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## Freight and Economic Development Committees

### Joint Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

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

**Economic Development committee members present:** Christine Sobek, chair (Waubensee Community College), Lindsay Broughel (WBC), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Katie Fitzpatrick (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership), Rand Haas (Medusa Inc), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Kurtis Poszgay (Berwyn Development Corporation), Gary Skoog (Golden Corridor)

**Freight committee members present:** Randy Thomas, chair (Illinois Trucking), Joe Alonzo (CDOT), David Chandler (CNT), John DeMeulenaere (ISTHA), Debbie Halvorson (SINC), J. Lee Hutchins (Consultant), Mike Klemens (Council of Mayors), Jim LaBelle (UIC-UTC), Steve Lazzara (Will County), John Loper (DuPage County), Dean Mentjes (FHWA), Libby Ogard (Consultant), Adam Rod (CDA), Chris Schmidt *by phone* (IDOT), John Yonan (Cook County)

**CMAP staff:** Anthony Cefali, Brian Daly, Jesse Elam, Ashleigh Johnson, Kara Komp, Tom Kotarac, Tom Murtha, Brian Peterson, Liz Schuh, Todd Schmidt, Joe Szabo, Simone Weil

**Others present:** Kristen Andersen (Metra), Garland Armstrong (Access Living/Pace ADA), Heather Armstrong (Access Living/Pace ADA), Jennifer Becker (Kane County), Elaine Bottomley (Will County Governmental League), Maria Choca-Urban (Cook County), Alicia Hanlon (Consultant), Allison Husko, Shalora Jasper (Alliance for Regional Development), Arnold Kasemsarn, Elaine McKenzie (Cambridge Systematics), Tomo Music (Cook County), Yoshau Rodriguez, Jon Rualo (Cook County), Matt Schmitz (Cook County), Steve Vukic (Acres Truck Parking), Barbara Zubek (Southwest Conference)

### 1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Randy Thomas, Freight Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

### 2.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to adopt the Freight committee minutes for March 21, 2016 was made by members of the Freight committee and seconded. With no opposition the motion carried.

A motion to adopt the Economic Development committee minutes for January 25 and March 28, 2016 was made and seconded by members of the Economic Development committee. With no opposition, the motion carried.

### **3.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

No agenda changes were made.

Randy Thomas announced that Freight committee liaison, Alex Beata and his wife Hillary welcomed their first child, Peter Augustus “Gus” Beata in the world on May 16, 2016.

CMAP staff member Ashleigh Johnson announced that the application deadline for the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) high school summer enrichment program has been extended to June 3, 2016.

### **4.0 ON TO 2050: Overview of plan development**

Liz Schuh provided an overview of the next long-range plan process and deliverables. Schuh highlighted overall strategy for plan development and focused on opportunities for committee input. CMAP has numerous means for public involvement ranging from an online portal to submit input to in-person workshops to engage diverse groups throughout the region.

### **5.0 ON TO 2050: Universe of layers**

Liz Schuh shared a planning tool that will be used to provide actionable guidance in ON TO 2050 for implementers by including greater geographic specificity for key policy areas. Schuh explained how the “layers” that will use maps, data, and contextual information to provide more specific, sub-regional guidance in ON TO 2050. Schuh provided an overview of staff’s work to date place-based solutions in the next plan, including a review of other Metropolitan Planning Organizations’ approach to the challenge.

Committee members discussed the timing of development of the layers and ON TO 2050 recommendations, and building off of existing CMAP and partner work. Committee members discussed potential spatial data on infrastructure including freight, public transit, broadband, and utilities, and places of employment as were other indicators such as access to jobs, health and safety, and human capital. Committee members suggested additional data sources.

Schuh discussed development of methodology for indicators as well as constraints, such as the number of possible layers that may be feasible and useful.

### **6.0 ON TO 2050: Freight System Trends snapshot report**

Tom Murtha provided an overview of draft findings from the Freight System Trends snapshot report. The snapshot is intended to be concise, data-driven examination of existing conditions and trends. It will cover the regional economy, infrastructure and regulatory challenges, and its impact on land use.

The data reviewed includes data on freight moving into and out of the region, a high-level examination of freight infrastructure, and challenges such as highway congestion,

at-grade crossing delays, and truck routing and permitting. Committee members discussed potential alternative and additional data sources

**7.0 Freight land use issues**

Liz Schuh presented a memo detailing where freight-related land use is concentrated in the region and development trends. The memorandum includes detail looking at development over time, and variation across the counties. Committee members discussed data limitations and other policy considerations such as foreign trade zones and waterborne freight. The presentation closed with a discussion of the challenges, specifically land use conflicts in residential areas, activity centers, and agricultural and natural areas.

**8.0 Critical Urban Freight Corridors**

Tom Murtha discussed CMAP's work to identify critical urban freight corridors. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act creates a National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) to focus freight investments, including via competitive programs. Large Metropolitan Planning Organizations like CMAP, in consultation with state departments of transportation, are charged with designating "critical urban freight corridors" as part of the NHFN. Murtha shared a map of the corridors for such designation in northeast Illinois. Committee members discussed the analytical approach to identifying the corridors and the timeline and process for approval.

**9.0 Other Business**

Simone Weil notified committee members and audience members of two upcoming events in June, Executive Director Joe Szabo's City Club speech on the power of a unified region and the first ON TO 2050 Big Ideas forum co-hosted with the Chicago Community Trust.

**10.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong provided public comment regarding mobility and safety issues for the disability community on truck routes and the need for improved sidewalk access throughout the region.

**11.0 Next Meeting**

The Economic Development committee meets next on June 27, 2016. The Freight committee meets next on September 19, 2016.

**12.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Simone Weil