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# **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

March 9, 2011

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, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo (via teleconference)-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-

representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and Nigel Telman (via tele-conference)-representing the City of

Chicago.

**Board Members Absent:** 

Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County and Rick Reinbold

representing South Suburban Cook County

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean,

Matt Maloney, Patricia Berry, Kermit Wies, Ylda Capriccioso and

Sherry Kane

Others Present: MarySue Barrett-MPC, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Christensen-Lake

County COM, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Andy Plummer-RTA Consultant, Vicky Smith-SW Conference of Mayors, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall CoM, Tammy Wierciak-

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#### 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.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 board meeting, as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch, was seconded by Susan Campbell and with all in favor, carried.

## 4.0 Executive Director's Report

- 4.1 Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that he had attended Chairman Mica's high speed rail field hearing on February 20 and that it was clear there is no interest at this time in projects or raising revenue, rather interest is in how to streamline project delivery. When asked to testify, Blankenhorn reported, he did mention indexing the gas tax to inflation. Serious consideration by the Chairman is being given to a six-year transportation bill with Blankenhorn indicating that Executive Directors from other major metros would prefer a two-year extension.
- 4.2 Blankenhorn reported that he and Mayor Michelini had attended the NARC conference in D.C., and he had met with house members and staff discussing CMAP's federal agenda, streamlining federal investment, the need for a freight policy and the LTA program. Mayor Michelini added that the conference is a great opportunity to network and speak to Mayors from across the country.
- 4.3 Regarding CMAP's Regional Tax Policy Task Force, Blankenhorn reported that Frank Beal will chair the task force, that the first meeting is scheduled for April 8, at 9:00 a.m., and the second Friday of each month thereafter, with a report due to the CMAP board in January 2012.

# 5.0 Procurements & Contract Approvals

The following contract approvals were presented.

- 5.1 A motion to approve the contract award for selection of loan and program administrator for residential retrofit fund program of the Chicago Region Initiative for Better Buildings (CRIBB) program to AFC First Financial Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000 by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.
- 5.2 A motion to approve the construction contract with Development Solutions in the amount of \$175,229 for phase two of CMAP's data center expansion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

# 6.0 Committee Reports

Elliott Hartstein, Chair of the Local Coordinating Committee, reported that the committee had met for the first time earlier in the morning, that members had got acquainted and that staff had given a complete update on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program reporting that 64 high priority projects had been identified, 6 of which are ready to start now.

Joe Deal, Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee, reported that the Regional committee had likewise met earlier in the morning and that the role of the committee had been discussed. A presentation was given by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) infrastructure co-chairs regarding their regionally significant infrastructure report. Staff gave an update on CMAP's research and analysis activities, the Transportation Consent

Agenda was presented to the committee for its recommendation to the CMAP board for approval and staff gave an overview of the State Agenda and corresponding 55/45 split policy issue.

# 7.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding annual review

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Policy Committee had been revised to reflect the name-change of the two Coordinating Committees (Local and Regional) and was presented for approval. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini was seconded by Joe Deal to adopt the MOU as presented. With all in favor, the motion carried.

### 8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda

CMAP staff, Patricia Berry reported that the Transportation Consent Agenda had been recommended for approval by the Regional Coordinating Committee earlier in the morning. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

## 9.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Ylda Caprioccioso delivered the state legislative update, the following of which are important to CMAP. HB 1091 related to public private partnerships by IDOT and the Tollway; HB 1548 (CMAP opposes) that would consolidate the RTA and other service boards; HB 1711 would establish a 5 year program for BRT and HB 1884 (in committee this week) also relates to BRT; SB 38 (CMAP supports) relates to harvesting rainwater. Caprioccioso explained CMAP's opposition to HB 3254 and reported that HB 1091 could be called to the floor in the coming week.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the 55/45 split. Effort will be made to reach out to every member of the northeastern Illinois delegation. Blankenhorn reported that he will meet with a group of Metro Board Chairs at month's end, all meant to build coalition and support. CMAP will also attempt to garner support from the Mayors Caucus, our county board chairs and local chambers of commerce.

Finally, Blankenhorn reported that while IDOT has had some issues recently (including worker's compensation and two other programs being removed from the road fund) CMAP's funding, at this point, does not look to be in jeopardy.

#### 10.0 Local Technical Assistance Program

CMAP staff Bob Dean presented an update on the local technical assistance program, introduced 6 new staff members and reported that 5 additional staff will be added to work with the 60+ communities while advancing implementation of the plan. Dean also reported that 6 projects are ready to go before month's end and that oversight will be a major responsibility of the Local Coordinating Committee. Dean reviewed the standards for reporting to the board, the requirements of participating communities and promotion of the technical assistance program. Of the \$225,000 available this year, it is hoped the ratio of 1/3 Chicago, 1/3 County and 1/3 Suburban will be maintained.

#### 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 Closed Session – Review of Prior Closed Session Minutes

At 10:09 a.m., a motion by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn the regular meeting and move to Executive Session for the purpose of bi-annual review of closed session minutes was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Chair Gerald Bennett reported that the committee had reviewed the draft minutes of previous closed session meetings. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006, March 8, 2006, April 12, 2006 (1), April 12, 2006 (2), April 11, 2007, June 13, 2007, November 28, 2007, January 14, 2009, and February 10, 2010 closed sessions and to authorize the destruction of the recordings after 18 months from this date was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion to release the minutes of April 12, 2006 (1) from confidential status was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

# 14.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board will meet next on April 20 (third Wednesday) or April 19, prior to the Earth Day summit with the regional service boards.

## 15.0 Adjournment

At 10:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, April 19, 2011