



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## Joint Meeting Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board and MPO Policy Committee Minutes

October 12, 2016

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

### Board and MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Randy Blankenhorn, MPO Policy Committee Chair, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Matt Brolley-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County (via teleconference), Mike Connelly-representing the CTA, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Luann Hamilton-representing CDOT, Richard Kwasneski-representing PACE, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County (via teleconference), Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John McCarthy-representing Private Providers, John Noak-representing Will County (via teleconference), Don Orseno-representing Metra, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA and a non-voting member of the CMAP Board, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, William Rodeghier-representing west Cook County, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Peter Skosey-representing the City of Chicago, Paula Trigg-representing Lake County, Lawrence Walsh-representing Will County, John Yonan-representing Cook County, Rocco Zuccherro-representing Illinois Toll Highway Authority, and non-voting members Brian Oszakiewski-representing the Governor's office (via teleconference) and Catherine (Kay) Batey-representing FHWA.

### Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Elizabeth Schuh, Ross Patronsky, and Sherry Kane

### Others Present:

Lisa Laws-IDOT, Garland & Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Kevin Brubaker-ELPC, Len Cannata-WCMC, Lynnette Ciavarella-Metra,

Laurie Cohen-Civic Federation, Roger Driskell-IDOT, Jackie Forbes-Kane Kendall Council, Mike Fricano-WCMC, Joe Guthridge-HERE, Janell Jensen-McHenry County Council, Jennifer (Sis) Killen-Cook County Department of Transportation, Patrick Knapp-Kane/Kendall Council, Dennis Latto-SSMMA, Jill Leary-RTA, Steven Mannella-Metra, Kelsey Mulhausen-Southwest Conference, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Jim Reilly-MPC, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Madeline Shepherd-MPC, Steve Simmons-Sierra Club, Jordan Smith-HERE, Vicky Smith-Southwest Council, Maria Choca-Urban-Cook County Department of Transportation, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, and Laura Wilkison-Metro Strategies,

#### **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked that Board and MPO Policy Committee members introduce themselves.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

The CMAP Board welcomed new member President Matthew Brolley-President, Village of Montgomery, who represents Kane and Kendall Counties. The Board also recognized Lisa Laws for her service to the Board. Mayor Jeffrey Schielke read a statement prepared by Mayor Tom Weisner-City of Aurora as he ended his service to the CMAP Board.

#### **3.0 Approval of CMAP Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2016, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Commissioner Pete Silvestri and seconded by Carolyn Schofield. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016, meeting of the MPO Policy Committee as presented was made by John Yonan and seconded by Tom Cuculich. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **5.0 Executive Director's Report**

CMAP Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that CMAP has returned to a normal payment cycle and very nearly caught up on vendor payments. The collection of dues has helped significantly and Szabo thanked those had paid. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had been included in the Joint Meeting materials, Szabo continued, and reported on CMAP's last (Have We Reached Peak Driving) forum held at Northwestern University on September 22, 2016 and next (Aging in Place) to be held at UIC on October 27, 2016. Reporting on a recent visit to D.C., Szabo suggested there is little to no support regarding the recent rulemaking related to MPO Consolidation, and CMAP hosted a local legislative briefing recently that was used as an opportunity to gain input for ON TO 2050.

#### **6.0 Committee Reports**

Local Coordinating Committee Chair Rita Athas reported that the Committee had met earlier in the morning, had considered a change to the Coordinating Committee structure,

a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program example related to Home Glen's Plan Commissioner Training (which provided a good example of a successful training program and may become a model for the future) was given, advancing the implementation of completed LTA projects was discussed (with staff describing current practices and committee giving direction for the future), and the next LTA Call for Projects is tentatively scheduled for May 2017 with project selected occurring in October. Of importance with this call will be how the projects fit into ON TO 2050.

On behalf of the Regional Coordinating Committee, Ed Paesel reported that the committee had also met earlier in the morning, had considered matters that would be explained later at this meeting, and as part of ON TO 2050, a presentation was made related to a total socioeconomic forecast for the region and a sub-allocation forecast at the local level.

An announcement was also made that Ed Paesel, Executive Director of South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association would retire soon and the Board and Policy Committee offered sincere appreciation for his service to CMAP and the region.

#### **7.0 Council of Mayors Report**

Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors is scheduled to meet next on October 25, and regional planning marks will be considered at that meeting. Recently, Schielke continued, through a coordinated effort, the councils [of Mayors and Governments] as well as individual mayors had voice opinions regarding the U.S. DOT's MPO Coordination to local representatives and the chairman, on behalf of the Councils of Mayors, crafted a letter outlining the concerns of the Council was added to the comments submitted to the federal docket.

