



Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Thomas Chefalo (for Eric Waggoner), Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Colin Duesing (for Curt Paddock), Michael Kowski, Paul Lauricella, Paul Rickelman, Heather Tabbert, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, Nancy Williamson, Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma.

Members Absent: Susan Campbell, Robert McKenna, Mark Muenzer, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair).

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Brian Daly, Kristin Ihnchak, Kara Komp, Taylor LaFave, Daniel Mihalov, Jacki Murdock, Jason Navota, Heidi Persaud, Simone Weil.

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley (WCGL), Allison Buchwach (Metra), Dennis Latto (SSMMA).

1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. During introductions, Ruth Wuorenma recommended committee members read *The Smartest Places on Earth: Why Rustbelts are the Emerging Hotspots of Global Innovation* by Antoine van Agtmael and Fred Bakker (book [here](#), author presentation at the Brookings Institution [here](#)).

3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – April 14, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2016, was made by Nancy Williamson and seconded by Paul Rickelman. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Place-based approach: universe of layers – Kristin Ihnchak, CMAP

Following up on previous Committee conversations about the layers approach, staff have drafted a “universe” of potential layers, which would use maps, data, and contextual information to provide more specific, sub-regional

guidance in ON TO 2050 for key policy areas. Kristin provided an overview of and solicited feedback on the initial list of layers presented for the Committee's consideration.

A committee member mentioned that she thought it is important to talk about wildlife corridors. She also asked whether CMAP planned to "mix and match" different layers, to get at the greater complexity and interrelatedness of issues. Kristi responded that CMAP plans to explore ways to combine and overlap issues. Last, this committee member touched upon the recent use of "vulnerable" communities, noting a recent Chicago *Tribune* article on Chinatown, which seemed to indicate that while Chinatown might be "vulnerable" in some ways, it's prospering as a whole, especially when compared to other Chinatowns. Jacki Murdock responded that CMAP has decided to move away from the term "vulnerable."

On the issue of layers and things like wildlife corridors, another member commented that the key is determining whether, overall, a strong and sustainable eco-system exists. She also observed that there are places that people migrate to, other than parks, especially on weekends—such as tailgating at sporting events, as well as shorter weekend vacations (e.g. Chain of Lakes). In response, Adrienne Wuellner mentioned that Pace has bus service figures (e.g. Wrigley Field) that could be helpful for looking at this.

A member asked about health care institution corridors as a layer. Kristi responded that this might be covered by employment layers that CMAP plans to use.

Another member advised that CMAP will need to figure out standard criteria about what to include and what not to.

A member suggested that it would be helpful to include data related to health—such as access to parks, walkability, food deserts, obesity, etc. Kristin responded that the health impact strategy paper will address many of these issues (and include this sort of data). The member added that consideration of home rule vs non-home rule communities could be helpful.

Another member asked how often CMAP plans to update the data it uses (for the layers, etc.). Kristin responded that they expect to update the data as regularly—and automatically as possible.

A member suggested a layer connecting location with air quality could be important.

Another member asked what CMAP's exact definition of "infill" is. Kristin responded that CMAP is still in the process of determining this.

A member warned that while focus on community “capacity” is a great goal, it will be important to alienate communities (determined to have lower capacity).

Audience member Dennis Latto from SSMMA suggested that there may be a need to reconsider the term for freight, noting that in SSMMA’s jurisdiction “cargo oriented development” is a common term that’s used. He also suggested that stormwater should be a priority. In response, Jason Navota of CMAP mentioned CMAP’s current stormwater initiative in some LTA projects, and that CMAP is currently trying to identify appropriate strategies for a regional approach, as well as layers that would help in analysis of this.

Ed Paesel suggested that “critical growth areas” might be a good term to use, and noted that there are areas in South Cook that need to be considered. He also mentioned that he thought CMAP needs to help with local economic development planning, because many communities can’t do this by themselves (without assistance), and noted that SSMMA has developed a subregional approach that CMAP should look into for ON TO 2050.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Demographics snapshot – Jacki Murdock, CMAP

As part of ON TO 2050 development, CMAP is preparing a demographics snapshot, which will provide an overview of trends in population growth, age, race/ethnicity, immigration, and other characteristics. Jacki presented initial findings from the analysis.

A member suggested looking at birth patterns, coupled with considerations such as lack of income and lack of education.

Another member noted that the one chart in the presentation indicated that the region’s African-American population, compared to Hispanics, on average has higher education, but lower pay.

A member suggested that it could be helpful to group together the demographics of metro areas in the southern United States and then compare to the Chicago region.

Stephen Ostrander asked about the finding that the region is experiencing an increased influx of immigrants from Asian countries, wondering how this compared to the other regions. Jacki responded that they haven’t yet done that specific comparison, but noted that this is something of a nation-wide trend. A CMAP staff member commented that it might be important to consider that some of this influx could be students from Asian countries who are here temporarily while completing their studies (but will return to their home countries in the future).

A member noted that Chicago Metropolis did an analysis on demographics

which could be helpful to look at for comparison.

Another committee member observed that despite overall diversity trends, the dot map in the presentation showed areas that have re-segregated—essentially going from all-white to all-black.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Freight-related land use memo – Jacki Murdock, CMAP

Jacki also presented on various land use issues, including the locations of freight-related land uses, recent development trends, and local land-use conflicts.

A committee member noted that it was important to consider that the City of Chicago is just starting to reconsider the zoning of its PMD zoned areas.

Another member observed that there were places in the memo where it said that agricultural areas and freight were in conflict, but it was important to keep in mind that there are certain newer agricultural areas that depend on proximity to freight.

A member mentioned that he was confused as to exactly what “freight” referred to in CMAP’s analysis. He added that ports are often forgotten in CMAP analyses.

Another member asked whether CMAP has looked at linkages with other markets in the overall supply chain. Jacki responded that it might be helpful to look at CMAP’s report on supply chains, where they have been trying to look at these issues, but she admitted that there were some limitations on the data that is available to CMAP for its analysis.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Commute patterns policy update – Kara Komp, CMAP

A new CMAP Policy Update looks at trends in commute time among the region’s freight and manufacturing workers. Over the last decade, regional commute time trends have been steady despite shifts in where manufacturing and freight workers live and work. As freight and manufacturing employment locations have shifted outward from their traditional base within Cook County, the workforce has followed similar patterns. Kara discussed these and other findings.

A committee member asked about whether the analysis of these commute patterns included public transit. Kara responded that the LEHD data the analysis relied on is based on a zone-to-zone analysis, which doesn’t include public transit.

Another member wondered whether co-location could be something worth analyzing. This member also commented about the departure of certain

industries, such as candy producers.

A member suggested that wage/pay could play a significant role.

Ed Paesel said that SSMAA is looking at the issue of workers and transit in relation to an upcoming new facility. He also noted that it seemed that older generations of manufacturing workers tended to live closer to their jobs.

Another member asked whether CMAP could break the analysis down into sub-regions. Kara responded that CMAP has some ability to do that.

A member said that she thought it would be helpful to see where the region is losing jobs for specific (sub-regional) areas. Kara responded that while CMAP has done that sort of analysis, for reasons related to the privacy of data, they didn't include in this public analysis.

8.0 Other Business

Ed Paesel and Stephen Ostrander encouraged committee members to submit ideas via email for the committee's annual field trip. Stephen mentioned that he would be compiling a survey of submitted ideas and ask committee members to vote their preference.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee was scheduled to next meet on June 15, 2016.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison
June 9, 2016