



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

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, 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, 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, and Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference).

**Staff Present:** Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Kotarac, Gordon Smith, Jane Grover, Simone Weil and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:** Mike Albin-DMMC, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Allison Buchwach-Metra, Len Canata-WCMC, Lissa Domoracki-Metro Strategies, Tony Greep-FTA, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Dave Seglin-CDOT, Chris Schmidt-IDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Conference.

#### 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

Chairman Mayor Gerald Bennett asked that the first portion of Agenda Item 9.0, the proposal for a new dues structure, be heard early in the meeting so that all Board members were present to consider the matter. Bennett reported that the proposal had

been presented to the Mayors Caucus (as well as other partners throughout the region) and CMAP had met with positive feedback, that the increase is necessary and that the Agency cannot continue to rely solely on the State for the match to its federal funding.

A motion to accept the proposed new dues structure, as was presented in the board materials, made by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Frank Beal.

Board members were given an opportunity to weigh in on the matter. The action by the board is not meant to absolve the State of its obligation to fund CMAP, but when the state does pass its budget, the matter may be revisited. Asked if the State might think that we're working things out on our own and may not need their help, staff reported that CMAP is not pulling back on its efforts for a legislative fix in Springfield. Others fully supported the measure, one reporting it is a great example of intergovernmental cooperation. Another suggested that while the measure is supported and infrastructure should be a primary concern, a concern was also raised about pushing the increased funding down to the local level and the burden it places on non-home rule communities; some are not able to increase revenue at the local level.

Following the discussion the motion was called and, with all in favor, carried.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Commissioner Peter Silvestri and seconded by Lisa Laws. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that CMAP continues to manage its day-to-day operations through direct funding from the Feds that covers 80% of operating costs. Szabo went on to report that senior staff attended a two-day strategic planning session, the last of which had been done in 2006, that the session proved to be a great opportunity for team building, and that a draft of the strategic goals that were developed to guide FY 2017 work plan activities will be completed in early summer and delivered shortly thereafter to the Board. Finally, Szabo reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the board materials.

### **5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

A motion by President William Rodeghier was seconded by Commissioner Peter Silvestri to approve the contract award for the Village of Romeoville Comprehensive Plan and Intergovernmental Agreement, as presented. While Mayor John Noak abstained from voting, the motion carried.

### **6.0 Committee Reports**

A written summary of the working committees, the Citizens' Advisory Committee, and the Council of Mayor's Executive Committee was provided.

### **7.0 ON TO 2050 Engagement Summary**

During the past six weeks since the launch of the development of ON TO 2050, CMAP staff Jane Grover reported that over 170 groups had been engaged to propose community

workshops, more than 50 events had been scheduled, and over 2200 individuals had been involved across the region in more than 20 events thus far. Many are being reached through social media and input is also being given through the dedicated email address for plan development. An on-line survey for ON TO 2050 had also recently gone “live” and staff will be working with CMAP partners to use electronic newsletters to reach resident and invite them to survey, Grover continued. Organizations include: chambers of commerce; convention and visitors bureaus; neighborhood associations; environmental and house advocates; graduate and high school students; councils of mayors and governments; municipal planners; and regional organizations including foundations. Staff are working with the Chicago Community Trust, Grover went on to say, to cross-pollinate the ON TO 2050 engagement effort with the Trust’s “On the Table” community conversation on May 10. Grover also recapped the following themes that had been identified on the listing tour: not everyone has heard of CMAP; those who know CMAP agree that transportation infrastructure needs attention, entrenched segregation impedes access and opportunity and communities understand that changes in our climate brings local and regional challenges.

