



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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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, Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County (via tele-conference), William Rodeghier-representing suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Peter Skosey-representing the City of Chicago, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, and non-voting members Brian Oszakiewski and Sean McCarthy-representing the Governor's Office and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Gordon Smith, Russell Pietrowiak and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, John Donovan-FHWA, Jackie Forbes-Kane/ Kendall Council of Mayors, Tony Greep-FTA, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Dave Seglin-CDOT, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, and

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair Mayor Gerald Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by President William Rodeghier. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Joe Szabo introduced CMAP's new Chief of Staff, Melissa Porter. Szabo also reported that CMAP continues to manage its day to day operations through direct federal funding that covers 80% of operational costs, but is gradually depleting its ability to match the federal funding. Regarding the Plan Launch, Szabo reported that nearly 350 had attended (almost 75 came on February 24). The launch was covered by WTTW's Chicago Tonight with Geoffrey Baer, and workshops throughout the region have been scheduled through June. Szabo asked for ideas where events are being held that we can attend, and to contact Jane Grover, CMAP's outreach principal, with details. CMAP's 2016 municipal survey will be sent next month, beginning with Mayors and Managers receiving the questionnaires via e-mail and first class mail on April 1. The deadline for responding is April 29. The biennial survey is conducted to inform agency work in technical assistance and policy analysis, and help to track progress of GO TO 2040 implementation. CMAP, in support of the I-55 managed lanes project, recently forwarded a letter to Illinois Secretary of Transportation Randy Blakenhorn, encouraging support of congestion pricing in the new lane, consider transit improvements, and ensure that any Public Private Partnership protect the public interest, Szabo went on to say. Finally, Szabo reported that staff would be providing ON TO 2050 updates on a regular basis, new this month, and the monthly Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had also been included in the Board's packet. When asked about feedback from the Launch, Szabo suggested that the collection of comments cards would be compiled and forwarded to the Board.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

A resolution that would allow the Executive Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County Assessor's office to access GIS data was presented for approval. The following contract approvals were also presented for Board approval: a contract award to Cambridge Systematics in the amount of \$146,735.00 for the O'Hare Subregion Truck Routing and Infrastructure Plan; a contract award to Louis Berger in the amount of \$84,918 to perform the Forecast Subregional Allocation work. A motion by Mayor John Noak was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the procurements and contract awards and resolution as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

A written summary of the working committees and the Citizens' Advisory Committee was provided.

7.0 Transportation Consent Agenda: Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment

CMAP staff Russell Pietrowiak reported that the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment were included in the Board materials and explained that part of the adoption of the plan/program is ensuring the air quality requirements are met--this is "conformity." Certain plan/program projects that affect air quality are "non-exempt"

projects, Pietrowiak continued. Of the changes requested, Pietrowiak went on to say, 8 projects require air quality conformity analysis. Details regarding the changes were included in the material. There was nothing unusual about the project changes submitted, which included adding 7 projects and moving 1 out of the TIP. No scope changes were requested. The analysis showed conformity for PM2.5 and Ozone. The analysis and amendment were released for public comment and no comments were received during the comment period. The Transportation Committee recommended approval of the analysis and amendment as presented. A motion by President William Rodeghier was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment, as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 State Legislative Update

Regarding the State Legislative Update, CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that two new bills had been introduced on CMAP's behalf. HB 6286 sponsored by Representative Anna Moeller and Representative Elaine Nekritz, as well as SB 2966 sponsored by Senator Biss and co-sponsored by Senators Toi Hutchinson and Tom Cullerton would reestablish the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund, (a \$5 million general revenue fund that had been cut from the state budget back in 2010) indexed to the CPI, and allowing for continuing appropriation authority. CMAP, along with other state MPOs are advocating for these bills, believing it is important for the state to have a stake in comprehensive regional planning. Both bills have been assigned to appropriations committees in their respective chambers, but no hearing dates have been set, Smith continued. Smith and Joe Szabo have been to Springfield to urge support and are working to meet with Governor's staff. To further the cause, Smith went on to say, a "drive down" on April 5 is proposed for Board members to meet with members of the General Assembly. A memo outlining a strategy and schedule were distributed and members of the board were asked to respond by March 25 regarding their availability. Staff is suggesting a working lunch, will schedule as many meetings as are possible for the day, and may go so far as to pull members from Chambers floor to meet. Finally, Joe Szabo acknowledged the work of board member President Rick Reinbold and the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association earning support of Senator Hutchinson, adding that all 7 county board chairs were fully supportive of the effort too.

