Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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 (via teleconference), 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 Skosey-representing the City of Chicago, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall counties, and Sean McCarthy-representing the Governor’s office (via tele-conference) and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present: Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Simone Weil and Sherry Kane


1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Gerald Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no agenda changes or announcements
3.0 Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Lisa Laws. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update was included in the Board materials. Regarding CMAP’s financial situation, Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that IDOT and FHWA had recently agreed to allow CMAP to use toll credits as a match for federal planning, which gives CMAP access to its FY 2016 operating funds. Szabo also reported that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration recently updated their regulations governing the development of metropolitan transportation plans, long-range statewide transportation plans and programs, and the congestion mitigation process to align with MAP-21 and FAST Act. A recent trip to Springfield, Szabo concluded, with some members of the Board, saw meetings with legislators to discuss the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund, efforts of which have generated statewide support. Chairman Mayor Bennett also reported that meetings with Senators and Representatives may have resulted in additional co-sponsors of the bill and the opportunity for support is definitely there, but that CMAP could use more help on the Republican House side and appealed to Board members to try to get additional legislators to sign on.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
Deputy Executive Director Angela Manning-Hardimon reported that during the past fiscal year, CMAP had either significantly reduced or halted its LTA projects and contractors because of the funding uncertainty and asked that with an extension of its FY 2016 funding through FY 2017, a number of backlogged projects could be awarded. With the cost of these projects expected to exceed the $25,000 threshold of the Executive Director’s authority, staff is asking that the Board provide pre-approval for the contracts. Notice to the Board of the selected contractors would be provided seven days prior to the execution of any contract to allow the Board to provide any objections. A motion by President William Rodeghier seconded by Peter Skoksey, and with all in favor, allowing the contract pre-approvals as was outlined, passed.

A sole source contract approval with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) for a term of two years and at a cost not to exceed $50,000 to provide Developer Discussion Panels for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects involving site-specific redevelopment was presented for approval. A motion by Peter Skosey was seconded by President William Rodeghier and with all in favor, allowing the contract pre-approvals as was outlined, passed.

6.0 Committee Reports
Regional Coordinating Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning, had considered the FY 2017 Unified Work Program (UWP), and would recommend approval by the CMAP Board. Staff gave presentations on their work developing ON TO 2050, the next long-range comprehensive plan, on the topics of: priorities for the ON TO 2050 Plan; the region’s demographics; and the economic clusters in the region. Hartstein also reported that as CMAP develops ON TO 2050, the
Committee will continue to focus on the research, analysis, and recommendations of the next plan.

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

7.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee
Board Chair Mayor Bennett appointed the following to serve as the nominating committee to make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting naming officers and members to the Executive Committee: Lisa Laws, representing the City of Chicago; President Rick Reinbold, representing suburban Cook County; and Mayor John Noak, representing the collar counties. Bennett thanked everyone in advance for their service.

8.0 CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding
One change to the CMAP & MPO Memorandum of Understanding was made that would include a section related to the commitment to collect local dues, was presented for CMAP Board approval. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by President William Rodeghier to reaffirm the Memorandum of Understanding with the MPO Policy Committee that would reflect the suggested change. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 FY 2017 Unified Work Program (UWP)
Deputy Executive Director Angela Manning-Hardimon reported on April 7, 2016, the UWP Committee approved a proposed FY2017 Unified Work Program (UWP) budget totally $18,103,933 that includes $17,104,664 in federal funding and $999,269 in local match. This was also considered earlier in the morning by the Regional Coordinating Committee who recommended approval by the CMAP Board. Unique to the FY 2017 budget, Manning-Hardimon went on to say, is that the local match required by CMAP had not yet been determined and was not reflected in the total local match amount. Also unique is that the UWP committee awarded a higher share of the funding to CMAP to remain operational, rather than fund other competitive projects. Competitive projects were scored and ranked, but no funding was appropriated. Manning-Hardimon went on to report the agencies that were funded and at what level and that with this agreement, CMAP would be able to meet it’s 20% federal match requirement, pay vendors and more importantly, remain solvent. Manning-Hardimon also suggested that were CMAP to secure the use of toll credits for the FY 2017 budget, a determination would then be made to reconsider the competitive UWP applications. A motion by Mayor Tom Weisner to adopt the FY 2017 UWP program as presented, was seconded by Peter Skosey and with all in favor was carried.

10.0 FY 2017 Budget and Work Plan
Deputy Executive Director Angela Manning-Hardimon reported that the FY 2017 Budget was presented for approval and noted a minor change in the summary section, section 1.0 overview, meant to emphasize that we are holding the State of Illinois ultimately responsible for providing CMAP with the match, but we wanted to be prudent in developing the budget that would help us stay operational for FY 2017. The budget is balanced, Manning-Hardimon continued, and uses reserves and local dues until CMAP is
able to determine the level of state funding that will be made available. While staff was commended for having done a great job of holding everything together, the Board would like it to be very clear that some action on the part of the State is required. A motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by President William Rodeghier to adopt the FY 2017 Budget and Work Plan as had been presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

11.0 State Legislative Update
Regarding the State Legislative Update, CMAP staff Simone Weil gave the Legislative Update and reported that HB 6286 was re-referred to the Rules committee, while SB 2966 remains in Appropriations II. Follow-up with a couple of legislators resulted in additional support and staff continues to work with CMAP partners to add supporters to the one-pager that had been distributed earlier in the meeting. Weil also gave an update on the following other bills monitored by staff: HB 229, supported by the CMAP board last spring, essentially expands the DuPage Consolidation pilot to McHenry and Lake counties with a public process by which the counties can explore consolidating units of government (which corresponds to GO TO 2040’s aim of efficient governance); SB 2294 requires counties to study units of local government and report basic facts to the legislature next year and would contain name, purpose, authority, how revenue is generated, the composition of their board, etc.; SB 2271 extended the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act to 2026 (due to expire in 2016 and requires the state to develop an annual housing plan), Weil continued, and bills that did not pass, HJR 125 and SJR 450 authorize IDOT to commence a procurement process for a public private partnership for the I-55 project prior to the end of session. Finally, the most important topic, staff continues to monitor budget discussions and evaluate any proposals. Recent funding proposals (HB 6285 and SB 3435) do contain funding for CMAP through IDOT. As information becomes available, Weil concluded, staff will continue to provide analysis and relevant information will be reported accordingly.

A constitutional amendment was approved that would provide a lock-box for state transportation funding. Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that analysis would be conducted over the summer and staff will report back on the matter in September.

When asked about support related to the metropolitan planning fund from other MPOs, Weil reported that Sangamon, Peoria, Kankakee, and Rockford had all been very engaged with their legislators and with CMAP on bi-weekly calls.

Chairman Mayor Bennett offered some historical insight into property and income taxes and the impacts on local governments, funding for education, the impact of the state’s inability to pass a budget, and asked Governor representative Sean McCarthy for insight. McCarthy acknowledged the significant challenges at stake.

12.0 Other Business
There was no other business before the CMAP board.
12.0 Public Comment
Garland Armstrong reported that he had attended a Springfield rally last month, that Access Living had led a protest. Armstrong is concerned that businesses will be saying good bye to this state without a budget.

14.0 Next Meeting
The Board will not meet in July or August and is scheduled to meet next on September 14, 2016.

Chairman Mayor Bennett also wished to publicly thank the Mayors of our region, the Councils of Government, the Counties and the Service Agencies for their support of CMAP’s dues structure.

15.0 Adjournment
A motion by Elliott Harstein was seconded by Rita Athas to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:09 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, September 14, 2016