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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, 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, William Rodeghier-representing west Cook County (via tele-conference), Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County (via tele-conference), Rebekah Scheinfeld-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference) 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:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristin Andersen-Metra, Reggie Arkell-FTA, Garland & Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Len Cannata-WCMC, John Donovan-FHWA, Nancy Firfer-MPC, Scott Hennings, McHenry DOT, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Susan Stitt-IDOT, Mike Walczak-NWMC, and Heidi Voorhees-GovHR USA

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. Chairman welcomed Rebekah Scheinfeld, Commissioner-Chicago Department of Transportation, who is temporarily filling a City of Chicago open seat on the Board.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Bennett announced that the Board would go through its agenda, adjourn to an executive session to discuss the report of the executive committee and it is likely that a new Executive Director would be named following the session.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Carolyn Schofield. 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 Congress had passed a two-month extension to Federal Transportation Reauthorization through the end of July, that a letter signed by the 7 county board chairs, along with the City of Chicago and Mayor Bennett had been sent to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works calling for a freight program in the next reauthorization and that Crain's had picked up the story. Finally, Leary reported that Deputy Executive Director Dolores Dowdle had announced her retirement and would be leaving CMAP. Leary thanked Dowdle for all she had done in her 8-1/2 years with CMAP, setting a very high standard of practice for finance and administration during her stay. Chairman Bennett, on behalf of the board, also acknowledged and offered sincere thanks to Dowdle for all she had accomplished at CMAP.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

The following procurements and contract approvals were presented for approval. A one year renewal of various datasets at a cost of \$354,000 and a \$46,000 contingency for a total of \$400,000, as was outlined in the memo included in the Board materials. Under the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, a contract with Conservation Design Forum for \$99,896 to create a transportation impact reduction and green infrastructure plan for Governors State University, contracts with Sam Schwartz Engineering for \$105,300 and with Volpe Center not to exceed \$20,000 to develop a transportation access plan for the Pullman National Historical Monument, and a contract with Duncan Associates for \$87,200 to update the zoning ordinance for the Village of Villa Park were also presented for approval. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to approve the procurements and contract awards as had been presented. 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, and had considered the following. Staff presented an analysis of alternatives to the Motor Fuel Tax that included 3 basic concepts: (1) Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT), (2) a fuel sales tax, and (3) additional registration fees. The FY2016 Unified Work Plan (UWP) had also been considered, Hartstein continued, and staff gave an update on Springfield activities, the short term federal reauthorization and an overview of the next plan process that will conclude in October 2018.

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

7.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee

Board Chair Mayor Bennett appointed the following to serve as the nominating committee to make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting naming officers and members to the Executive Committee: Lisa Laws, representing the City of Chicago; President William Rodeghier, representing suburban Cook County; and Carolyn Schofield, representing the collar counties. Bennett thanked everyone in advance for their service.

8.0 FY 2016 Unified Work Program

Deputy Executive Director Dolores Dowdle reported that the FY 2016 Unified Work Program (UWP) the federal transportation planning program that funds CMAP and the planning activities in the region was being presented for Board approval. Nine (9) core proposals were approved, fourteen (14) competitive proposals were received, but only three (3) are funded. Those include CMAP's LTA program administered jointly with the RTA for projects with a heavy transit focus, CDOT South Lakefront and Museum Campus study, and CTA Brown Line Core Capacity study. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the UWP program as was presented was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 FY 2016 Work Plan & Budget

Interim Executive Director Jill Leary reported that there were no major changes in the Draft FY 2016 Work Plan & Budget that had been presented in May and that staff recommends approval. A motion by Frank Beal was seconded by Elliott to approve the FY 2016 Work Plan & Budget as was presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

10.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that while the General Assembly concluded its spring session on May 31, they continue to meet almost weekly and have agreed, by resolution, to continue to meet. A budget was passed, although it was \$3-4 billion out of balance. One appropriation bill, SB 2033, that includes the majority of IDOT's budget contains a line item for "Metropolitan Planning and Research" that has historically been the source of CMAP funding. All budget bills that have passed have reconsideration motions attached, Smith continued. Former CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn was confirmed as Secretary of Transportation, Smith also reported, and most of the bills that staff had been tracking failed to pass. Exceptions included HB 2685, the RTA Working Cash Notes bill and Senate Resolution 607 directing IDOT to conduct a study on the feasibility of a mileage based user fee to replace the Motor Fuel Tax. CMAP will offer IDOT its assistance on the topic and access to the information that has already been collected. Staff will continue to monitor activity.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business for the CMAP Board.

12.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

13.0 Next Meeting

The Board meeting for July was cancelled, and the August meeting is on call.

14.0 Closed Session

At 9:50 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to discuss a matter of personnel made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

At the conclusion of the closed session, Heidi Voorhees of GovHR USA was asked to give a quick overview of what took place with the Search Committee. Voorhees reported that it had been a pleasure to work with the Search Committee on the recruitment of the next Executive Director of CMAP. Voorhees went on to say that this was a national recruitment, advertised on web sites, social media and personal contacts yielding 52 candidates from 14 states. Voorhees reviewed each resume and cover letter against criteria established by the Search Committee and the field was narrowed to 10 candidates, each of which was interviewed. References were checked, media searches conducted and other background work on each of the 10 was done. The Search Committee narrowed the field to 5 to interview. Following the interviews, the committee deliberated, narrowed the field to 3 candidates who were then asked to prepare an oral presentation and come for a second round of interviews. Prior to those interviews, each of the final 3 candidates met individually with CMAP's senior staff, whose feedback was collected and made available to the Search Committee. Following the interviews, the Search Committee came to a consensus, recommending Joe Szabo.

Chairman Bennett thanked Voorhees for her professionalism working with the Search Committee and the staff. Bennett also thanked the Executive Committee for the time they devoted to the process.

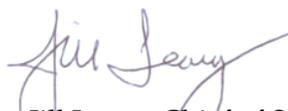
A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Elliott Hartstein to approve the recommendation of the Search Committee and name Joe Szabo as the new Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). All in favor, the motion carried.

Briefly, Joe Szabo thanked the members of the Board and Interim Director Jill Leary and CMAP staff for their good work.

15.0 Adjournment

At 10:20 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,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 9, 2015.