#### **8.0 Election of MPO Policy Committee Vice Chair**

Nominating Committee Chair Tom Cuculich reported that the nominating committee, consisting of himself (representing county government), Dorval Carter (representing a public transportation agency), Frank Beal (representing regional planning), Greg Bedalov (representing road administration), and Rebekah Scheinfeld (representing municipal government), recommended that Leanne Redden, ED-Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) serve as Vice Chair (replacing Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor, who had served for three years) of the MPO Policy Committee for calendar year 2017. A motion by Tom Cuculich was seconded by Don Orseno to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee. All in favor, the motion carried.

Policy Committee Chairman Secretary Randy Blankenhorn named Tom Kotarac, Deputy Executive Director of Policy and Programming as Secretary to the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **9.0 Approval of GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments**

CMAP staff Ross Patronsky explained the concept of conformity and "non-exempt" projects, review of which is conducted twice annually, highlighted project changes and reported that the analysis (results of which indicate the region meets air quality requirements), released for public comment (none were received). The project changes were typical, Patronsky continued, and both CMAP's Transportation and Regional

Coordinating committees had considered and recommended approval of the analysis and amendments as presented.

On behalf of the CMAP Board, a motion by Commissioner Pete Silvestri was seconded by President Rick Reinbold to make a finding of Conformity and adopt the TIP Amendments as presented. All in favor, the motion carried. For the MPO Policy Committee, a similar motion made by Richard Kwasneski was seconded by Paula Trigg and with all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **10.0 Coordinating Committee Structure**

Deputy Executive Director for Planning Bob Dean reported that staff recommends a change to the coordinating committee structure, with a Planning Coordinating Committee overseeing the development of ON TO 2050 and a Programming Coordinating Committee that would oversee programming related to transportation, Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project selection and other relevant matters. The recommended structure, Dean continued, was similar to that used during the development of GO TO 2040.

For the CMAP Board, a motion by Peter Skosey was seconded by President William Rodeghier to approve the programs as presented. All in favor the motion carried. Likewise, for the MPO Policy Committee, a motion by Don Orseno was seconded by County Executive Lawrence Walsh and with all in favor, the motion carried.

#### **11.0 Approval of the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 Report**

CMAP staff, Elizabeth Schuh, briefly reminded the Board and Policy Committee that the purpose of the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 report was to summarize feedback heard through our summer of public engagement on regional opportunities and challenges and begin to identify some of the key themes to be addressed in ON TO 2050. The report, released for public comment on June 29, had been reviewed by all CMAP working committees and by the CMAP Board at its September meeting. Public feedback collected over the summer consisted primarily of mostly supportive comments. Comments on regionally significant projects were also received, but the planning process is not yet evaluating those projects for inclusion in the plan, Schuh concluded. It is hoped that the plan will dedicate a focus to “last mile, first mile” in the collar counties.

On behalf of the CMAP Board, a motion by Commissioner Peter Silvestri was seconded by Peter Skosey to adopt the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 Report as was presented. Similarly, a motion by Luann Hamilton was seconded by Paula Trigg to adopt the report as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **12.0 Unified Work Program (UWP) Update**

Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon reported that with the passing and approval of the State’s stop gap budget, IDOT allocated a full-year of state local match. With the match, Manning-Hardimon continued, CMAP could reallocate approximately \$1.4 million to the Unified Work Program (UWP) competitive applications that had been submitted in January and that the projects funded with the award of \$1.4 million to the UWP competitive program. The revised budget of

\$21.5 million includes \$17.1 in federal funding, \$3.2 million in state local match, and \$1.2 in local match. For FY 2017 CMAP is now recommending that the following [additional] projects be awarded: CTA/Pace-\$640,000; CMAP/RTA-\$400,000; Lake County-\$200,000; and, CDOT-\$197,000. The changes had been presented and approval recommended by both the UWP Committee, and CMAP's Transportation Committee to the CMAP Board, Hardimon concluded. On behalf of the counties, Paula Trigg asked that the record reflect the programming is considered part of the Core projects, since it is an amendment to the 2030 transportation and not a competitive proposal as is indicated by staff. A motion by Mike Connelly was seconded by Tom Rickert to adopt the revised FY 2017 budget as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **13.0 MPO Consolidation Rule Update**

