



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, Roger Claar (via tele-conference)-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, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Board Members Absent:

Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Gideon Blustein-Illinois Chamber, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry COM, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Andy Plummer-RTA Consultant, Dave Seglin-Chicago DOT, Vicky Smith-SW Conference of Mayors, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Jan Ward-Kane Kendall CoM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 – April 19, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 board meeting, made by Rae Rupp Srch, was seconded by Susan Campbell and with all in favor, carried. Mayor Al Larson abstained from the vote, since he had been absent from the April 19, 2011 meeting. A correction was noted however, that Leanne Redden, representing the MPO Policy Committee, had been present at the meeting.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn gave a recap of the final FLIP presentation in Fairmont in Will County, reporting that the students, full of enthusiasm and excitement, had focused on a specific planning project by recommending sidewalks in the community through the Safe Routes to School program. The program may be further enhanced through work that continues from a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant in the community. Blankenhorn thanked the Board for its continued support of the program as well as the staff that met once each month on a Saturday through the school year working with the group. Rae Rupp Srch, who had also attended, added that some students from last year's program helped out as mentors and congratulated the staff on a job well done. Blankenhorn also reported that, in his stead, President Michael Gorman had presented at an MPC round-table recently. Gorman reported that the event had been attended by well over 100 public and private leaders, that he had given an overview and talked about implementation of the plan. Finally, Blankenhorn introduced and welcomed Bruce Carmitchel, IDOT's new liaison to CMAP.

5.0 Committee Reports

Joe Deal, Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee, reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning. An update had been presented by IDOT and the Tollway regarding fiscally constrained major capital projects as well as the Governor's Advisory Council for the proposed Elgin O'Hare West Bypass project. A Chicago Region Initiative for Better Buildings (CRIBB) grant update was given with staff reporting on outreach efforts for a planned June launch. Nearly \$125 million in local investment will be leveraged for the program during its initial 3-year period. The Committee also considered the FY 2012 Unified Work Program and recommended approval by the CMAP Board.

6.0 Staff Strategic Planning Effort

The Strategic Planning Summary, linking implementation actions of GO TO 2040, the agency's priorities, 5-year goals and the FY 2012 Budget and Work Plan was distributed for discussion purposes. Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that staff considered the 186 action items proposed in the plan and crafted the summary indicating the work that would need to be accomplished to move the plan along. The summary is also meant to help drive the Board's work. Blankenhorn asked that members take time to review the material, particularly the 5-year outcomes and offer feedback to staff.

7.0 Proposed FY 2012 Budget and Work Plan

Highlights of CMAP's FY 2012 Work Plan and Budget document, as presented by Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, included the following. Eleven core projects were presented in the FY 2012 budget and work plan. The core budget was reduced by 5% over last year's budget, primarily in the area of operating costs and outside consulting/contracting. Competitive grants (LTA and CRIBB) not contained in core projects are considered short-term and outside the normal funding stream. Revenue consists of about 70% federal transportation funding and the state match through the road fund (\$3.5 million) that continues to be monitored. Staffing is set at 104 (CMAP presently employs 98), an increase over last year due to work associated with the LTA and CRIBB grant programs. The budget also includes \$1 million for the Community Planning Grant program, a collaborative effort between CMAP and the RTA. The work plan contains information related to the core programs, staff resource allocations and associated budgets and contracts. In conclusion, Blankenhorn reported that transparency and ease of understanding are attributes associated with the budget and work plan, and that approval of the material will be requested at the June meeting.

Board members offered compliments to staff and feedback suggesting that other funding sources (transportation being the primary) and grants should be sought from HUD, Dept. of Commerce, etc., and that the document, considered a valuable tool, should be forwarded to regional legislators.

8.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff, Ylda Capriccioso reported that the General Assembly has a number of top-priority matters including redistricting, budget issues, smart grid, concealed weapons and medical marijuana to name a few. While reassurances have been given regarding the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF), CMAP continues to monitor its status. Going back to the spring 2011 State Agenda, Capriccioso reiterated CMAP's priorities and drew attention to measures that advance those priorities. Bills requiring special explanation or commentary included SB 1323-capital fund restoration (reported "neutral" was in error and should have been indicated as "supports"), SB 1312-re: design-build (CMAP does "support" HB 1091-public-private partnerships for transportation projects) and SB 1856-protecting right-of-ways. Other legislation regarding the LGDF is aggressively being opposed by the IML and other groups. A question regarding CMAP's position on HB 1606-redeveloping brownfields, was also raised. Finally, the matter regarding the 55/45 split was discussed and while CMAP does have support of the County Board Chairs, the MMC, it may have to reconsider its strategy with the down-state metros.

9.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Update

The first of regular monthly reporting that will be generated for the LTA program, consisting of a cover summary of the entire program as well as a project-by-project matrix was included in the Board packet. Most of the projects are just now in the Resolution and

Memo of Understanding stages at this time, Deputy Director Bob Dean reported. The main question to the Board is the format and type of information being reported. Generally considered sufficient, one member reported that Congresswoman Biggert had voiced concern about accountability, so this reporting is expected to alleviate those concerns. Another asked that the reporting be communicated to private planning consultants, perhaps through Lambda-Alpha and the Urban Land Institute.

10.0 Other Business

Chairman Gerald Bennett reported that the Planning Commissioner Workshops were well received and appreciated. Alan Bennett announced that Mayor Bennett had been recognized by the WCMC for his 30 years of service. Elliott Hartstein had attended Mayor Daley's farewell that highlighted "bridge building". Chairman asked that all members be sure to attend the June meeting to adopt the FY 2012 Budget and Work Plan.

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

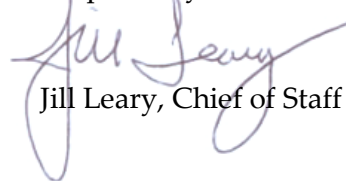
12.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board will meet next on June 8, 2011.

13.0 Adjournment

At 10:32 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea 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, June 8, 2011