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Economic Development Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2017

9:30 to 11:30a.m.

DuPage Conference Room

Members present: Christine Sobek, chair (Waubensee Community College), Jason Keller, vice-chair (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), John Carpenter (Choose DuPage), Terrance Hall (World Business Chicago), Irene Sheer *on behalf of Michael Jasso* (Cook County), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Kurtis Poszgay (Village of Bensenville), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Ed Sitar (ComEd)

CMAP staff: Bob Dean, Lindsay Hollander, Kara Komp, Elizabeth Oo, Noel Peterson, Melissa Porter, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Christine Sobek called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Two agenda changes were made. Agenda items 6.0 ON TO 2050 Bi-monthly status report and 9.0 Committee member update, preceded 3.0 Approval of meeting minutes.

3.0 Approval meeting minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes for November 16, 2016 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

4.0 Policy update on sales tax rebates in Northeastern Illinois

Lindsay Hollander shared a policy update exploring the location, type, and size of sales tax rebates in northeastern Illinois. The analysis supplements findings in previous analysis of the Illinois Department of Revenue's (IDOR) sales tax rebate agreement database. Sales tax rebate agreements affect municipal and county land use decisions, transportation investments, and revenue reliance. Committee members inquired about the types of businesses receiving the rebate, other locational factors businesses may consider, and implications for related public revenues and expenditures, namely for affected municipalities and transportation implementers.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Local Technical Assistance (LTA) implementation

Bob Dean discussed the 2017 call for projects, which will include a conference to provide potential applicants with an opportunity to ask questions of CMAP staff and communities who have participated in the program. Dean also provided an update on the LTA program overall, with over 140 projects completed. Next, Dean discussed changes to the program following the adoption of ON TO 2050 to ensure that the program reaches communities most in need of assistance and reach the communities most in need of assistance. Committee members inquired about the lessons learned so far and potential expansion of the program, challenges and opportunities financial contributions for LTA projects, and other considerations for modifying the program.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Bi-monthly status report

[Item discussed following agenda item 2.0.]

Elizabeth Schuh shared CMAP's bi-monthly report informing committee members of progress on the numerous projects underway for plan development. Schuh highlighted the upcoming snapshots on demographic shifts, freight system trends, and infill and reinvestment. Upcoming strategy papers include tax policy and land use, and inclusive growth. In March, CMAP and MPC will host a forum to discuss affordable housing in the region. Throughout the ON TO 2050 development process, CMAP has numerous opportunities for public engagement ranging from soliciting feedback on specific products to participation in forums.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Alternative Futures

Liz Oo reported on progress alternative futures scenario planning to prioritize land use, economic, and transportation policies for the region. Over the summer, staff worked with experts to identify trends that have the potential to shape the future of the Chicago region. These trends include intensified impacts of climate change, smarter mobility, preference for mixed-use centers, diminished public resources, economic restructuring. Oo explained that the exercise of delving deep into each future even though they have overlapping or even conflicting futures will yield key themes for the plan. Committee members inquired about the role of population loss, current uncertainty at the state and federal levels, and inclusive growth.

8.0 ON TO 2050: Regional economy strategy development

Simone Weil discussed staff plans for regional economy strategy development. Staff will develop short-form analyses assessing workforce, innovation and regional economic development. Each analysis will discuss key trends or developments, needed policy interventions, and implementation recommendations. Stakeholders, including committee members, will have several opportunities to provide feedback.

9.0 Committee member update

[Item discussed following agenda item 3.0.]

Jason Keller shared that the committee's agenda now features a standing item to encourage information sharing among committee members. Ed Sitar presented several developments among ComEd and its partners. Sitar shared that the Illinois Department

of Commerce has launched an initiative in collaboration with utilities to promote retention of manufacturing companies. Next, the ComEd has one million meters remaining in its goal of installing four million smart meters. Finally, Sitar provided an overview of the omnibus energy bill passed in the 99th Illinois General Assembly and reported out on progress.

10.0 Other business

Simone Weil postponed the April 24 site visit. Staff are scheduling a joint visit with CMAP's Freight and Citizens' Advisory committees to the International Port District of Chicago. The tour will be outdoors and staff will work with the Port to identify a date during the summer.

11.0 Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

12.0 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 26, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Simone Weil