Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018

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/Kendall Counties, Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Marty Oberman-representing the City of Chicago, Richard Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County, Terry Weppler-representing Lake County, Diane Williams-representing suburban Cook County, and non-voting member, Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

Staff Present: Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tom Garritano, Gordon Smith, Jesse Elam, Elizabeth Irvin, Kristin Ihnchak, Nora Beck, and Sherry Kane.


1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:33 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.
2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the CMAP Board meeting of March 14, 2018, as presented made by Carolyn Schofield was seconded by Andrew Madigan, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Joe Szabo reported on the following topics. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update was included in the packet. Regarding the contributions program, Szabo reported that approximately 99% had been collected. Stephane Phifer will join CMAP as its new Deputy Executive Director for Planning on May 7. Tom Hulseman, Executive Director for the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation, newly formed by the seven county board chairs and the City of Chicago, will give a presentation today outlining the Corporation’s work in growing the region’s economy.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented the following procurements and contract approvals. Approval to purchase IT hardware and software under the State of Illinois Master Contract (CMS 7891190) through CDWG at a cost not to exceed $87,800. Approve the selection of Clarity Partners, LLC for website support, development and administration for a period of two years at a cost not to exceed $440,000.00. Adoption of a resolution that would authorize the Executive Director to finalize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cook County Assessor’s Office that will allow CMAP to access GIS data. A motion by Rita Athas seconded by Janel Forde to approve the contract awards as presented, and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports
Planning Committee Chair Carolyn Schofield reported that the committee had met and discussed recommendations of the Mobility chapter of the ON TO 2050 plan (a topic that would also be considered later in the meeting by the Board) covering major goals of the mobility chapter, specific recommendations, and discussion of the financial plan and regionally significant projects. The committee also learned about the public and stakeholder engagement process that will also be considered by the Board later in the meeting.

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

7.0 Chicago Regional Growth Corporation
Tom Hulseman, Executive Director of the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation gave a presentation on the work of CRGC reporting that following the work of the 2012 OECD finding of under performance of the region, the elected officials of the seven counties and the City of Chicago had met twice each year to talk about building capacity for the region’s economic development program. Four initiatives came out of the work of the Chicago Regional Growth Initiative (as the corporation was formerly known) including:
Regional Truck Permitting, Cluster work on the Chicago Metals Consortium, Metro Chicago Exports, and the adoption of a foreign investment strategy. Incorporated last fall, it is a regional collaborative approach to economic development for the region. Hulseman covered the agency’s mission, core values, vision, focus areas (global programs, regional systems, and industry clusters) and described how global programs increase exports, global programs attract investment, and global programs related to inclusion. Hulseman also described how industry clusters drive global strength, regional systems, and the role of private sector leadership, as well as the composition of the board of directors.

Following Hulseman’s presentation, the Board was asked to support the agency financially. A motion by Rita Athas to approve a $50,000 contribution to the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation to be paid in two $25,000 installments, one in fiscal year 2018, a second in fiscal year 2019, was seconded by Frank Beal. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 ON TO 2050: Public Engagement Plan
CMAP staff Tom Garritano presented CMAP’s public engagement efforts related to ON TO 2050, covering efforts from 2016 with the plan’s development launch, community workshops and online survey that resulted in the Emerging Priorities Report. During 2017, additional community workshops and events were held, interactive kiosks were placed in service, and another survey saw the completion of the Preview Report. During 2018, Garritano continued, ongoing stakeholder engagement has included additional outreach to businesses, communities, and schools, as well as engagement with stakeholders for input in the last phases of plan development in review of plan chapters. Next up is review of the draft plan after its release for public comment June 15-August 14, followed by the October 10 event at Millennium Park. Review of plan recommendations will include every CMAP constituency and circling back to community organizations and companies that hosted workshops over the last two years soliciting feedback. Garritano briefly covered the schedule of public open houses, and concluded announcing that Clarence Anthony, Executive Director of the National League of Cities is confirmed as the keynote on October 10.