Deputy Executive Director Tom Kotarac gave an overview of the MPO Consolidation Rule by the U.S. DOT that would affect the MPOs that exist in a census urbanized area. Kotarac referred to a map showing the MPOs in the region, and reported that the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is essentially changing the definition of the Metropolitan Planning Area and forcing CMAP to merge with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) and likely over time with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). Kotarac thanked members of the Board and MPO Policy Committee for their efforts in generating comments to the NPRM docket and the Illinois Congressional Delegation. There were over 50 comments from the region, including a letter signed by the County Board Chairs & City of Chicago, Board Members, individual municipalities, and the CoGs. Kotarac also thanked Will County for their visit to Washington, D.C. and their efforts in generating a letter from the Congressional Delegation to the U.S. DOT. Kotarac went on to say that the NPRM comment period was reopened by DOT and new comments are now due October 24. U.S. DOT is hosting a series of workshops, MPOwerment, with MPOs to discuss planning work across the country, Kotarac added, the first of which is scheduled in Texas later in the month. What will be clear in CMAP's additional comments with the Indiana and Wisconsin MPOs is that there should be a roundtable discussion here—maybe not just Chicago, but also in Wisconsin and Indiana.

### **14.0 Constitutional Lockbox**

Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programming Tom Kotarac discussed the findings that had been obtained from additional staff analysis of the constitutional lockbox amendment and conversations with stakeholders, including the proponents of the amendment and the municipal finance community. Kotarac briefly described the mechanics of the amendment, including what revenues will be impacted by the amendment and the questions the analysis raises about activities like planning, ancillary infrastructure related to transportation projects, public-private partnerships, and other items. Soliciting specific feedback from the Board and MPO Policy Committee concerning implementation of the amendment, Kotarac also explained the amendment allows for the General Assembly and IDOT to clarify certain eligibilities for transportation revenue and that CMAP should be ready with specific issues to address if the General Assembly or others act quickly with legislation or guidance on the amendment. Kotarac went on to say that the memo spells out the issues we should concentrate our efforts:

eligibility for broad comprehensive planning activities, broad eligibility for projects related to transportation projects (e.g. stormwater mitigation and commercial development), eligibility for administrative functions related to all transportation modes, and matching all federal transportation dollars, not just highway dollars.

The Board and Policy Committee thanked CMAP for its work and members as well as local stakeholders were encouraged to be unified in their approach to implementing any amendment and to continue to work with CMAP in developing trailer legislation, advocacy, etc., if the amendment passes. A suggestion was also made that CMAP reach out to the other MPOs in the state, local elected officials and others to refine and prioritize the issues CMAP needs to address.

#### **15.0 Transportation Innovation Roundtable Discussion**

Continuing the Innovation Roundtable Discussion series, Policy Committee Chairman Secretary Randy Blankenhorn introduced Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways Superintendent John Yonan. Connecting Cook County, as it is known, Yonan presented the county's long-range, comprehensive transportation plan. Yonan covered background and history, spoke of county roads in relation to the full network, described the following policy priorities—transit, freight, equal access, maintenance/modernization, and investment—and gave examples of implementing the priorities.

A second presentation, Making Sense of a Connected World in Motion, was given by Joe Guthridge and Jordan Stark of HERE, the Open Location Platform company. Guthridge and Stark provided perspectives on how the public sector can solve real world mobility challenges by harnessing data from the Internet of Things (IOT) ecosystem, described the company's innovative location-based technologies and their work with automakers and public sector agencies focused on real-time traffic management, transportation network analytics and laying the foundation for smart cities and automated driving.

#### **16.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board or the MPO Policy Committee.

#### **17.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong offered thanks for the completion of construction at the south door at Union Station, questioned completion of O'Hare's kiss-and-fly, Rosemont ADA improvements target dates, and announced that he and Heather Armstrong had been asked to join the membership of CMAP's Housing Committee.

Heather Armstrong asked if better transportation options would come as a result of the [proposed] MPO consolidation with Indiana and/or Wisconsin, to which Executive Director Joe Szabo responded "probably not".

#### **18.0 Next Meeting**

The CMAP Board meets next on November 9, 2016; the MPO Policy Committee is scheduled to meet next on January 12, 2017.

**19.0 Adjournment**

At 11:17 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Luann Hamilton was seconded by Don Orseno. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Kotarac', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Tom Kotarac, Secretary

10-25-2016

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 12, 2017*