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## **Planning Committee**

### **Minutes**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

8:00 a.m.

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

#### **Members Present:**

Elliott Hartstein (CMAP Board – Lake County), Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board – McHenry County), Allison Milld Clements (Housing Committee), Jack Darin (Environment & Natural Resources Committee), Gina Massuda Barnett (Human and Community Development Committee, for Michael Davidson), Lance Pressl (Economic Development Committee, for Jason Keller), Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use committee), Rocco Zuccherro (Transportation Committee)

#### **Members Absent:**

Frank Beal (CMAP Board – City of Chicago), Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board-DuPage County), Janel Forde (CMAP Board – City of Chicago), Al Larson (CMAP Board – Northwest Cook), Leann Redden (CMAP Board – RTA), (Rick Reinbold (CMAP Board-south Cook County)

#### **Staff Present:**

Liz Schuh, Kristin Ihnchak, Elizabeth Scott

#### **Others Present:**

Tom Kelso - Illinois Department of Transportation, Scott Presslak - Metra, Jackie Forbes- KKCOM

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

Elliott Hartstein, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., and members introduced themselves.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### **3.0 Committee Welcome and Goals Discussion**

Kristin Ihnchak and Liz Schuh presented on the Planning Committee's role and schedule, as well as the scope of major products like snapshots and strategy papers, the

financial plan, and regionally significant project selection. Liz and Kristin described critical topic areas and suggested that the committee focus on the Public Health, Lands in Transition, Climate Resilience, Stormwater, Transit Modernization, Highway Operations, Municipal Capacity, and Inclusive Growth Strategy Papers.

The committee then discussed priority topics to focus on during the remainder of plan development. Elliott Hartstein asked for continued discussion of and prioritization within the reasonably expected revenues (financial plan), so that implementers had a strong guide to focus their efforts. Rocco Zuccherro noted that layers could be helpful to many local implementers and help maximize dollars and coordinate transportation projects. Jack Darin and Allison Milld Clements requested continued collaboration between the Planning Committee and other CMAP committees. Lance Pressl asked that, where possible, discussion emphasize the tri-state region and its broader economic context. Mark VanKerkhoff noted that the committee offered an opportunity to road test overarching concepts for the plan. Carolyn Schofield affirmed that that is the main role of the committee, and that offers a forum to bring the expertise of CMAP's various committees together. Jack Darin requested a more in-depth a preview of what work lies ahead.

#### **4.0 Climate Resilience Strategy Paper**

The region is experiencing more frequent flooding and periods of extreme heat and drought due to climate change. CMAP recently published a [strategy paper](#) that examines way to build regional resilience to anticipated climate impacts. Using a presentation, Kristin Ihnchak presented a summary of climate trends in the region and select strategies for the committee's feedback: encourage infrastructure with multiple benefits, strengthen transportation infrastructure, strengthen the energy sector, increase the resilience of freight networks, and build local capacity to become climate ready.

Elliott Hartstein requested more specificity in examples, such as resilient, multimodal infrastructure as well as best practices for items like design standards. Kristin noted that the strategy paper is broad, but more specifics can be produced during plan development. Jack Darin noted that, while CMAP focuses on adaptation, local communities could be the key to mitigation. CMAP should convene interested communities. He also noted that energy bill passed in December could increase energy efficiency regulations. Gina Massuda Barnett echoed the potential for CMAP to serve as a convener, and to build municipal capacity to address climate change. Kristin responded that the Municipal Capacity Strategy Paper might also address this topic. Rocco Zuccherro noted that the Layers project should help identify how the topics of the plan work together, such as stormwater management and proposed transportation improvements. CMAP could also use this to point to more opportunities for collaboration.

#### **5.0 Inclusive Growth Framework**

Elizabeth Scott presented the research behind CMAP's proposed framing for inclusive growth. She provided evidence that economic mobility is decreasing in the region and

nationwide, that mobility is more limited in regions that are more economically segregated, and that regions with less mobility are less economically successful over the long term. She indicated that efforts to address inclusive growth must occur with broader efforts to improve the economy overall, and pointed to lost economic opportunity within the region due to race and income disparities. Finally, Elizabeth presented the draft vision for inclusive growth.

Mark VanKerkhoff asked if education plays a role, and noted that education includes apprenticeship. Elizabeth Scott said that education is captured under the term “meaningfulness” in CMAP’s proposed inclusive growth vision. Carolyn Schofield asked what “ability” meant, and Elizabeth Scott clarified that it refers to disability. Elliott Hartstein emphasized that meaningful opportunities, and being employed and employable, are critical. He also asked what the major hurdles to inclusive growth were. Scott noted that the strategy paper should address education, affordable housing, land use, zoning, and transportation topics. Allison Milld Clements noted that many opportunity areas (with good housing, schools, jobs) are not receptive to affordable housing, and the strategy paper should identify strategies to implement, educate, and convene stakeholders around this issue.

**6.0 Other Business**

Elliott Hartstein requested that staff identify opportunities for an additional meeting prior to May. Staff indicated that they would review options.

**7.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**8.0 Next Meeting –**

The committee meets next on May 10, 2017.

**9.0 Adjournment**

At 9:13 a.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote April 12, 2017*