## **8.0 State Legislative Update**

Regarding the State Legislative Update, CMAP staff Simone Weil reported that amendments were filed to both bills seeking to reinstate the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF), increasing the fund to \$6 million, and a clarification of the federal pass through. The CRPF continues to be indexed to inflation. The bills had been assigned to the Senate Appropriations II and House Appropriation-Public Safety committees. Recently, Weil continued, HB6286 was re-referred to the House Rules Committee and SB2966 remains in committee with a deadline extension to May 31, the last day of session. Weil also gave an update regarding the recent Board member drive-down, reporting that a number of board members along with other MPOs met in Springfield to communicate with members of both committees of the need to restore the CRPF, emphasizing the impact on the state’s transportation system and planning. Those that had attended were given an opportunity to report their perspectives and agreed it was a worthwhile endeavor. Regarding legislation, Weil reported that HB6007 expands the DuPage County pilot into Lake County authorizing the dissolution of small select units of government and consolidating their services. CMAP supported DuPage’s effort and likewise would support the expansion of the pilot initiative. Other legislation considered worthy of CMAP support that correspond to efficient governance included: HB6272 introduced by Rep. Ron Sandack; SB2288 by Sen. Pamela Althoff; SB2289 also sponsored by Sen. Althoff; and, SB 2994 by Sen. T. Cullerton. HRJ0125, by Leader Durkin, Weil also reported, authorizes IDOT to begin a procurement process for a project to provide additional capacity along I-55 from I-355 to I-90/94 in DuPage, Cook and Will Counties, and toll the additional capacity under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. Because this project is a priority of the Plan, staff sent a letter in support of the legislation. Staff continues to monitor two important transportation revenue initiatives, SB3267 by Sen. Cullerton and SB3279 by Sen. Steans, which introduce a vehicle miles traveled tax. The Board discussed the need to further analyze consolidation efforts to ensure cost savings, improved service delivery and increase accountability. A motion by Elliott Hartstein to

approve the recommended support of legislation as was presented by staff was seconded by Peter Skosey, and with all in favor, carried.

#### **9.0 Alternative Long-Term Funding Options**

Continuing the reporting and discussion regarding long-term funding options, and following the Board's action earlier in the meeting to adopt a new dues structure, CMAP Deputy Executive Director Bob Dean asked for feedback related to the two types of fee-for-service opportunities, those being: charging for activities that are currently offered for free (like the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program match and transportation and analysis work); or new services, activities such as housing, or water resource initiatives and new activities like GIS services, or grant-writing assistance that may then require new resources to support. In terms of external grant-seeking, staff recommends increasing CMAP's effort to seek external grants, doubling the annual target from \$1 to \$2 million, which may require hiring additional staff to identify and pursue opportunities.

The Board responded to the discussion, indicating that CMAP should be sensitive about charging for services, consider that organizations requesting services will probably already be paying dues, and avoid creating situations that give additional advantages to some communities over others. The Board asked for conversations in this area to continue at future meetings.

#### **10.0 Metropolitan Planning Council Presentation--The Third Deficit: Illinois' Transportation Crisis**

CMAP Board Member and V.P. of the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), Peter Skosey presented "the Third Deficit: Illinois' Transportation Crisis". Meant as an informational piece, Skosey reported that years of declining revenue and inadequate investment have left Illinois' roads, rails and bridge in poor condition, and that for the first time, MPC had compiled a comprehensive figure of the deficit (at \$43 billion over 10 years). Skosey offered that an increase in the gas tax and an increase in registration fees (both indexed to inflation) could meet the deficit. Skosey cited the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates on car repairs from poor roads (\$37 billion) and the cost of time lost in congestion (\$73 billion), and concluded that Illinois is already paying a lot more than \$4.3 per year, that the problem needs to be fixed by making a real investment, that we will pay less and get better, safer roads, better transit, a better economy and a better quality of life.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP board.

#### **12.0 Next Meeting**

The Board is scheduled to meet next on May 11, 2016.

#### **13.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong, Access Living thanked the Board for CMAP's outreach activities to the disabled community, would like to see a sidewalk at 159<sup>th</sup> Street in Tinley Park, and more funding for train crossings (disabled have difficulty with stairs at overpasses).

#### 14.0 Closed Session

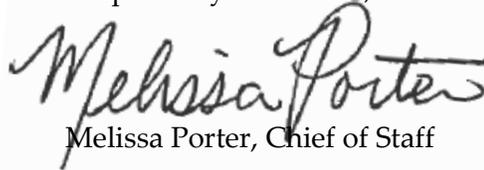
At 10:44 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to a closed session made by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Frank Beal. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### 15.0 Adjournment

At 10:55 a.m., a motion to adjourn the closed session was made by Peter Skosey and seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried. Chairman Bennett reported that the Board, during the closed session, had discussed concerns related to real estate, and that no action had been taken.

A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Frank Beal to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:56 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, May 11, 2018*