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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, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing Northwest Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing West Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County (via tele-conference) and non-voting members John Yonan (for Leanne Redden)-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Bola Delano-representing the Office of the Governor

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Gordon Smith, Tom Garritano, Claire Bozic and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Jim Savio-Sikich LLP, Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristen Andersen-Metra, Reggie Arkell-FTA, Heather & George Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Mike Connelly-CTA, John Donovan-FHWA, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Patrick Knapp-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Ashley Lucas-Lake County, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Andy Plummer-RTA, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Laura Wilkison-Metro Strategies, and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Conference

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

The CMAP Board welcomed its newest member Mayor John Noak, replacing Mayor Roger Claar as Will County's representative. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn announced that he would leave CMAP at month's end to assume the position of Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by President Rick Reinbold. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board materials, gave an update on the Governor's Infrastructure Transition report that had closely mirrored the principles of GO TO 2040, announced the 2014 Implementation Report poster was available for distribution, and introduced Joe Szabo, former Director of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and former Mayor of the Village of Riverdale, who had joined CMAP as a Senior Fellow.

5.0 Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

James Savio from Sikich LLP presented the annual financial report and management letter to the CMAP Board. Savio gave a brief timeline of activity that had begun in May and finalized in mid-November. Savio highlighted the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA) section and reported on the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and changes in Net Position, and Statement of Cash Flows. Savio also reported on the agency's credit risk and collateralization agreements, supplemental info related to IMRF, Schedule of Grant Receipts, Expenses and Balances, Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program. Savio reported that there were no material weaknesses and no non-compliance was exposed. Turning to the Auditor's Communication to the Members of the Board, Savio stated that no audit adjustments were necessary and there were no adjustments to the journal. There were no deficiencies in internal controls considered to be material weaknesses—that one comment from the prior year had been addressed.

Later in the meeting, a motion by Frank Beal was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to accept the Annual Financial Report and Independent Auditor's Report as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Staff recommended the Board approve two contracts for renderings, illustrations and other visualizations for Local Technical Assistance projects; one with Solomon Cordwell Buenz, the second with Bondy Studio, the total of which is not to exceed \$50,000 per year or \$100,000 were the second year option be exercised to support the development of multiple illustrations for use in several LTA projects. A motion to approve the contract award made by Rita Athas was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports

Elliott Hartstein, chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning, and that staff from Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways had given a presentation on the planning process for the county's first Long Range Transportation Plan in 70 years. Hartstein also reported that CMAP staff discussed a recently released report, "Reorienting State and Regional Economic Development: Challenges and Opportunities for Metropolitan Chicago" examining policy and practices impacting economic development in northeastern Illinois. The Committee also considered both the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture Update and the State Legislative Framework and Principles and recommends approval of both by the CMAP Board.

8.0 State Legislative Principles and Agenda

CMAP staff, Gordon Smith presented CMAP's Legislative Principles for the Illinois General Assembly (this document was formerly known as the State Legislative Framework) and CMAP's Agenda for the Illinois General Assembly, both of which have been revised to align more closely to GO TO 2040. Smith went on to say that the detailed principles document is a companion to the shorter agenda that identifies specific state policy issues of interest to CMAP and the Region. Those are: FUND 2040; Performance-Based Transportation Investment; Innovative Tools for Transportation Investment; State Tax Policy; Water Supply Planning and Management; and Transparency and Accountability. Smith gave examples of some initiatives CMAP would support such as an increase to the Motor Fuel Tax, dedicated funding for transit and improvements to freight, supporting efforts to advance congestion pricing, increased transparency with P3 projects, reforms to the state tax policy, new and sustainable revenues to support state and regional water planning, and increase data and information sharing. An increase to the MFT was discussed briefly and staff confirmed that the material would be forwarded to the General Assembly. Staff was complimented on its work and a motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the material as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Briefly, Deputy Executive Director Dolores Dowdle reported that the Unified Work Program (UWP), the mechanism for allocating federal transportation funding to the region, is expected to mirror last year's allocation at \$16.7 million. This along with matching funds will total just over \$21 million. Dowdle went on to say that both the Core and Competitive Projects call for proposals will be due January 30, 2015, that the proposals will be presented to, reviewed and ranked by the UWP committee in February, that the Committee will adopt the FY 2016 program in March. Recommendations will then go to the Transportation Committee, the Regional Coordinating Committee and finally the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in June.

