



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2015

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, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County (via tele-conference), William Rodeghier-representing West Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County (via tele-conference), Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **Staff Present:**

Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Gordon Smith, Ross Patronsky and Sherry Kane

#### **Others Present:**

Peter Skosey-Metropolitan Planning Council, Mike Albin-DMMC, Heather & Garland Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Colin Fleming-Metro Strategies, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Aaron Maertins-Metra, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, David Seglin-CDOT, Charlie Smith-DMMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, 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**

Raul Raymundo, representing the City of Chicago and one of the original members of the CMAP Board, a voice for business and the Latino community Board Chair Mayor Bennett stated, was recognized and thanked for his years of service to the agency and the Board.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Interim Executive Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Jill Leary reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board materials, that Tom Kotarac, formerly with Senator Durbin's office had joined CMAP as Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Programming, that Joe Szabo had been recognized for his contribution to the Railroad industry and that the Amtrak command center had been named in his honor, and that the FLIP Yearbook was published, marking the end of this year's program. Leary also reported that next year's program would be revamped and offered as a week-long session during the summer.

## **5.0 Collar County Wastewater Committee Member Appointment**

Village of Romeoville Mayor John Noak, a recent CMAP Board appointment, had expressed interest in filling the collar county vacancy on the Waste Water Committee resulting from the recent resignation of Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Tom Weisner to name Mayor Noak to that position. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Vice Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning, had considered and would recommend approval of the Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment, that staff had given an update on the Illinois 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan that is attempting to balance density with economic land uses, that staff had presented an overview of the results of a recent follow up report estimating the economic benefits associated with preserving the lands identified in the Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV) that CMAP developed in partnership with Chicago Wilderness and finally, the state legislative update was also presented by staff.

A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was also distributed.

## **7.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding (annual review)**

One change to the CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding was made that would include Sandwich and Somonauk townships in DeKalb County to the planning area was recommended. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to reaffirm the Memorandum of Understanding with the MPO Policy Committee that would reflect the suggested change. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda: Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment**

CMAP staff, Ross Patronsky presented the Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment. Patronsky reported what is meant by conformity, that project changes this cycle were typical and that the analysis indicated conformity. The analysis and amendment were released for Public Comment, Patronsky continued, no comments were received, the residents of Homer Glen and Homer Glen Township spoke at the Transportation Committee encouraging delay on the Caton-Bruce corridor project, the Transportation Committee had considered and recommended approval of the amendment as presented, as did the Regional Coordinating Committee. A motion by President William Rodeghier was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch that the Board approve the Semi-Annual GO TO 2040 /TIP Conformity Analysis and adopt the TIP Amendment as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **9.0 State Legislative Update**

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that the 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly convened on January 14, 2015, that following the State of the State address on February 4, Governor Rauner delivered his fiscal year 2016 budget proposal totaling \$65 billion, \$28.4 billion of which are General Funds, a 9.7 percent decrease from FY 2015. While the Governors' budget, as introduced, zeros out last year's line item for CMAP funding, assurances have been given that funding will be available through IDOT which has been customary in previous years. Smith went on to say that more than 6,000 bills have been introduced and that CMAP staff continues to monitor the progress and analyze bills with particular relevance to the agency. Bills in the memo contained in the board packet either impact CMAP's 2015 State Legislative Principles and Agenda or are of interest to CMAP and its partners. Staff recommends the Board support four (4) bills: HB299 (county-led consolidation); SB40 (coterminous township consolidation); SB1907 (MFT on other fuels); HB2685 (RTA working cash notes); and oppose one (1) bill: HB1375 (MFT split). A motion by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the State Legislative Update as presented by staff was seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

Smith also reported on the progress of FUND 2040, indicating that staff continues to discuss the funding concept with the General Assembly, Governors' office and leadership that would place CMAP in the best position to advance this initiative at just the right time. A discussion ensued related to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LDGF) reductions and cuts made to transit agencies.

## **10.0 Local Match Requirements for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program**

CMAP staff Bob Dean described the staff proposal for assessing local match for LTA projects, emphasizing the purpose of the local match requirement was to ensure local commitment to LTA projects. Dean reported that the local match would be assessed on a sliding scale, with lower match requirements for smaller communities or those with lower incomes and tax bases, and added that there would also be opportunities for the local match to be waived entirely for communities that go through a more extensive screening and prioritization process.

Vice Chair Rita Athas reported briefly that the Local Coordinating Committee was pleased with the proposal to assess a local match on the LTA projects, and noted that staff's recommendation was responsive to the comments made by the committee.

#### **11.0 Metropolitan Planning Council Presentation-Accelerate Illinois**

Peter Skosey, Vice President-Metropolitan Planning Council, introduced "Accelerate Illinois", a public communication and legislative outreach program meant to raise awareness of and convincing the public of the need for investing in transportation in Northeastern Illinois. Specifically, Skosey asked that the CMAP Board sign on to the program and lend its logo to the web page in support of the initiative. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to support the program. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **12.0 Other Business**

CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett gave a brief reporting related to the search for a new Executive Director and that there would be no Board meeting in April.

Mayor Tom Weisner reported that he had very much appreciated that Bob Dean and CMAP staff were present at the Green Town conference recently.

#### **13.0 Next Meeting**

It is not like that the Board would need to meet in April; the next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2015.

#### **14.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong reported that the signage at O'Hare related to the PACE bus shuttle is inadequate and appealed to the CMAP Board for assistance.

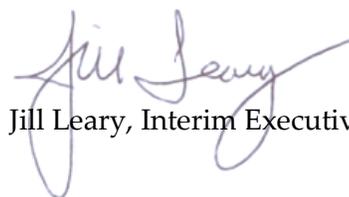
#### **15.0 Closed Session**

At 10:30 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a matter of litigation made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Village President William Rodeghier. All in favor, the motion carried. At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion by Frank Beal was seconded by Village President John Noak to return to the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

At 10:34 a.m., a motion by Raul Raymundo was seconded by Rita Athas to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Interim Executive Director

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, May 13, 2015*