



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board Meeting Minutes

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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, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, 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

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Mike Allison-Village of Vernon Hills, Allison Bos-SW Conference, Larry Bury-NWMC, Len Cannata-WCMC, Christopher Canning-NWMC, Patrick Carey-Cook County, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County Council, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Karen Darch-Village of Barrington, John Donovan-FHWA, Mark Fowler-NWMC, Sandy Frum-NBK, Rich Nahrstadt, Village of Northbrook, Marta Perales-Metra, Jeff Rowitz, Village of Northbrook, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, 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 9:33 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 – January 11, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 board meeting as presented, made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, 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 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Update. Blankenhorn gave a summary of both the House and Senate committees' bills, reporting that CMAP is encouraged by the progress made by both but has many reservations. Neither bill increases funding above current levels, does not provide for sustainable new revenue sources and while CMAP supports an increased focus on performance measures, neither bill allows much voice for MPOs. The Board expressed interest in ensuring that our issues with these bills were communicated to our congressional delegation and others in D.C.

Blankenhorn reported that the concerns have already been raised with the Illinois delegation and a briefing is scheduled in DC.

4.2 Upcoming trips to DC. Blankenhorn reported that he and Mayor Michelini will be in DC next week for the NARC policy conference and that he has a number of meetings with senior administration at EPA, EDA, HUD and US DOT. A second trip, scheduled for late February will be dedicated to individual meetings with the Illinois delegates. Chairman Mayor Bennett asked that staff draft a letter expressing concern and good wishes to Senator Kirk for a speedy recovery.

4.3 The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board packet. Blankenhorn offered to field questions.

4.4 The recently published GO TO 2040 "Moving Forward" implementation report for 2010-11 that summarized what the region is doing to make GO TO 2040 a reality had been distributed to the Board along with a combination brochure poster citing the many examples of projects that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. Blankenhorn voiced thanks to the many CMAP partners that have helped GO TO 2040 get off to a fast start in its first year.

5.0 Procurements

A motion to approve the contract award for Market and Financial Analysis for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects to Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates (VSKA) in an amount of up to \$50,000 made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Chair of the Local Coordinating Committee, Elliott Hartstein reported that the committee had met in the early morning. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), Hartstein reported, had given a presentation describing its relationship with CMAP on an ongoing project through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program involving the development of a retail corridor strategy for the Bronzeville neighborhood in Chicago. Hartstein also

reported that CMAP had contracted with the Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) to conduct the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment (one of the requirements of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant) that funds the LTA program and representatives from that group also had given a presentation describing their work that will be overseen by CMAP's Housing committee in the coming months. Staff reported that CMAP had submitted a competitive funding request for federal Unified Work Program (UWP) funds for a second round of Community Planning Program grants in the amount of \$2.2 million, and a schedule and strategy for the next call for applications was discussed, Hartstein concluded.

Michael Gorman, Interim Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee reported that the committee had also met in the early morning and continued its December discussion on performance-based evaluation criteria and transportation funding when the Committee had instructed staff to approach the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) in a collaborative effort to move forward. The resulting strategy contains five major components: an issue brief, staff-to-staff meetings, outreach to stakeholders, application to the Transportation Planning Capacity Building (TPCB) program to discuss experiences with implementing performance-based systems and finally policy updates. The Committee reviewed the semi-annual GO TO 2040 TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendments and will recommend approval by the CMAP Board. Staff presented background on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and reported that the region has approximately \$190 million, more than two years of funding, that remains unspent (unobligated). The Committee confirmed that the region cannot afford to leave those dollars unspent. Finally, staff presented its State Legislative Update.

7.0 Grant Awards to Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Projects

CMAP staff Bob Dean briefly explained that staff had identified and was recommending for approval one additional project within the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program involving a community-wide bicycle plan in the Village of Fox Lake in the amount of \$75,000. A motion by Dan Shea seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the grant as was presented and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding (annual review)

The CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented for annual review. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Micheleni was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to reaffirm the MOU and with all in favor, carried.

9.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP Staff Gordon Smith thanked the board for its recent approval of the framework document that aided staff in sorting through and settling on approximately 250 bills to track. Smith reported that of particular interest just now are bills related to public private partnership clean up, plumbing code and prohibiting sweeps from the road fund. Smith concluded that additional detail would be reported as the session gets underway.

10.0 Regional Tax Policy Task Force Recap and Presentation

Regional Tax Policy Task Force chair Frank Beal announced that the Task Force had officially transmitted its report to the CMAP Board. Explaining that Chapter 7 of GO TO

2040 that dealt with Reform of State and Local Taxes contained a recommendation to create a Regional Tax Policy Task Force, in an advisory capacity, to report to the CMAP Board. Beal went on to say that the task force was comprised of local government officials, business owners, tax payer groups, academics, civic organizations, and state officials with wide and diverse backgrounds who met over a period of 10 months, for 2-3 hours per session. Chairman Mayor Bennett asked that a letter of thanks for their service be forwarded to each member on behalf of the board. Beal further reported that the report was comprised of three major sections—summary of tax policy issues, recommendations to the CMAP Board, and analysis of existing state and local tax policy conditions. Beal concluded that the extraordinary process had been spirited, informative and there were differences of opinion, and the task force was able to conclude that this was the report it would transmit to the CMAP Board.

CMAP staff Matt Maloney gave a presentation meant to brief the board on the report's recommendations.

Board members voiced concerns related to equity and fairness related to income taxes, current retirement exemption, expanding base to include taxing services and internet sales, the differing indices (CPI, Labor), unfunded mandates and inability to fund, home rule vs. non-home rule, debt service payments of local governments, and consideration of TIF districts and finally the distribution of the report. Chairman Mayor Bennett concluded the discussion stating that more discussion would have to take place regarding the many issues, some of which are contentious and controversial. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn also announced that the work of the Task Force was completed and that next meeting in March, staff will engage the Board in a discussion about specific tax policy topics that might be pursued as priorities in the near and long term.

Northwest Municipal Conference President Christopher Canning, on behalf of the 42 towns and villages in the conference, asked that the board please reach out to local finance professionals as partners and seek their assistance.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

13.0 Next Meeting

The Board meets next on March 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

14.0 Adjournment

At 11:00 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 14, 2012