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Human and Community Development Committee

Draft Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Becker, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors;
(*indicates via phone) Sheri Cohen, Chicago Dept. of Public Health; Laurie Dittman, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, City of Chicago, Melody Geraci, Activ Transportation Alliance, Eden Hurd-Smith, IFF; Marla Fronczak, Northeastern Illinois Area on Aging; Janna Simon, Illinois Public Health Institute; Darnell Shields, Austin Coming Together; Tiffany Ford, Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, Raj Shah, Rush Medical Center, Jacky Grimshaw, Center for Neighborhood Technology

Others Present: Joan Fox, DuPage County*; Nancy Firfer, Metropolitan Planning Council; Lynette McRae, Metropolitan Planning Council

Staff Present: Melissa Porter, Tom Kotarac, Kelwin Harris, Heidi Persuad, Elizabeth Schuh, Elizabeth Scott, Austen Edwards, Aseal Jineh, Noah Boggess, Cindy Cambray, Tom Murtha, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Sheri Cohen, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Sheri Cohen updated the committee on the March 8th [CMAP Programming committee](#) meeting.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – [March 13, 2017](#)

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4.0 Bi-Monthly [ON TO 2050 Status Report](#)

CMAP Staff, Elizabeth Schuh, updated the committee on the progress of ON TO 2050 plan development.

5.0 The Cost of Segregation Report

Lynette McRae and Nancy Firfer of The Metropolitan Planning Council presented their new report, [The Cost of Segregation](#), which looks at the impacts of segregation in our region and ways to address it. Janna Simon asked about resistance from developers. Nancy Firfer offered that incentives like Density Bonuses can encourage developers to invest in underserved communities. Sheri Cohen asked about looking at scenarios that consider the impacts of gentrification on neighborhoods. Tiffany Ford asked what stakeholders MPC talked to for the report. Lynette McRae said that there have been advisory groups throughout the process that included Chicago Public Schools, police departments, The Chicago Urban League, housing groups, public health, and community-based organizations. She said that 80 policy recommendation emerged that will be filtered through and “right-sized” to find the ones that are most actionable. Sheri Cohen asks how this work relates to CMAP’s Inclusive Growth work. Elizabeth Scott said that CMAP is taking a unique approach and that there is much that can be learned from The Cost of Segregation. Melody Geraci said that Activ Trans is one of the pillar advisory groups in the research. She applauded Metropolitan Planning Council for taking on segregation and for talking about this issue to non-minority populations. She mentioned that this will be relevant to multiple jurisdictional bodies and counties where there is deep segregation. Nancy Firfer mentioned that they are aware that there are places in the region where this report will not be welcomed with open arms. Lynette McRae offered that Phase 2 of the report will focus on strategies and resolving what the findings mean for communities.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Transformed Economy

CMAP staff, Elizabeth Scott and Austen Edwards presented information on how accelerating technological advances are having implications for the workforce and could disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities. Staff also shared an example of an educational outreach iPad kiosk that will used to educate and gather input on the Transformed Economy and the other [Alternative Futures](#). Marla Fronczak suggested that people may have to work longer and have longer careers by 2050. CMAP staff, Austen Edwards offered that CMAP is looking at declines in retirement income for seniors. Laurie Dittman said that CMAP should strongly consider making the kiosks more accessible for people who are visually impaired. Tiffany Ford highlighted that CMAP’s income projections may be too conservative and that people could be making half as much as their parents when you factor in student loan debt. Janna Simon brought up the implications of this data on power and politics and suggested that legislators need to hear this information and be a part of the discussion. CMAP staff, Simone Weil, told the committee that staff will be meeting with legislators in Springfield next week. CMAP staff, Elizabeth Scott underscored that by saying that we need to convince everyone that the changing regional economy and workforce effects them.

7.0 ON TO 2050: [Expressway Vision](#)

CMAP staff, Tom Murtha shared CMAP’s multijurisdictional transportation operations vision to guide future investment. Janna Simon suggested making clean air a priority.

Melody Geraci said that priorities should put transit first. She also suggested considering the Induced Demand concept and keeping in mind that increased new roads leads to greater congestion. She also suggested looking at new funding mechanisms and freight consolidation in addition to Traffic Demand Management and coordinating CMAP's mode-sharing goals. She suggested that CMAP should look at "moving people" vs. "moving cars". Sheri Cohen and Raj Shah said that making sure that low-income and diverse communities have access to the system should be highly considered. Tom Murtha said that CMAP is looking at factors like a preferential lane for vehicles that meet higher environmental standards. He cited additional consideration of time of day impacts, congestion prices with discounts for certain residents, and high speed buses. Darnell Shields suggested looking at safe and convenient access to public transportation. He cited that the Austin neighborhood has little access to public transportation with both the Laramie and Central stations closed. He said that residents have to walk to the east or west edge of the community with no connection in the interior. Tom Murtha mentioned that there's room for improvement and that one of the challenges is getting the Blue Line up to standard. Tiffany Ford suggested looking at access to hospitals, particularly the on/off ramps where pollution can concentrate. Tom Murtha offered that some of the current priorities are: getting people out of cars, getting people in other/shared cars, smooth traffic flow, reducing crashes and congestion, improving safety and reducing neighborhood impact. Sheri Cohen asked how much we know about travelers (i.e., where are they going and why). Janna Simon added looking at where they park when they get to their destination. She also suggested enhances the experience of transit.

8.0 Public Comment

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 10 am.

10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison