



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAA)

Board Meeting Minutes

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

**Board Members
Present:**

Gerald Bennett, CMAA Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County, 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 (via tele-conference), William Rodeghier-representing west Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Skosey-representing the City of Chicago, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Jill Leary, Bob Dean, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tom Kotarac, Gordon Smith, Elizabeth Schuh, and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Rae Rupp Srch-former CMAA Board Member, Garland & Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Elaine Bottomley-WCGL, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Patrick Knapp-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Dennis Latto-SSMMA, Kirsten Mellem-McHenry County DOT, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Jonathan Tremper-Metra, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Conference of Mayors.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAA 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 asked that former CMAP board member Rae Rupp Srch be recognized by the CMAP Board for her many years of service to CMAP and the region. Rupp Srch had served as the representative to DuPage County since the Board's inception. Replacing her on the Board, Bennett introduced and welcomed Village of Bloomingdale President Franco Coladipietro and announced that the City of Chicago had made a new appointment in Peter Skosey, Executive Vice President-MPC.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by President Rick Reinbold and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Joe Szabo having worked with Rae Rupp Srch in the mid-1990s through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and CATS, also thanked her for her contribution to the region. Szabo introduced Angela Manning-Hardimon, formerly with the City of Chicago's Department of Aviation, as CMAP's new Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration. Moving on, Szabo reported on the financial impact to the agency related to the lack of a state budget, stating that staff had begun conserving cash beginning in May and that while there had been a delay in funding from the state, a mid-August reimbursement had been received for billing from the previous fiscal year and that IDOT owes CMAP nearly \$2 million for the current fiscal year that began July 1. Current CMAP payables now total approximately \$1.4 million and the agency continues to make payroll, and pay the rent and utilities. This measure could continue through October, Szabo continued, and work continues with IDOT, the Governor's office and FHWA to remedy the situation. CMAP is also investigating a line of credit with its bank.

At the suggestion of Chairman Mayor Bennett, a motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mayor Al Larson directing staff to draft a letter on behalf of the CMAP Board to the Governor and Leadership emphasizing the importance of the state budget related to the release of federal highway funding to the MPOs. All in favor, the motion carried.

Szabo also reported that the Annual Report, distributed to the Board today, will also be sent to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly.

Regarding the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program, Szabo reported that the monthly status update had been included in the packet and that of the 166 local projects that have been initiated to date, 110 have been completed, 50 are fully underway and 6 more will become active in the near future. October will see a new batch of projects for Board approval.

Finally, Szabo reported that new carpet and paint—at no charge to the agency—will be completed in the coming weeks.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Recommended for approval are one-year contracts with options for two one-year renewals with Conservation Design Form/Geosyntec, Hey and Associates/Michael Baker,

Strand Associates and Christopher B. Burke Engineering to provide stormwater engineering support for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, at an estimated cost of \$75,000 per year, the maximum of the three year contracts will be \$150,000. A motion by Rita Athas was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the contract award as was presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Neither of the Coordinating Committees had met earlier in the day. A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was also distributed.

7.0 Election of Officers

Chair of the Nominating Committee Carolyn Schofield reported that the Committee worked with staff to gauge interest in remaining on or becoming a member of the Executive Committee, the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) Board:

Chair	Gerald Bennett, Mayor-Suburban Cook County
Vice Chair	Rita Athas-City of Chicago
Vice Chair	Elliott Hartstein-Collar Counties
At Large	Frank Beal-City of Chicago
At Large	Al Larson, Mayor-Suburban Cook County
At Large	Tom Weisner, Mayor- Collar Counties

The nominating committee believes the slate represents the desired geographical balance while providing a good mix of position and experience. A motion by Mayor Al Larson to approve the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee was seconded by Lisa Laws. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that of the 265 bills staff had been monitoring only a few were acted upon by the Governor. Those are: HB 2685 (supported by CMAP) RTA Working Cash notes had passed; SB 2033 (IDOT's budget that contains funding for CMAP) had been vetoed; and, HB 4166 (authorizing \$700,000 for IDOT to conduct a mileage-based user fee study) had been removed, by line item veto by the Governor. The General Assembly continues to meet on a regular basis, Smith concluded, to discuss the current budget impasse.

Chairman Mayor Bennett reported that local municipalities are being affected by gaming and Motor Fuel Taxes that are not being passed through as collected, that the IML is supporting legislation to remedy the situation and asked that the CMAP board also support HB 4149 related to the distribution of Motor Fuel Taxes (MFT). Smith confirmed that the bill had passed third reading in the house. A motion by President Rodeghier was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to support HB 4149. All in favor the motion carried.

