



## Land Use Working Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

9:00 a.m.

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

**LUC Members Present:** Heather Tabbert (Co-Chair), Drew Awsumb, Lisa DiChiera, Arnold Randall, Paul Rickelman, Heather Smith, Nathaniel Werner, Nancy Williamson, Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma.

**LUC Members Absent:** Matthew Asselmeier, Judy Beck, Susan Campbell, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Paul Hoss, Michael Kowski, Robert McKenna, Curt Paddock, Todd Vanadilok, Dennis Sandquist, Mark VanKerkhoff (Co-Chair), Eric Waggoner.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Lindsay Bayley, Dijia Chen, Patrick Day, Lindsay Hollander, Rojan Joseph, Melissa Porter.

**Others Present:** Allison Buchwach (Metra).

### 1.0 Call to Order

Heather Tabbert called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Stephen Ostrander announced that it was time to begin nominating potential locations for this year's committee "field trip." Suggestions offered included the Amazon facility in Will County, Pullman (in particular, the Method plant), the Chicago Riverwalk, and Aurora's downtown and RiverEdge Park.

### Approval of meeting minutes of April 19, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of April 19, was made by Heather Smith and seconded by Than Werner; all in favor, the motion carried.

### 3.0 ON TO 2050: Municipal capacity paper update – Patrick Day, CMAP

Experience working with communities following the development of GO TO 2040 has highlighted that, while many municipalities in the region wish to be partners in implementing the plan, they lack capacity and face barriers that

could be overcome with targeted strategies assistance. In response, CMAP staff, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Planning Council, are exploring policy reforms and strategies to assist municipalities in the future implementation of ON TO 2050. Patrick presented initial findings and draft strategies under consideration.

A member recommended that CMAP look into submitting the finding of the final strategy paper for an article in the Journal of the Illinois Municipal League.

Another member highlighted the importance of sufficient funding for public water infrastructure. She also raised the issue of small municipalities who “are talked into” TIFs that go beyond their capacity (i.e. they cannot afford it). Patrick responded that both topics have been addressed by the resource group assembled to help guide the strategy paper.

A member recommended that municipal historic preservation commissions should get the same amount of attention (i.e. their members could also use training).

Another member asked about stormwater permits, specifically regarding the line for authority over stormwater vs. municipal capacity (i.e. some communities have the authority but not the capacity). A member responded that Ancel Glink could be helpful in determining approach.

A member noted that MWRD is starting to look at regional flood control, working with 5 COGs.

Another member suggested that it would help to have some structure where elected or appointed officials actually regularly talk with neighboring communities in the sub-region (e.g. through regular forums, etc.). He observed that, in general, they don’t currently do this, and don’t think long term.

Nancy Williamson said that IDNR had worked with 37 communities, and many didn’t know where their stormwater goes (and hadn’t sat down with neighboring communities).

#### **4.0 ON TO 2050: Financial plan update – Lindsay Hollander, CMAP**

As required by law, CMAP must prepare a financial plan to ensure adequate resources are available to support the investments and policies included in the long-range transportation plan. Previous [forecasts](#) found that revenues will be insufficient to fiscally constrained expenditures for operations and maintenance -- and will be unable to constrain any expansion and enhancement activities -- over the ON TO 2050 planning period. As a result, additional revenues will be needed to meet the

region's transportation investment goals. Lindsay presented initial policy recommendations and forecasts for five reasonably expected revenues, as summarized in [this memo](#).

Heather Tabbert commented that RTA is working on a regional transit strategy plan, and thinks it is important to consider local (as opposed to federal) funding options.

Another member asked for clarification on federal bills for funding, and asked if other MPO's are focused on pushing this forward. Lindsay confirmed that this was a real interest for CMAP going forward.

**5.0 ON TO 2050: Non-motorized transportation snapshot update – Lindsay Bayley, CMAP**

Enabling safe, convenient, and comfortable non-motorized transportation options for all our region's residents will help to create vibrant communities, improve equity and public health, and support local economies. As more and more pedestrians and bicyclists take to the streets, ensuring their safety is of the utmost importance. This snapshot report investigates safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, trends in bicycling, trends in walking, and the importance of creating walkable places. Lindsay presented findings.

A member wondered whether newer, automated garbage trucks cause problems for bike lanes (while grabbing and emptying trash cans automatically). Lindsay responded that she hadn't heard of problems.

Another member commented that she is working with a community that is limited to bus transit, and they are looking at ways to create a multi-modal hub. Lindsay responded that Niles has been pursuing the idea of arterial rapid transit. The member added that with Complete Streets and, specifically, the integration of new forms of bike lanes, etc., there needs to be a new Rules of the Road (which everyone will have to learn).

A member noted that IDOT has previously developed a policy manual for Context Sensitive Solutions, but IDOT often claims that they do not have the necessary funding to fully implement. Therefore, this needs to be part of early planning, and put in the initial budget.

Another member mentioned that, in a previous Land Use Committee

presentation, Evelyn Zwiebach did an analysis of the walkshed that seemed relevant to this topic. Lindsay said that she would be sure to incorporate Evy's research.

This same member wondered whether the State of Illinois does an analysis of the safety problems of IDOT roads. Lindsay responded that IDOT does do this.

A member said that making streets safer and more friendly for mothers and their children will also help with placemaking.

Another member commented that funding is key, detailing some of the challenges his municipality has experienced working with IDOT as they try to further their urban design goals on IDOT roads, working within IDOT's funding limitations, and the fact that IDOT supports their goals but relies on the municipality to fund good design. (Two other members seconded these observations.)

**6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**8.0 Next Meeting**

The Land Use Committee was scheduled to next meet on June 21, 2017.

**9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Ostrander, LUC Committee Liaison  
June 15, 2017