



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 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, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Absent:

Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago and Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Patricia Berry, Gordon Smith, Dan Olson, Ricardo Lopez and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Mike Allison-Village of Vernon Hills, Kristen Anderson-Metra, Dave Bennett-MMC, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County Council, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Joshua McClusky-IDOT, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Delia Smiret(?)-IDOT, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Sullivan-KK Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-NWMC and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes or announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 board meeting as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch, was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics.

4.1 DC Update: Blankenhorn had been to D.C. for the NARC conference and had met with Administration officials at HUD, EPA, Dept. of Commerce and US DOT (with Secretary LaHood). During a second trip, he was able to meet with and brief the region's congressional delegation as well as the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago's D.C. offices. The meetings went well and the trips continue to be beneficial with CMAP gaining name recognition.

4.2 Federal Transportation Update: Blankenhorn reported on some of the amendments that the Senate was considering related to the reauthorization developments of MAP-21. The House version of the reauthorization (AEIJA), due in part to Illinois membership, had been abandoned and was considered dead. The current extension expires on March 31, Blankenhorn concluded.

4.3 The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board materials.

5.0 Procurements

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

5.1 Extension of the Contracts for Maintaining MetroPulse: the Great Arc contract was extended to June 30, 2013, three option years were added and the amount of the option years was increased by \$8,000 for a total of \$52,000. The Azavea contract was also extended to June 30, 2013, three option years were added and the annual amount of the extension years was increased by \$5,000 for a total of \$40,000.

5.2 Purchase of Information Technology Hardware and Software: approval of Information Technology Hardware and Software purchase totaled \$305,000.

5.3 A contract award to implement a new Voice-Over IP Unified Communication System totaling \$211,657.60 to Sentinel with a \$25,000 installation contingency was approved.

5.4 A three-year contract with an option of two one-year renewals was approved to conduct professional auditing services in an amount of \$105,905.00 to Skikich LLP.

5.5 A contract award for the Regional Transportation Data Archive: Establish Raw Data Archive was approved in the amount of \$46,600 to Pangaea Information Technologies Ltd.

6.0 Committee Reports

The coordinating committees had not met earlier in the morning. A written summary of the working committees' activities had been distributed.

7.0 CMAP Board Vice-Chair Nomination

A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Frank Beal to appoint Susan Campbell to the position of Vice-Chair of CMAP's Executive Committee and with all in favor carried. Filling the vacancy created by Joe Deal's resignation and a city appointee, Campbell will also chair CMAP's Local Coordinating Committee and Elliott Hartstein, the Board's other vice-chair, will now chair the Regional Coordinating Committee.

8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda

CMAP staff Patricia Berry reported that the semi-annual GO TO 2040 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment had been considered by the Regional Coordinating Committee, that the public comment period had closed, no comments were received and that the committee had recommended approval by the CMAP Board. A motion by Mayor Michelini to approve the GO TO 2040 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment as presented was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor carried.

9.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported the following from the State Legislative Update that had been distributed in the Board packet. Governor Quinn had introduced his 2013 operating budget totaling \$24.8 billion. IDOT's \$35.16 million budget for metropolitan planning and research, Smith continued, includes \$3.5 million for regional planning for CMAP. Smith also drew the Board's attention to CMAP's 2012 Legislative Summary indicating that staff had reviewed approximately 3,000 bills, is monitoring 205, actively watching 68 and of those, 62 are included in the summary. There are 6 bills that staff had identified for the Board to consider supporting because of the alignment to recommendations in GO TO 2040. Those are: SB 3216 (a clean-up bill related to public private partnerships), HB 3875 (related to the RTA's borrowing authority), SB3236 (that calls for an annual indexing of the state motor fuel tax to inflation beginning in January 2013), HB3850/3859 (tax rebate transparency) and HB 28 (authorizing the creation of green special services areas). Smith fielded Board members' questions regarding: HB 5841 (water billing)—that has been moved to Rules; HB5547 (parking taxes)—an initiative that attempts to expand the City of Chicago and Cook County's methods for taxing parking; HB 3236 (CPI)—this bill only exacerbates the 55/45 split and CMAP should be engaged in the conversation that a construction index is best used for raising the MFT; HB5900 (stormwater management)—also moved to Rules; and finally Chairman Bennett commented on a bill that is likely a non-starter related to consolidation of EMS services that appears to have been written by collective bargaining units and oversteps management's ability to consolidate. Support is needed for measures that reduce impediments.

