



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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Regional Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

Elliott Hartstein, Chair (CMAP Board), Frank Beal (City of Chicago- CMAP Board), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy - Economic Development Committee), Nancy Firfer (Metropolitan Planning Council - Housing Committee), Michael Connelly (CTA – Transportation Committee), Sheri Cohen (Human & Community Development Committee), Jack Darin (Sierra Club – Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Al Larson (Cook County – CMAP Board), Ed Paesel (South Suburban Mayors & Managers Assoc.-Land Use Cmte.)

Members Absent:

Roger Claar (Will County- CMAP Board), Peter Silvestri (Cook County- CMAP Board), Andrew Madigan (City of Chicago- CMAP Board), Leanne Redden (CMAP Board), Thomas Weisner (Kane/Kendall Counties- CMAP Board), Allison Clement (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus – Housing Committee), Pat Carey (Cook County-Economic Development Cmte.)

Others Present:

Mike Sullivan, Jennifer Becker, and Pat Knapp (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors), Nathan Mansfield (Illinois House of Representatives Republican staff)

Staff Present:

Dolores Dowdle, Drew Williams-Clark, Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Jesse Elam, Lindsay Hollander, Simone Weil, Gordon Smith, Patricia Berry, Elizabeth Schuh, Alex Beata, Jason Navota, Doug Ferguson, Justine Reisinger

1.0 Call to Order

Elliott Hartstein called the meeting to order at 8:06 am and asked committee members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2014

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 GO TO 2040 Update, FFY 2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Conformity Determination

Drew Williams-Clark made a brief presentation on the GO TO 2040 update, which is required under federal law. The committee had heard a status report in June, and he noted several changes to details in the plan, including changes to how the A2 Crossing element of the Metra UP West Improvements project is described and an update to a description of the age of the region's local comprehensive plans. He then requested a vote on staff's recommendation to approve the plan update and associated TIP and conformity determination. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Paesel and seconded by Ms. Cohen. Mr. Hartstein opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Darin indicated that because the Environment and Natural Resource Committee had taken a position against the Illiana Expressway, he would be voting against the staff recommendation to approve the update. Mr. Connelly gave a report from Transportation Committee indicating that it had endorsed the staff recommendation, while Mr. Paesel also stated the Land Use Committee had agreed to endorse the staff recommendation. Mr. Hartstein asked for a roll call vote, which resulted in five "yes" votes and four "no" votes. A member asked for clarification regarding whether he would be voting as a representative of his agency or as a representative of his CMAP working committee. Discussion about the nature of the motion ensued, with staff clarifying that a "yes" vote indicates a recommendation to the CMAP Board to approve the plan update with the Illiana Expressway included as a fiscally constrained project. A second vote was held with two members changing their votes, with the same result of five "yes" votes and four "no" votes. The motion was approved.

5.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Programming and Management Policies

Jesse Elam provided an overview of the updated policies that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee developed over the past few months and that the Transportation Committee approved in September. A committee member asked whether the updated policies were reaffirming the policy that CMAQ funds could not be used for Phase I Engineering. Mr. Elam indicated that this was the case but noted that the policies provide for a hardship exemption. After some discussion, committee members asked that more attention be called to this exemption in the application materials.

6.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

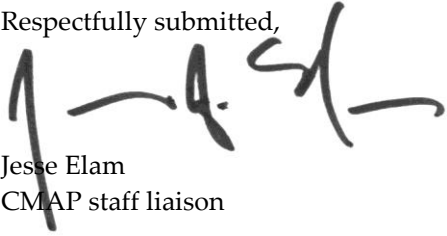
8.0 **Next Meeting**

The Regional Coordinating Committee meets next on January 14, 2015.

9.0 **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. was made and seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Elam', written over the printed name.

Jesse Elam
CMAP staff liaison

Approved as presented January 14, 2015