9.0 Federal Legislative Update

CMAP staff Tom Kotarac reported that the third extension of MAP-21 is now scheduled to expire October 29, that \$8 billion from the General Fund is providing revenue to the Highway Trust Fund to support the extension and that \$73 billion in General Fund transfers have gone to the Highway Trust Fund since 2008. The Senate is working on a long term bill, the DRIVE (Delivering a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy) Act. The six-year authorization is proposed with three years of funding. It's multi-modal and includes Amtrak, Rail Safety and a Freight Program. The authorization would see a 3% increase over previous levels of funding with \$46 billion from General Fund transfers (from lowering dividend payments banks receive on deposits they hold at the Federal Reserve, the sale of oil from the strategic petroleum reserve and revoking passports for tax dodgers). Highlights for Illinois, Kotarac continued, include: an increase in highway funds (\$1.44 billion/year, versus \$1.37 billion/year); an increased share for mass transit (from 6.67 to 6.75%--\$596 million up from \$565 million); the STP program suballocation comes in at 55% (versus 50%); the TAP program is funded at a fixed amount (\$850 million/year versus a hard set-aside of all formula funds which currently brings \$815 million/year in TAP funds to Illinois); and the TIFIA program would see a reduction from \$750 million in FY 14 and \$1 billion in FY 15 to \$300 million per year. The principles contained in the letter, signed by the Counties, the City and the CMAP Board was endorsed by the Illinois delegation and Kotarac drew comparisons from that letter under the following five topics: (1) \$2 billion year program (actual is at \$1.9 billion); (2) competitive grant program that includes multi-modal assistance with major projects (AMP program); (3) formula funds multi modal (up to 10% for non-highway projects/rail); (4) metrics tied to freight movement (the bill distributes formulas based on the total percentage of funds states receive of all highway funds, which is at 3.6% for Illinois); and (5) suballocation of freight funds to MPOs was not included in the bill (rather, states dictate where the funding will go, but larger MPOs play a significant role in freight planning). The House T&I Committee will be meeting and addressing, it's bi-partisan transportation bill. When questioned about Highway Trust Fund solvency, Kotarac suggested maybe with the general fund transfers, the HTF would remain solvent until June/July next year, and related to questions about formula changes in Congress, Kotarac replied if formulas were opened up for negotiation it could result in a free-for-all. Also when queried, Kotarac suggested this bill might actually get passed.

10.0 Next Plan Development

CMAP staff Elizabeth Schuh gave a presentation on the development of the next plan, reporting that while building on GO TO 2040, and expanding on the 4 themes and 12 recommendations: i.e., Livable Communities (land use & housing, water conservation and energy, parks and open space and sustainable local food), Human Capital (improve education and workforce development and supporting economic innovation), Efficient Governance (reform state and local tax policy, improve access to information, pursue coordinated investment), Regional Mobility (invest in transportation, increased commitment to public transit and create a more efficient freight network). Schuh suggested the plan will: provide actionable guidance, be implementable, and acknowledge reality; it will advance the benefits of one thriving region, emphasize reinvestment, emphasize funding, promote making our region more livable and resilient, promote

inclusive economic growth, provide focused recommendations and finally, establish measurable objections. Criteria for prioritizing topics, Schuh continued, will include authority to implement objectives, importance to constituencies, credibility and feasibility. The new plan will continue and refine GO TO2040 emphases, while exploring new topics. Touching on audiences and partners Schuh also, related to outreach and beginning now, reported that partners will be central to developing and implementing the plan. A timeline of plan development was requested and will be forwarded to the CMAP Board. The Board was generally excited about the new plan and will be engaged throughout plan development. When asked if the plan's recommendations or frameworks could be used to direct additional funding sources, such as HUD or EPA, Schuh reported that we would work to use the plan as a way to guide the activities of a variety of implementers.

11.0 Other Business

There was no other business for the CMAP Board. Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that he had completed approximately 75 meet-and-greets since the board had met last, is now moving into the general assembly and district congressional staffs categories and asked that if there are others with whom he should meet, kindly let us know.

12.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong, on behalf of Pace ADA, asked about progress related to signage at O'Hare for Metra and Pace buses, and suggested that rail crossings at Home Avenue in Berwyn have greatly impacted the Pace bus service. Armstrong was asked to visit FlyChicago.com for more information on Metra and Pace bus service at O'Hare and that overpasses cost about \$50 million each.

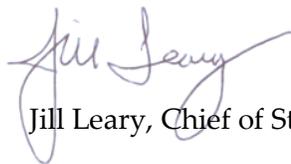
13.0 Next Meeting

The Board will meet next, jointly, with the MPO Policy Committee on October 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

14.0 Adjournment

At 10:53 a.m., a motion by Mayor Tom Weisner was seconded by Frank Beal to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 14, 2015