



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Members Present:

Rita Athas (CMAP Board-Chicago), Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board-DuPage County), Nancy Firfer (Housing committee), Judith Kossy (Economic Development committee), William Rodeghier (CMAP Board-west Cook County), Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use committee-by phone), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources committee), Rocco Zucchero (Transportation committee)

Members Absent:

Mike Davidson (Human and Community Development committee), Lisa Laws (CMAP Board-Chicago), Rick Reinbold (CMAP Board-south Cook County), Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board-McHenry County), Peter Skosey (CMAP Board-Chicago)

Staff Present:

Brian Daly, Bob Dean, Jane Grover, Joe Szabo, Louise Yeung

Others Present:

Elain Bottomley-WCGL, Sarah Cardona-MPC, Patrick Knapp-KKCOM, Steve Manella-Metra, Ben Mason-Algonquin

1.0 Call to Order

Rita Athas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

A new committee member, Rocco Zucchero, representing the Transportation committee, introduced himself.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-October 13, 2015

On a motion by William Rodeghier and a second by Nancy Firfer, the minutes were approved with no changes.

4.0 LTA Project Example: Fox River Corridor Plan

Brian Daly, Associate Planner with CMAP, and Ben Mason, Senior Planner with the Village of Algonquin, described the Fox River Corridor Plan, which included the Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville. The presenters described the recommendations of the plan, which addresses the natural environment, recreation, transportation, and placemaking.

Nancy Firfer asked about the potential to extend the corridor to other communities. Bob Dean responded that a northern extension into additional McHenry County communities was included among the new LTA projects approved in October. Mark VanKerkhoff added that Kane County was interested in considering extending to other communities further south, as well.

Rita Athas asked about the links between water quality and recreation, and Mr. Daly responded that making that link was an important part of the study, noting past efforts to address this by the Fox River Study Group. Rocco Zucchero added that the Fox River was a tremendous resource that corridor communities had not taken sufficient advantage of.

5.0 LTA Project Example: Great Rivers Chicago

Louise Yeung, Associate Planner with CMAP, and Sarah Cardona, Associate with MPC, described the Great Rivers Chicago project, which was in its early stages, and which has the goal of reimagining the use of the City's rivers. Ms. Cardona reviewed the goals and background of the project. Rita Athas asked about extending the scope of the project beyond the City of Chicago, and the presenters responded that this was the intent.

6.0 Implications of State Budget on LTA Program

Mr. Dean reviewed a memo describing the impact of the state budget impasse on CMAP. He noted that CMAP was not having contract expenses reimbursed, and therefore a number of contracted projects were experiencing delays. Due to the uncertainty of the state budget situation, it is unclear when this situation will be resolved. Mr. Dean continued that CMAP intended to cancel this year's call for LTA projects unless there was a budget resolution by early spring.

Sean Wiedel asked when the deadline was for deciding whether the call for projects would go forward. Mr. Dean responded that the call was usually launched in May, and so a decision would be needed in early April. Ms. Athas noted that this would be quite disappointing to many communities who relied on the call for projects, but that it was reasonable given the circumstances. Mr. Zucchero encouraged CMAP to seek further external funding, noting that the Tollway's contributions used to be higher than they are currently.

7.0 LTA Program Update

Mr. Dean noted that a full list of ongoing LTA projects was contained in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions on these.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Local Coordinating Committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

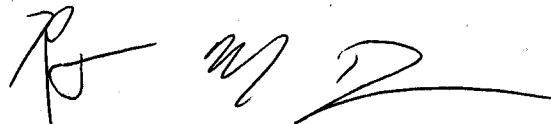
10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for May 11, 2016.

11.0 Adjournment

At 9:00 a.m., on a motion by Nancy Firfer and a second by William Rodeghier, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Rodeghier', written in a cursive style.

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, May 11, 2016