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Economic Development Meeting Minutes Monday, June 26, 2017 9:30 to 11:30a.m. Cook Conference Room

Members present: Christine Sobek, chair (Waubensee Community College), Jason Keller, vice-chair (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Jonathan Furr (NIU-Education Systems Center), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Kevin Kramer (Village of Hoffman Estates), Kelly O'Brien (Alliance for Regional Development), Kurtis Poszgay (Village of Bensenville), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), John Reinert (McHenry County Board), Irene Sherr (Cook County), Gary Skogg (Golden Corridor Advanced Manufacturing Partnership), Zafer Sonmez (UIC-EDA Center)

Guests: Taz George (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Mark O'Dell (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Garland Armstrong (Pace ADA/Access Living), Heather Armstrong (Pace ADA/Access Living)

CMAP staff: Alex Beata, Austen Edwards, Tom Kotarac, Wei Luo, Tim McMahan, Melissa Porter, Elizabeth Schuh, Aseal Tineh, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Dr. Christine Sobek called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

CMAP staff is discussing a joint visit to the Port of Chicago with the Metropolitan Planning Council. Confirmation and details to follow.

3.0 Approval meeting minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes for March 27, 2017 with a correction to the date listed was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

4.0 Peer City Identification Toolkit

Taz George and Mark O'Dell, both Research Analysts with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Community Development and Policy Studies, provided a demonstration of the [Peer City Identification Tool](#) (PCIT). The PCIT is a new data comparison and visualization instrument to better understand a municipality in the context of peer cities, based on city-level

indicators from the American Community Survey and historical Decennial Census records. The 300 cities included in the dataset had a population of at least 50,000 in 1960 and a median population of just over 100,000 today. The tool performs a cluster analysis on several variables to identify groups of similar cities along four thematic characteristics: Equity, Resilience, Outlook, and Housing. Committee members inquired about decisions on which indicators and at what level the tool should track, as well as how the tool has been used by target audiences and by the Fed itself. The tool's next version should include data for approximately 960 cities.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Bi-monthly status report

Elizabeth Schuh shared that CMAP has released the Alternative Futures: Transformed Economy memo, and will be hosting a forum on 'The Future of Economic Opportunity' on July 19, 2017 at the Homewood-Flossmoor Auditorium. Written updates for the ON TO 2050 plan development and related products were distributed.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Preview Report

Elizabeth Schuh presented a draft report that synthesizes major initial findings of the research, analysis, and strategy development efforts completed thus far for the ON TO 2050 plan. The report – available for public comment June 19 to August 3, 2017 – introduces the guiding principles of the plan: resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. In contrast to GO TO 2040, the plan will be available primarily online and will offer more specific recommendations for local and sub-regional plans, such as geospatial data layers that reflect major principles and strategies. Committee members inquired about CMAP's analysis on 'economically disconnected areas' and on potential future scenarios resulting from accelerated technological change.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Financial Plan Development

Alex Beata presented initial policy recommendations and forecasts regarding five reasonably expected revenues to support investments and policies included in the long-range transportation plan. CMAP is required by federal law to prepare a financial plan for such expenditures, and CMAP's forecasts indicate that existing core revenues will be insufficient to fund operations and maintenance, or any expansion and enhancement activities over the ON TO 2050 planning period. As a result, additional revenues will be needed to meet the region's transportation investment goals. Recommended options include increasing and indexing the per-gallon gas tax, a vehicle miles travelled tax, congestion pricing, variable parking pricing, and a regional revenue source. Committee members discussed how the financial plan considers cost-cutting options, as well as potential indirect effects on development in the region.

8.0 ON TO 2050: Economic Strategies

Simone Weil and Austen Edwards discussed ongoing work to develop strategies for ON TO 2050 regarding the regional economy, especially its workforce, innovative capacity, and regional economic development. Staff is currently incorporating relevant data, recent CMAP analysis, regional developments, literature review, and stakeholder interviews into strategy memos. Major recommendations focus on improved and integrated data analysis, broader meaningful industry engagement, cluster-based and sub-regional planning, and metropolitan coordination. Committee members discussed the need for local specificity in both recommendations and metrics, as well as the need to consider strategies at the nexus of issues – such as sub-regional support for Career Pathways in cluster-based economic development.

9.0 Other business

No other business was introduced.

10.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong commented on the importance of including residents with disabilities in research, analysis, and strategy development efforts around economic opportunity – both in the ON TO 2050 plan and sub-regional planning projects.

11.0 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 25, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Simone Weil