Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members Present: Rita Athas- representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Matthew Brolley-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference), Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County (via teleconference), Martin Oberman-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Matthew Walsh-representing suburban Cook County (via teleconference), 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, Gordon Smith, Jason Navota, and Sherry Kane


1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Vice-Chair Rita Athas called the meeting to order at 9:35 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 Joint Meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting of October 11, 2017, as presented made by Elliott Harstein was seconded by Janel Forde, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that both the ON TO 2050 bi-monthly report and Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update were included in the board materials, that last month the Board approved thirty-four (34) new projects, and thanked the Communications staff for the positive press coverage. Szabo also reported that CMAP had hosted its in-region legislative summit with members from the Illinois General Assembly and that members indicated skepticism for increased taxes or creating a regional revenue source. Other topics in the Director’s report included: the Chicago Tribune Editorial of October 25, the tollway’s ribbon cutting on Illinois Route 390, the Alliance for Regional Development’s annual summit, live streaming expected to be on line in January, the FHWA and FTA Certification Review is scheduled for December 5-7, and finally, acknowledgement of Bob Dean’s departure and years of service to CMAP.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
The following were included in the board materials for approval. CMAP is seeking authority for its Executive Director to execute no cost contract extensions for Board approved contracts or agreements when projects become delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. A contract approval was also presented for continued temporary employment services with the LaSalle Network, through June 2018 at a cost not to exceed $75,000.00. A motion by Commissioner Peter Silvestri, seconded by President Rick Reinbold to approve both measures as presented, with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports
Neither the Planning nor Programming committees had met earlier in the morning. A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee had been distributed.

7.0 Board and Policy Committee Transportation Revenues Subcommittee
Vice Chair Rita Athas announced the following had been asked to serve, along with counterparts from the MPO Policy Committee, the Transportation Revenues Subcommittee: Frank Beal, Elliott Hartstein, Marty Oberman, Rick Reinbold, and Carolyn Schofield. A motion by Commissioner Peter Silvestri, seconded by Janel Forde to approve the Transportation Revenues Subcommittee as had been announced, and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 Water Resources
CMAP Director Jason Navota gave a presentation on water resource topics generally discussed at the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, reporting good news, some bad news, and some ideas we are exploring for inclusion in ON TO 2050, grounded in the three principles of resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. Navota’s presentation covered progress that had been made, countered with examples for improvements and associated strategies to consider related to water quality, water supply, and stormwater and flooding. Navota described the regional flood susceptibility index, the urban flooding susceptibility index, local stormwater analysis tools and gave examples
of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects that were geared toward water and stormwater and flooding and called attention to Water Resources and Integrating Green Infrastructure, two of the numerous ON TO 2050 strategy papers that had been published. Navota also covered the “one water” solution to integrated water resource management, and responded to questions raised about MRWD’s practice of pulling phosphorus out of waste water and their interest in water quality and detention credit concepts. When asked where our region lies in comparison to others, Navota reported there is a good deal of innovation coming out of IEPA and IDNR, but we could do better with changes to legislation and ordinances that model best practices.

9.0 State Legislative Update
CMAP director Gordon Smith thanked the Board members for attending CMAP’s legislative session and briefly reported on the topics that took center stage during the veto session: allegations of sexual harassment, Dynegy’s ask for relief and rate hikes (similar to those awarded to Exelon), and the Governor’s successful veto of anti-right to work legislation. Smith also reported that staff is working on the State Legislative Principles and Agenda, which are to be presented to the Board in January.

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

11.0 Next Meeting
Vice Chairman Rita Athas announced that the Board would likely not meet in December, and that live streaming would be in place for its next meeting in January 2018.

12.0 Public Comment
Garland Armstrong-Access Living expressed a concern regarding the disabled community, especially those hard of hearing and visually impaired, not understanding the ramifications of what had been reported in the Water Resources presentation and asked that outreach be made to that group.

13.0 Adjournment
A motion to adjourn at 10:48 a.m., by President Rick Reinbold, seconded by Mayor Al Larson, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, January 10, 2018