9.0 Alternative Long-Term Funding Options

Continuing the reporting and discussion regarding long-term funding options, CMAP Deputy Executive Director Bob Dean gave a brief summary of the work that had already been done related to long-term funding options. In a memo included in the Board packet, Dean drew attention to proposed long-term budget adjustments that would see the state responsible for half of the local match, offset by increases in local dues, fee for service, and external grant seeking and the proposal to increase the local dues over a two-year period, from FY 2016 levels of \$250,000 to \$900,000 in FY 2017 and \$1,500,000 in FY 2018. Dean reported that the dues are generated by three groups comprised of the Counties, Municipalities, and Transportation Agencies, with each group contributing \$500,000. He described levels of funding dating back to 2006, current year contributions, and proposed FY 2017 and 2018 contributions from the three groups. These, along with a \$2,000,000 contribution from the state and contributions for other transportation stakeholders, such

as the railroads and private transportation providers would round out the proposal. One big question, Dean went on to say, is the role of the Councils of Mayors in the collection of the dues. The RTA would take the lead in collecting the contribution of each of the service boards. Dues should be mandatory and while CMAP cannot compel the payment of dues, it could withhold services (i.e., under the Unified Work Program (UWP) or Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program). A list might also be published of who is paying and who is not. CMAP would provide information demonstrating the value of CMAP to justify the dues requests. A one-pager for DuPage County had been included in the board materials illustrating the county's \$55,000 in dues leverages \$2 billion in federal transportation dollars to the region. Discussions also continue with the FHWA related to fees for services that can be charged versus those that must be provided by the MPO. Of the three elements to consider, Dean concluded, the dues are the largest and most challenging, and while timing is important, the proposal is for the long-term and not really helpful for the immediate future.

Discussion points among the board members included: the billing should be done by CMAP; the one-pager justifications are good; caution use of "fairly low" in describing the amount of dues proposed; most municipalities have a greater responsibility to contribute; staff should meet with Councils of Governments to explain proposal and to dispel rumors; questions about efficiency must be answered; some budgets are being developed now for FY 2017; and, early notification should be drafted confirming reality.

Finally, a motion by Elliott Hartstein (that was amended to include "subject to a possible reduction, if other funding becomes available"), was seconded by Frank Beal to pursue the dues concept as was proposed. All in favor, the motion carried.

Additional refinement will be available at the Board's next meeting, along with clarification regarding the involvement of the Councils of Governments and a draft letter were also suggested.

10.0 Other Business

Regarding I-55 congestion pricing, Mayor John Noak suggested there exists a big gap in the public private partnership that needs to be overcome.

11.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet next on April 13, 2016

12.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong asked that CMAP outreach related to ON TO 2050 include the disabled community, particularly the vision impaired and hard of hearing.

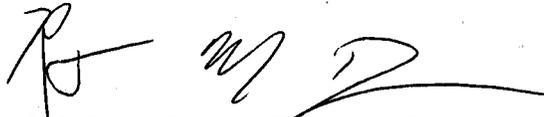
13.0 Closed Session

At 10:45 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to a closed session to consider the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director, made by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

14.0 Adjournment

A motion by President William Rodeghier was seconded by Commissioner Peter Silvestri to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:59 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dean', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director
for Planning

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, April 13, 2016