



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

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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, Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County, Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Martin Oberman-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County, and Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Justine Sydello-representing the Governor's office

Staff Present: Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Jesse Elam, Gordon Smith, Jane Grover, Ross Patronsky, Elizabeth Schuh, Lindsay Hollander, Kelwin Harris and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Garland and Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Mark Baloga-DMMC, Philip Banea-CDOT, John Donovan-FHWA, Jackie Forbes-KaneKendall Council, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Steven Mannella-Metra, Kelsey Mulhausen-Southwest Conference, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, and Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference

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

Chairman Mayor Gerald Bennett introduced and welcomed three new board members: Martin Oberman-representing the City of Chicago, Matthew Walsh-representing West

Central Cook County, and Justine Sydello-representing the Governor's office. Bennett also recognized outgoing board members, William Rodeghier and Peter Skosey and thanked them for their service to the CMAP Board.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the CMAP Board meeting of June 14, 2017, as presented made by Rita Athas and seconded by Carolyn Schofield, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Joe Szabo thanked the Board members (Bennett, Athas, Beal, Brolley, Redden and Skosey) who had attended his City Club event on August 30, adding that the full speech is linked on the CMAP webpage. Szabo also gave an update on other events: Columbus (where he spoke of freight & CREATE), Nashville (covering the CMAP experience), the Mega Region Freight Workshop in Chicago (staff presenters covered truck permitting and MPO collaboration), and the five (5) Alternative Futures Forums conducted over the summer. CMAP's FY 2017 Annual Report was distributed and both the ON TO 2050 and Local Technical Assistance (LTA) updates were included in the board materials. The FLIP program running from July 24-29 with site tours to Millennium & Wicker Parks, the Pullman neighborhood, a manufacturing renaissance and MWRD saw 35 attendees from the region, Szabo also reported. Finally, Szabo concluded, staff will give an update later in the meeting on the Surface Transportation Program (STP) negotiations that occurred over the summer and thanked those who had participated.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

The following were included in the board materials for approval: (1) a sole source contract award for Project Management Training with DePaul University totaling \$29,600.00; (2) a request to amend the Northeastern Illinois Expressway Vision Project by modifying the existing CH2M Hill contract for engineering designs for managed lanes corridors and termini with no change in the contract price, and a modification to the existing UrbanLab contract to include the expressway visualizations at an additional cost of \$77,000.00; and, (3) a contract with Nearmap for aerial photography for an initial one year term at a cost of \$50,000. A motion, by Elliott Hartstein, seconded by Mayor Al Larson to approve the contract awards and procurements as presented, with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the Planning Committee had met earlier in the morning. Staff presented a brief preview report on ON TO 2050, a detailed presentation of which will be made later in the meeting. The results of the municipal capacity study, meant to determine the ability of municipalities to ensure their services are sustainable based upon local and regional goals (i.e., shared services, consolidation, tax policy, and infrastructure) and the barriers that exist in maintaining and what measures can be taken to enhance capacity. Hartstein encouraged board members to pick up the draft report.

A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was also distributed.

7.0 Election of Officers

Chair of the Nominating Committee President Matt Brolley reported that the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) Board:

Chair	Gerald Bennett, Mayor-Suburban Cook County
Vice Chair	Rita Athas-City of Chicago
Vice Chair	Elliott Hartstein-Collar Counties
At Large	Al Larson, Mayor-Suburban Cook County
At Large	Andrew Madigan-City of Chicago
At Large	Carolyn Schofield-Collar Counties

A motion, by President Rick Reinbold, seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the slate as recommended by the Nominating Committee and with all in favor, carried. Chairman Mayor Bennett thanked the nominating committee and the members of the board for allowing the Executive Committee to maintain their leadership roles.

8.0 Bylaw and MOU Subcommittee Report

President Rick Reinbold reported that the subcommittee comprised of himself, Frank Beal and Mayor John Noak, met to discuss the Board's bylaws and the MOU. CMAP's subcommittee then met with the MPO Policy Committee's subcommittee to discuss the MOU, and recommend two substantive changes and a number of technical changes to the bylaws. The technical details, Reinbold continued, were in the staff report included in the board materials, with the two substantive changes as follows. The first related to the CMAP appointments to the Policy Committee--the number of appointees, the areas they represent, and whether they should be required to vote in a certain way. As a compromise to placing restrictions on how the CMAP board members on the Policy Committee could vote, the subcommittee agreed that the CMAP board representatives are to be geographically dispersed. New language in the bylaws would state that the Chairman may appoint, with the advice and consent of this body, the Policy Committee members every two years and the two members cannot be from the same caucus. The second substantive change related to the MOU reflects the need for CMAP to diversify its funding and collect dues, a matter that the CMAP board had already approved. Additionally, the names of the coordinating Committees were changed in the MOU and the review period for the MOU was changed from an annual to periodic (but not less than four year) review. Reinbold thanked his fellow committee members and the staff for their support and reported that the changes would be on the Agenda for approval at the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and Policy Committee in October.

