



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Members Present:

Rita Athas (CMAP Board-Chicago), Mike Davidson (Human and Community Development committee), Jennifer Killen (Transportation committee), Judith Kossy (Economic Development committee), Rick Reinbold (CMAP Board-south Cook County), William Rodeghier (CMAP Board-west Cook County), Rae Rupp Srch (CMAP Board-DuPage County), Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board-McHenry County), Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use committee), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources committee)

Members Absent:

Nancy Firfer (Housing committee), Lisa Laws (CMAP Board-Chicago), Raul Raymundo (CMAP Board-Chicago)

Staff Present:

Bob Dean, Patricia Berry, Jonathan Burch, Jill Leary, Gordon Smith, Joe Szabo, Simone Weil

Others Present:

Kristen Andersen-Metra, Jennifer Becker-KKCOM, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Jennifer Miller-Cook County, Tom Rickert-Kane County

1.0 Call to Order

Rita Athas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-October 8, 2014

On a motion by William Rodeghier and a second by Carolyn Schofield, the minutes were approved with no changes.

4.0 Introduction of New Committee Member

Mark VanKerkhoff, the new committee member representing the Land Use committee, introduced himself and described his background.

5.0 LTA Project Example: Cook County Planning for Progress

Jonathan Burch and Jennifer Miller described Cook County's Planning for Progress strategic plan, which was approved by the County on January 21. They noted that the plan served as both the Consolidated Plan (required by HUD) and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (required by EDA) and that it had involved considerable outreach and technical work to complete.

Rita Athas noted that the outreach efforts were commendable, and asked about lessons learned from the process. Ms. Miller responded that most of participants had been from local governments, nonprofit organizations, and service providers, and that electronic engagement had been particularly strong. Judith Kossy asked whether any groups had been missed, and Ms. Miller stated that involvement of the general public had been harder to achieve.

Mark VanKerkhoff asked whether the combination of the Consolidated Plan and CEDS was common, and Ms. Miller responded that this may be the first example nationally of combining these plans into one document. Mike Davidson asked about follow-up performance measurement, and Ms. Miller stated that the County was aligning its internal process tracking with the Planning for Progress document.

6.0 Local Match Requirements for LTA Program

Bob Dean stated that CMAP's recent evaluation of the LTA program had concluded that commitment of the local project sponsor was shown to have the most influence on project success. Staff has recommended that the LTA program begin to require a local match as a way to ensure that local sponsors are fully committed to their projects, and Mr. Dean reviewed a memo describing a proposed local match policy.

The committee discussed the proposed sliding scale that would be used to determine a community's match requirement. Rick Reinbold asked whether there was a formula that would be used to calculate local match requirements, and Mr. Dean responded that a combination of tax base, median income, and size would be used. The committee discussed the value of publishing each community's match requirement on CMAP's website, weighing the benefit of making data publicly available against potential objections from communities about sharing potentially negative economic information.

The committee discussed several other issues that were covered in the memo, including the method of calculating match rates for nonprofit sponsors and COGs and the treatment of overmatching. From the audience, Tom Rickert asked about the use of funding

received through the local match requirement, and Mr. Dean responded that it would be used to support the LTA program; also from the audience, Jennifer Becker suggested coordinating with the list of “hardship” communities recently released for CMAQ purposes.

Overall the committee expressed support for the local match policies described in the staff memo. Mr. Dean stated that he would bring this to the Board for discussion in March.

7.0 Next Call for Projects

Mr. Dean stated that the schedule for the next LTA call for projects was included in the committee’s materials, and that this schedule was very similar to last year’s. There were no comments or questions on this item.

8.0 LTA Program Update

Mr. Dean noted that a full list of ongoing LTA projects was contained in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions on these.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Local Coordinating Committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

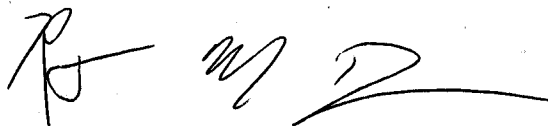
11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for May 13, 2015.

12.0 Adjournment

At 9:10 a.m., on a motion by Rae Rupp Srch and a second by William Rodeghier, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Rodeghier', written in a cursive style.

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 13, 2015