



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing west Cook County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **Staff Present:**

Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Tom Kotarac, Joe Szabo, Gordon Smith, Ricardo Lopez and Sherry Kane

#### **Others Present:**

Garland & Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Colin Fleming-Metro Strategies, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Jonathan Tremper-Metra, Mike Walczak-NWMC, and 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**

Chairman Bennett announced that Governor Rauner had appointed two non-voting members, Sean McCarthy and Brian Oszakiewski, to the CMAP Board. Neither had been able to attend the board meeting today but we hope to see them in June.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. 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. Leary also reported that IDNR had called for an immediate suspension of funding to support water supply work. Nearly half of the \$250,000, two-year grant had already been spent and CMAP persists in its efforts to reinstate the remaining funding, as water supply planning continues to be a priority. We were also told, Leary continued, that CMAP would not receive funding totaling nearly \$300,000 under a second contract with IDOT from last year, but can expect a full \$3.5 million next year. Finally, Leary reported that IDOT and the Illinois Capital Development Board were hosting listening sessions across the state and called attention to CMAP's adopted capital principles that had been communicated to the Governor's staff and IDOT.

### **5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

The following procurements and contract approvals were presented for approval: a resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to execute a subrecipient agreement for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding from Cook County in FY 2016 with two option years, at \$250,000 each total and a maximum of \$750,000 to better integrate stormwater management into land use, development and transportation decisions; a contract award to create a form-based zoning (of which clarification was given by staff) ordinance overlay for the Village of Huntley with CodaMetrics for \$34,130; contract approval to develop a regional truck permitting plan with Cambridge Systematics for \$246,378; a five year purchase and maintenance agreement for color multifunction digital printer-copiers to COTG (year one at \$96,258 and subsequent years at approximately \$32,600); a contract approval to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan in the Elgin-O'Hare corridor to Alta in the amount of \$154,670 (DuPage County will support a \$4,946 option); a three year contract with two one-year options totaling \$549,960 to develop an integrated transportation planning, programming and tracking database and visualizations solution for the TIP to EcoInteractive; and, purchase truck origin and destination data from the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) in the amount of \$25,000.

A motion by Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adopt the Resolution and approve the procurements and contract awards as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **6.0 Committee Reports**

Vice Chair Rita Athas reported that the Local Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning, that CMAP staff had given a presentation related to two recent grants from Cook County and the MacArthur Foundation, which will be used to improve the agency's capacity to address stormwater management and disaster resilience, that a presentation was given related to the Kane County Planning Cooperative--a coordination of planning,

transportation and health departments providing community assistance, and that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program call for projects, due June 25, was released on May 1.

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

## **7.0 State Legislative Update**

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported on SB 277 that amends the TIF statute to create a Transit Facility Improvement Area (TIA) with initial establishment limited to Chicago's Union Station, Red and Purple Line Modernization, Blue Line Modernization and Extension and Red Line south Extension. Smith also reported that staff continues to talk with members of the General Assembly and the Governor's office about FUND 2040, that the list of bills in CMAP's report was shrinking, since many have missed required deadlines, and that staff continues to analyze and monitor the progress of those targeted to appropriations and that are relevant to the agency. Chairman Mayor Bennett also reported that the IML continues to follow pension matters and Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) decreases, touched briefing on the City of Chicago's bond rating, and the possibility of freezing both home rule and non-home rule property taxes.

## **8.0 Draft FY 2016 Budget and Work Plan**

Regarding the agency's FY 2016 Budget, Interim Executive Director Jill Leary reported that expected revenue would come in just under \$17.5 million (an increase of nearly \$900,000 over the previous year) with expenses slightly below that amount, that the bulk of revenue continues to come from transportation funding through the Unified Work Program (UWP), that the budget includes an increase of 4 positions for a total of 104, that in addition to staff resources dedicated to the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, an additional \$600,000 is awarded in local planning grants through a cooperative program with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), and that all UWP grants are included as pass through. Leary also gave a brief description of the 9 core programs supported by the budget: Local Planning Program, Policy Analysis and Development, Performance-Based Programming, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Comprehensive Regional Plan Development, Research and Analysis, Communications, Information Technology (IT), and Finance and Administration. The final FY 2016 Budget and Work Plan will be presented in June for approval, Leary concluded.

## **9.0 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Updates**

CMAP staff Tom Kotarac gave an update on the Federal Transportation Reauthorization indicating that the MAP-21 expires on May 31, and with only 6 more legislative days, two options are presently being considered: one to extend to August 1, a second is to extend to December 31. After August, the fund becomes insolvent and \$10 billion is needed to keep the fund solvent until December 31. Kotarac briefly reviewed previous extensions and reported that regardless of the extension length, Congressional Committees are still working on the policy portion of a long-term bill. Kotarac stressed that the next generation of a freight program is shaping up as the new significant component of the bill.

CMAP and other MPOs have called on Congress to support a stronger freight program based on the following 5 principles: \$2 billion freight program (5% of HTF), multimodal eligibility (not just highways), needs a competitive grant program component, formula needs to reflect freight and challenges, and finally, a regional focus with a strong role for MPOs. Responding to a question regarding funding until December 31, Kotarac reported that no revenue proposals have come from the revenue committees in Congress and a short-term extension was more likely.

#### **10.0 FLIP (Future Leaders in Planning)**

CMAP staff Ricardo Lopez reported that the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) session concluded for the season, gave background on the program that first started in 2008 and reported the work of this year's program that culminated in a final project where students took what they learned and applied the principles of GO TO 2040 in crafting recommendations for improving public and commercial areas and access and mobility in and around the Little Village neighborhood. Next year's program, starting in July, will transition to a one week summer format rather than its prior schedule of monthly meetings throughout the school year, hoped to bring new opportunities to work with our partners and engage other CMAP staff that might not otherwise be available on weekends. Asking that Board members help spread the word, applications (via pdf at or by applying on line at <http://cmap.is/FLIP-application-2015>) are due June 15, for the July 13-17 program here at CMAP, Lopez continued. Lopez fielded questions regarding capacity of the program (at about 40, generally about 25-30 have signed up and none have been turned away) and indicated that following this summer's program an outreach is planned to gather all alums. The video footage of this year's program, as a promotional item, will likely be available and posted to the webpage in the fall.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that beginning today and in stages, the Executive Committee starts its search for a new Executive Director and it is hoped a recommendation would be brought to the full board in June.

#### **12.0 Next Meeting**

The Board is scheduled to meet next on June 10, 2015.

#### **13.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong reported that commuters are being blocked by freight trains that are stopped at crossings, there are no sidewalks in Tinley Park at 159<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak Park Avenue and the signage at O'Hare related to the PACE bus shuttle is inadequate and appealed to the CMAP Board for assistance. The Armstrongs were thanked for their efforts of calling attention to matters that continue to be problems for those with handicaps.

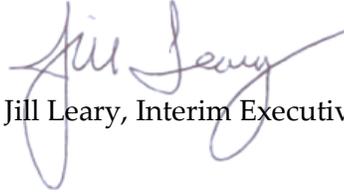
#### **14.0 Closed Session**

At 10:25 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a matter of litigation made by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried. The Board discussed a matter of personnel and an update on the pending lawsuit was given by staff.

**15.0 Adjournment**

At 10:32 a.m., a motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jill Leary, Interim Executive Director

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 10, 2015*