Asked to clarify whether the reps to the Policy Committee were to vote as the CMAP Board had voted, Reinbold stated that had not been agreed upon, since other Policy Committee members are not required to vote according to the entities (and the Boards) they represent. The super-majority voting that is required of the CMAP Board versus the simple majority of the Policy Committee was discussed, and it was reported that the MPO Policy Subcommittee discussed the issue and declined to recommend a super majority threshold for the MPO Policy Committee. . Clarification was also sought regarding the physical quorum and tele-conferencing related to the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

9.0 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Update

Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programming Tom Kotarac reported that the FHWA has indicated they will cite CMAP with a possible corrective action unless the Surface Transportation Program (STP) changes to meet the changes in federal law and regulations. Corrective actions are serious actions that could result in a stop of the STP program, or a stop in the TIP being approved by U.S. DOT. The STP agreement has its origin in the MPO agreeing with the City of Chicago and the Council of Mayors in 1992, the most current proposal was adopted in 2008 (and reaffirmed in 2013 by the MPO Policy Committee) on how the funds are to be distributed. The two parties asked that a small group to come together with reps from IDOT, the COGs, the planning liaisons, the Council of Mayors, FHWA and CMAP facilitating the conversations that have been ongoing for the past 10 months resulting in an agreement adopted by the Council of Mayors (only yesterday) as discussed on a vote of 9 to 1. The next step is to take that agreement to the Policy Committee for approval in October, marking the first reform in the program in almost 30 years.

Comments raised by the board included assurance that the recommendation will leave opportunity for the mayors to decide on the specifics of active program management and other processes of programming, and how the FHWA might feel about those decisions 1, 2 or 3 years from now. Kotarac reported that FHWA was in the room while the agreement was under development and will also be in the room as the program is developed and implemented, ensuring the decisions by the mayors are in compliance with federal law, regulation, and guidance. A real risk exists with Congress rescinding unobligated funds for use in other federal spending programs. Clarification was also sought regarding unobligated funds going into the pool of money and the spending of those funds, with Kotarac explaining that the specifics of when program funding might be moved to the larger shared pot would be decided by the mayors and City of Chicago. Will there be a change associated with any change in administration? Kotarac stated this is unlikely since many decisions on compliance are rooted in the law and regulation that only Congress can decide, FHWA also drives down a lot of authority to their Division Administrators who often overlap administrations. Finally, a question was raised regarding DuPage County's opposition to the agreement. One DuPage County Mayor felt he needed explicit language spelling out high levels of detail regarding many aspects of the program that are being left to the mayors and City of Chicago to decide among themselves, something Kotarac felt was unlikely to be included in an agreement like this. The evolving STP program will be a standard agenda item for the Council of Mayors to discuss. Is the pool statewide? The STP funds can only be programmed in our region, it is meant for the City and the Council of Mayors to program, a big thanks to the Secretary of Transportation who is seeding the fund with \$75,000,000 over a 3-4 year period.

10.0 ON TO 2050 Updates

10.1 ON TO 2050 Preview Report

CMAP staff Elizabeth Schuh presented the ON TO 2050 Preview report, reporting of the changes that had occurred after the report had been open for public comment from June 19-August 3. Covering additions or enhancements to GO TO 2040, Schuh went on to say, three principles (Resilience, Inclusive Growth and Prioritized Investment) have emerged for ON TO 2050. Just one year away from a final report, Schuh reviewed the development timeline and reported changes in study topics from GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050. Twelve official public comments were submitted during the public comment period and eleven

presentations were given to CMAP committees and working groups. General comments included support of the three principles, especially Inclusive Growth, and their significance to the plan. Schuh covered major changes in the preview report that included planning for a growing senior demographic, increased diversity and emphasize on the role of race in inclusive growth, and expansion of prioritized investment by emphasizing transportation project-specific revenues, asset management and the role of emerging technology, and highlighted specific changes in the recommendations of each of the principles. The preview report will be presented in October for approval by the Board and Policy Committee Schuh concluded. A suggestion was made to highlight the role of art and culture and a question was raised regarding the decline in population with Schuh reporting that 2015 declines in population were included and that ON TO 2050 forecasts are about the same as those in GO TO 2040.

