012 and FY 2013 program are being presented. The FY 2012 revision includes \$2,499,000 in FHWA regional planning funds and \$624,750 in local match, while the FY 2013 program includes \$14,847,734 in FHWA and FTA regional planning funds and \$3,914,071 in local match, Dowdle reported. A list of the projects, Dowdle concluded, had been included in the Board packet. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the FY 2012 Revision to the Unified Work Program (UWP) and a motion by Alan Bennett (after raising a question about contracts) was seconded by Dan Shea to approve the FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) both of which had been considered by the Regional Coordinating Committee and recommended for approval by the CMAP Board. All in favor, both motions carried.

## **10.0 Proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented CMAP's proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan reporting that this year's budget funds 103 staff (we have 101 and 2 vacant positions). Questions were raised regarding meeting expenses with Blankenhorn reporting that previous years' allocations had been significantly higher because of GO TO 2040 outreach efforts and staff at 103 versus 91.4 to which Blankenhorn reported that 103 are total staff, including those assigned to the LTA and EI2 programs which are broken out separately in the budget. Blankenhorn also reported that through the UWP process, an additional \$1,760,000 (as a pass through) had been secured for the Local Planning Grant program to be awarded during the next two years. This program is one CMAP partners with the RTA. Finally, Blankenhorn reported, the work plan is all about implementing GO TO 2040. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Frank Beal to approve the FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Recently announced, the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) will award five (5) grants to GO TO 2040 efforts, Blankenhorn concluded.

## **11.0 State Legislative Update**

Gordon Smith, CMAP Staff, reported very briefly on what took place during the General Assembly's last months in session mainly concerned the budget, where the Governor and

General Assembly had numerous discussions regarding pensions and Medicare that are consuming general revenues and while progress was made with Medicare issue, the pension problem continued to be unresolved. A \$33.3 billion spending plan was passed, that includes \$6 million that IDOT has historically used to fund comprehensive planning that funds the \$3.5 million that CMAP needs to match federal funds and conduct other planning activities. CMAP was also tracking IDNR's budget that had been drastically cut over the past years, Smith reported, that may continue to see developments if the General Assembly is called back into session. In conclusion, Smith also stated that the report contained in the packet is really a summary of what had taken place to date and that the policy blogs on the website continue to be updated and suggested monitoring those through the coming weeks.

#### **12.0 World Business Chicago: A Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs**

Former CMAP Vice-Chair, now President of World Business Chicago, Rita Athas presented findings from World Business Chicago's recently published report on economic growth and jobs. Assisted by Marwa Zohdy-World Business Chicago and Bob Weissbourd-RK Ventures, Athas stated that Frank Beal had served as a member of the Steering Committee. Athas led the Board through the initial charge from Mayor Emanuel that began in May 2011 and resulted in the March 2012 publication. Covering each of the following topics: Goals, Framework, Analysis, Strategies and Initiatives, Athas concluded the presentation outlining an implementation structure that included ways to partner under specific initiatives, new collaborations, new support and finally by sharing the plan broadly for feedback and participation.

#### **13.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

#### **14.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

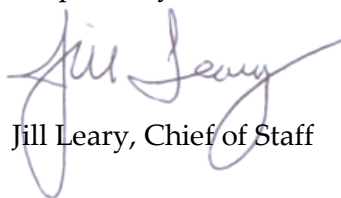
#### **15.0 Next Meeting**

The Board meets next in September.

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

At 11:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 12, 2012*