10.0 Agency Priorities for State and Local Tax Policy

Taken from the recommendations of the Regional Tax Policy Task Force report that was presented to the Board in February, CMAP staff Matt Maloney reported staff's thoughts on an initial set of near term priorities for the Board's consideration and with the Board's consent, the priorities would be incorporated into the FY 2013 work plan that would be presented for approval in June. Following the reporting of each of the priorities, Maloney briefly described how CMAP would move ahead. The four priorities are:

- Monitor and React to State Legislation Regarding Tax Policy: CMAP would take a more active role in first analyzing and offering suggestions to support or oppose bills related to tax policy.
- Pursue a Source of Regional Funding for Capital Improvements: following analyses, CMAP would assemble funding options and recommendations that the Board could pursue legislatively.
- Analyze the Impact of State and Local Tax Rebates and Other Economic Development Incentives: primarily related to sales tax rebates, and intensely data and statistically driven, CMAP will measure available state and local incentives.
- Continue to Analyze and Explain the Fiscal and Local/Regional Economic Impacts of Local Development Decisions: CMAP will seek assistance from local municipal finance officials and experts.

In addition to reported priorities, Board members agreed: that moving forward with the Tax Policy Task Force's recommendations is essential; that working at the General Assembly level to create a list of people in Springfield, a "bank of advocates" that support CMAP and GO TO 2040 might also be a good idea; pursuing a line of regional funding is necessary; that TIF districts should be analyzed; that monitoring legislative measures is important, that no net gain is realized if we compete for jobs within the region; that there are a lot of issues and CMAP must continue to deal with the reality of those situations.

11.0 Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Update

Dan Olson, who oversees CMAP's Energy Impact Illinois EI2 program, presented an update on the initiative that was launched on October 31, 2011. Olson covered the "Two Bills" media strategy meant to drive consumers to the website at www.TheEnergyBills.org. Olson went on to say that extensive Community-Based Outreach is underway consisting of COG, municipality and stakeholder visits, trade show attendance and hosting community events to get the message out to consumers. A major financial success was seen in the LEARN Charter School at the Hunter Perkins campus in Chicago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood, Olson continued and that through 2nd quarter 2012, an estimated 1500 multifamily, 150 single family and 600,000 square feet of commercial/ industrial retrofits will have been completed. Olson covered some challenges being faced that included reluctance to take on debt given the state of the economy, a relatively mild winter and lower energy prices saw decreased interest when prospect of financial gains were lower and the relatively new concept to the market. Olson concluded his presentation asking the Board's assistance in identifying new partners, sharing one-pagers and handouts to get the word out about the program and forwarding any leads or connections with building owners in respective areas.

12.0 Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) Update

CMAP staff, Ricardo Lopez gave a brief background of the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program that CMAP started in 2008 reporting last year's success in the implementation of the Safe Route to School program through an IDOT grant in the Fairmont area. The current year's program focused on ice and snow removal practices consisting of interviews, developing best practices while conserving natural resources. Lopez invited the Board to come support the students (tentatively) on May 31 as they wrap up this year's program. Further, Lopez reported that school year 2012-13 applications for the program are taken June 1-September 24, 2012, with an October 27,

2012 start. Executive Director Blankenhorn thanked the Board for continuing the program that was originally funded through a grant award.

13.0 Other Business

Briefly, board member Frank Beal reported on the recent territorial review of northeast Illinois, southeast Wisconsin and northwest Indiana by the international Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the release of World Business Chicago Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs, both of which seemed to contain CMAP fingerprints and Executive Director Blankenhorn indicated that CMAP will be heavily involved in what's next involving freight logistics and other initiatives.

Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar referred to SB3573 as an "anti-planning" bill since it limits the ability of municipalities to consolidate services.

14.0 Public Comment

Following up on one of the priorities presented under Agenda Item No. 10.0, Mike Walczak, NWMC, reported that an offer had been made by the Village of Northbrook to assist CMAP in a financial analysis capacity with its efforts associated with recommendations contained in the Regional Tax Policy Task Force report recently distributed.

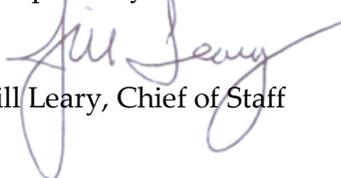
15.0 Next Meeting

Anticipating an April cancellation, the Board is expected to meet next in May.

16.0 Adjournment

At 11:10 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by President Mike Gorman. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 9, 2012