10.2 Summary of Alternative Futures Engagement

CMAP staffers Jane Grover and Kelwin Harris gave a presentation on CMAP's Alternative Futures Engagement activities conducted over the summer, reporting that the content for the public engagement was Alternative Futures. Grover gave examples of the many methods and tools that were used to engage residents: in-person events (workshops, fairs, festivals, and block parties); over 2,000 were polled using keypads; iPad kiosks were in 20+ locations throughout the region; five forums (one for each of the alternative futures) was conducted; in-depth surveys (MetroQuest) were given; and through social media (#2050BigIdeas). Printed materials and presentations were translated to Spanish and significant engagement of students in grades 5 through high school were seen. The draft plan preview contained a summary of the public engagement campaign that concluded September 1, Grover went on to say and a final tally and data will be reported in October. Grover stated that over 2,500 residents attended over 120 workshops and the 5 forums and over 48,000 had interacted with the kiosks on the topics of Climate Change, Walkable Communities, Innovative Transportation, Constrained Resources, and a Transformed Economy. Kelwin Harris reported specific findings on those topics. Climate change-- concerns about flooding, water quality and shortages were expressed; Walkable communities—60% of people want to live in a walkable community; 70% of people prefer an urban setting; there are concerns about housing prices and displacing low-income people; a more balanced housing supply for all people; and public safety concerns. Innovative transportation saw people somewhat comfortable with driverless cars; 60% of respondents suggested that autonomous vehicles be available to those with disabilities. Regarding constrained resources, one-third foresee increased local taxes and fees to make up for declined federal and state funding; top priorities for public funding include transportation and social services. Asked about a transformed economy half of respondents to the online survey are concerned about unemployment due to technological change; access to technology is a concern to low-income and the elderly.

11.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP director Gordon Smith reported that on July 6, 2017, after more than two years without a state budget, the Illinois General Assembly passed a year-long budget bill during the summertime special session. Public Act 100-0021—the fiscal year (FY) 2018 appropriation—addressed the backlog of unpaid bills (\$14.8 billion). The legislation assumes nearly \$1.5 billion in savings on pensions contained in PA 100-0023, as well as a 10 percent reduction in state spending across the board—though IDOT remains funded at

its current level. The budget included appropriations for metropolitan planning and research, funding CMAP, and the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) are reduced by 10% for FY18 only (this should level out after FY 18). There is also a 10% reduction to funding transit. The bill does not immediately address the \$14.8 billion backlog, Smith went on to say, and there are no new revenues slated for infrastructure. HB2538—CMAP livestreaming—was sent to the Governor on July 21 and remains on his desk with no action taken. After 60 days with no action, the bill becomes law and would become effective January 1, 2018. Veto sessions are scheduled for October 24-26 and November 7-9 and funding gaps would likely be considered then. Smith asked that the Board Save-the-Date for CMAP's fall Legislative Forum. On November 2, CMAP will host members of the General Assembly and would appreciate the Board's participation in maintaining and establishing new relationships. Finally, Smith reported, CMAP published a policy update, available online, on the state budget.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP board.

13.0 Next Meeting

Chairman Mayor Bennett announced that the Board would meet next jointly with the MPO Policy Committee on October 11, 2017.

14.0 Public Comment

Heather Armstrong-Access Living expressed a concern over the sweetened beverage tax.

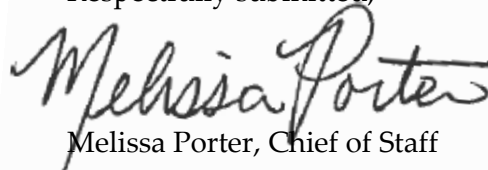
15.0 Executive Session

At 10:54 a.m., a motion made by Mayor Al Larson seconded by Rita Athas and with all in favor, to adjourn to an executive session to discuss with all in favor, carried. At 11:14 a.m., the executive session concluded.

16.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., by Mayor Al Larson, seconded by President Rick Reinbold, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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