9.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Mobility Recommendations
CMAP staff Elizabeth Irvin presented the draft mobility recommendations of ON TO 2050. Reiterating the three principles of ON TO 2050—promoting prioritized investment, advancing inclusive growth, and improving resilience—Irvin also recapped the numerous strategy papers and snapshot reports that informed the mobility chapter. Working off the chapter’s three main goals: a modern, multimodal system that adapts to changing travel demand; a transportation system that works better for everyone; and making transformative investments, Irvin outlined specific recommendations to each of the goals. A modern, multimodal system that adapts to changing travel demand: harnessing technology to improve travel and anticipate future needs, make transit more competitive, and retain the region’s status as North America’s freight hub. A system that works better for everyone: leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth, improve travel safety, and improve the resilience of the transportation network to weather events and climate change. Making transformative investment: fully fund the region’s transportation system, implement sustainable, adequate revenue sources for transportation, enhance the region’s approach to transportation programming, and build
regionally significant projects. Presenting on this portion of the mobility chapter, CMAP staff Jesse Elam reported that there exists a $24 billion gap between revenues and expenses. Under one recommendation—implement sustainable, adequate revenue sources for transportation—five options have been introduced: increase the motor fuel tax and replace with a vehicle miles travelled fee; expand the sales tax base; implement a federal cost of freight service fee; create a regional revenue source; and, expand priced parking. Other recommendations in this chapter include: enhancing the region’s approach to transportation planning, and build regionally significant projects. Elam also discussed and gave examples of fiscally constrained projects. Fiscally constrained are those that are: high priority that can proceed toward engineering approvals followed by construction; eligible to receive federal funds and certain federal approvals; and projects already under construction are necessarily constrained. Examples of these are: Eisenhower (290) reconstruction and managed lanes; I-80; Red/Purple Line Modernization; Pace Pulse (near-term routes); and arterial projects. Elam drew comparisons from GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050 reporting that arterial and bus projects are now included in the plan’s fiscal constraint, there is less spending in ON TO 2050 on new capacity, 60% transit and 40% roadway (by cost) are the same in both plans, and both the IL 53/120 extension and Illiana are on the unconstrained list in ON TO 2050. Finally, Elam concluded, some projects in ON TO 2050 are expected to generate revenue in the form of value capture (transit) and tolling (highway). The deadline for feedback on the chapter is set for April 30, and public comment begins June 15.

10.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Environment Recommendations
CMAP staff Kristin Ihnchak presented on the Environment Chapter of ON TO 2050 reporting that ON TO 2050 has its foundation in GO TO 2040’s recommendation areas of: manage and conserve energy and water resources; expand and improve parks and open space; and promote sustainable local food. Other environmental themes include greenhouse gas emission reductions, climate mitigation, brownfield remediation. Again, a number of strategy papers and snapshots informed this chapter. Ihnchak reviewed three major goals—a region prepared for climate change; integrated approach to water resources; and, development practices that protect natural resources—and reported on a number of recommendations to achieve the goals: plan for climate resilience, intensify climate mitigation efforts; manage stormwater to reduce flooding, protect and enhance the integrity of aquatic systems, and coordinate and conserve shared water supply resources; improve natural resources through redevelopment, and prioritize natural and agriculture preservation alongside strategic growth. Delving deeper into an integrated approach to water resources, CMAP staff Nora Beck presented specific strategies to the recommendations. Managing stormwater to reduce flooding: improving planning and development techniques to reduce current and future risk, and addressing flooding vulnerability of critical transportation assets. Protect and enhance the integrity of aquatic systems through creation and implementation of multi-objective watershed plans. Coordinate and conserve shared water supply resources: incorporate water supply and demand considerations into local and regional planning and strengthen regional water supply management. Development practices that protect natural resources: improve natural resources through the redevelopment process (develop strategies for addressing environmental challenges the disproportionately affect certain populations) and prioritize natural and agricultural preservation alongside strategic growth (plan for the protection of agricultural and natural lands). Feedback on this chapter should be submitted by April
27. Beck concluded, three separate discussion sessions are scheduled with stakeholders, in May the chapter will be revised and released with the other plan chapters in June.

11.0 Legislative Agendas and Update
CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that the state legislative report included in the Board packet and reminded the Board of the save-the-date (May 10) for the spring open house in Springfield. Asked if CMAP is seeking funding at this event, Smith reported that CMAP’s funding has been included in IDOT’s budget.

12.0 Other Business
There was no other business before the CMAP board.

13.0 Next Meeting
The Board is scheduled to meet next on May 9, 2018.

14.0 Public Comment
There were no comments from the public.

15.0 Adjournment
At approximately 11:17 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor Al Larson, seconded by Mayor John Noak, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, May 9, 2017