10.0 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update

Also briefly stated, CMAP staff, Clair Bozic reported that since 2005, regions have been required to update their Intelligent Transportation Systems' (ITS) Architecture and Standards, that CMAP maintains the region's ITS which last updated in 2008, that the

review that began in 2013 has been completed, that changes and updated supporting documents were linked in the Board meeting agenda, and that the Advanced Technology Task Force (ATTF) is satisfied with the update and that both CMAP's Transportation Committee and Regional Coordinating Committee have reviewed the update and have recommended adoption by the CMAP board. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the updated Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

11.0 Mobility Data Visualizations

By mid-January, Communications Director Tom Garritano reported, CMAP will launch a set of interactive data visualizations to describe the region's transportation system. Garritano gave a demo of the new site, <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/explore#/>, explaining that the site contains interactive maps and data indicators that the agency uses to monitor implementation of GO TO 2040 as it guides the region and its 284 communities. Garritano walked through roads (touching on highway congestion, ride quality and bridge condition), transit (touching on access, ridership and maintenance), freight (crossing delays and CREATE) and finished up with moving forward (integration, innovation, and the implementation of FUND 2040).

12.0 FUND 2040 Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn gave an update on FUND 2040 reporting that staff had continued its outreach to civic, labor and business groups and that the first external leadership meeting was held in December. The launch that had been scheduled for month's end, Blankenhorn continued, would be postponed and that staff will continue its outreach to the General Assembly and CMAP partners. Not taking a step backward, but taking a breath. One member asked that staff provide a list of the external leadership group members and Chairman Mayor Bennett reminded the Board that this effort was an offshoot of the visioning session held last February and remains a priority.

13.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

14.0 Next Meeting

The Board is scheduled to meet next on February 11, 2015

15.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

16.0 Closed Session

At 10:30 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a matter of litigation and a matter of personnel by Frank Beal was seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

13.0 Adjournment

At the conclusion of the closed session, Chairman Bennett reported that staff had given an update on the status of the pending lawsuit against CMAP and the MPO Policy

Committee and no action had been taken. Bennett also reported the Board considered the resignation of its Executive Director, assigning its Executive Committee to recruit a new Director and naming an Interim Director. The following actions relate to that discussion:

A motion by Frank Beal was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to accept the resignation of CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn and releasing him from his contract effective January 31, 2015. All in favor, the motion carried.

A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by President William Rodeghier to appoint CMAP's Executive Committee, with Rita Athas as chair, to recruit a new Executive Director. All in favor, the motion carried.

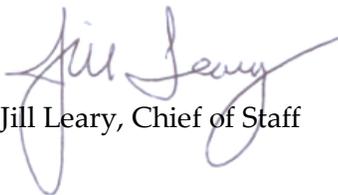
A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch, instructing staff to post a Request for Proposal (RFP) by month's end for a search firm to assist the Executive Committee in its recruitment of a new Director. The name of the firm would be announced in February, resumes would be due quickly, interviews conducted in April and a new appointment to be considered in May. All in favor the motion carried.

A motion by Raul Raymundo was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch, effective after January 31, 2015, that Jill Leary be named Interim Executive Director, until a new Director is appointed. All in favor, the motion carried. Also, a motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to allow the Board Chair to negotiate a salary adjustment with Ms. Leary. All in favor, that motion also carried.

Board Chairman Mayor Bennett expressed his congratulations to Randy Blankenhorn, and on behalf of all the board, thanked him for his years of service and wished him the best of luck!

At 10:40 a.m., a motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote February 11, 2015