Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 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, Matthew Brolley-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference), Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County (via tele-conference), Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County (via tele-conference), Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County (via tele-conference), William Rodeghier-representing suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing the City of Chicago, and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present: Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Jesse Elam, Elizabeth Irvin, and Sherry Kane


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 or announcements.
3.0 **Approval of Minutes**
A motion to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee of October 12, 2016, as presented was made by President William Rodeghier and seconded by Carolyn Schofield. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 **Executive Director’s Report**
Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that the ON TO 2050 update had been included in the Board packet and that staff would be giving presentations later in the meeting on Alternative Futures and Regionally Significant Projects. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program update was also included in the packet, Szabo continued. The Safe Roads Amendment had passed and CMAP will be working with its partners on potential trailer legislation to clarify issues that may impact CMAP. The State legislative principles and agenda will also be presented early next year, Szabo also reported. The 2017 Board meeting schedule was included in the Board material and Szabo concluded with an update on the various events CMAP had held that included the UIC Forum held in late October (Designing the Future: Gen X and Millennials in 2050), an upcoming forum in December (addressing Suburbanization), and a workshop session with reporters, an outreach opportunity meant to get their opinions. This would likely be repeated as ON TO 2050 moves toward completion.

5.0 **Procurements and Contract Approvals**
Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented the procurements and contracts for approval by the CMAP Board, two of which fall under the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and two that relate to ON TO 2050 planning efforts. A motion by Carolyn Schofield was seconded by President William Rodeghier to approve a contract with Sam Schwartz Consulting, LLC, to create a Bikeways and Trails Plan for the Village of Palos Park in an amount not to exceed $97,366 (the Village will contribute $19,473 to the project). All in favor, the motion carried. A motion by President Rodeghier to approve a contract with Ginkgo Planning and Design in an amount not to exceed $126,005 (the City will contribute $40,000 towards the project) for the Chicago Street Corridor Plan for the City of Joliet. All in favor, the motion carried. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by President Rodeghier to approve the purchase of Kiosk Hardware and Services at a cost not to exceed $105,375, the purchase of which would adhere to the procurement policy adopted by the Board. All in favor, the motion carried. Finally, a motion by Carolyn Schofield was seconded by Peter Skosey for a contract aware to Dave Burk Photography for ON TO 2050 photographic and videographic services at a cost not to exceed $108,300. Again, all in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 **Committee Reports**
Neither of the Coordinating Committees had met since the last Board meeting. 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: Alternative Futures**
CMAP staff, Elizabeth Irvin defined alternative futures as an approach that helps planners understand trends and assess policies and strategies. With ON TO 2050 Irvin continued, qualitative research will be used to understand the futures while prioritizing strategies,
framing issues and educating and engaging a broader audience about the work we are doing. A number of in-house sessions and working sessions with 40+ partner organizations were consulted in the development of the Alternative Futures. Twenty initial trends were condensed to the following five what if scenarios: intensified impacts of climate change; continued economic restructuring; depletion of public resources; greater mobility enabled by technology; and, were more people to choose urban living. Each of these would be a stand-alone future for the region, Irvin continued, and each would be considered independently while looking across the futures to see what strategies would be common. In all the futures, it is expected that the region will have an older and more diverse population with increased information and advanced technology. Irvin also reported that each of the scenarios would be studied more deeply over the coming months in preparation of public outreach to be conducted next summer. Irvin presented a bit more detail on each of the futures and board members weighed in on various matters including growth of suburban downtowns, increased poverty in the suburbs, suburban edge expansion, growth outside the fringes, shopping trends and impacts on revenue, stress on public resources and intergovernmental cooperation with the scarce resources.

8.0 Regionally Significant Projects
CMAP staff Jesse Elam gave an update on regionally significant projects recapping background that included outreach to determine the kinds of projects to be included in the next long-range plan, establishing a threshold of regional significance in 2 parts (a highway project on the national highway system at a cost of more than $100 million, or a transit project at $100 million, or a state of good repair project (involving both highway and transit) in an amount of $250 million or more). Elam went on to say that staff had worked with the transportation agencies in the region identifying the potential list of highway and transit projects that had been open for public comment for 45 days that concluded October 31. Expected to be presented to the Transportation Committee at its next meeting, Elam also reported that 88 potential projects and another 16 suggested through the public comment process, for a total of 104 including 60 transit and 44 highway projects (25 of which would not have been considered were it not for changes made in thresholds), totally $100 billion versus a GO TO 2040 total of about $12 billion. Evaluation results will be reported next summer which will feed directly into ON TO 2050 plan recommendations after completion of the financial planning process to determine how much is available to spend, Elam concluded.

9.0 Other Business
There was no other business before the CMAP board.

10.0 Public Comment
Garland Armstrong-Access Living suggested that considering diminishing resources, a pilot program should be developed related to affordable housing that would connect people access to work in the city.

11.0 Next Meeting
The December Board meeting is cancelled; the Board will meet next in January 2017.
12.0 Adjournment
A motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:18 a.m., by Commissioner Peter Silvestri
was seconded by Frank Beal. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 11, 2017