



## Planning Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017--8:00 a.m.

Lake County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board – McHenry County); Jason Keller (Economic Development Committee); Al Larson (CMAP Board-Northwest Cook County), Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board – South Cook County); Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use Committee), and Rocco Zucchero (Transportation Committee)

**Members Absent:** Allison Milld Clements (Housing Committee); Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board – DuPage County); Jack Darin (ENR Committee), Janel Ford (CMAP Board – Chicago); Michael Davidson (Human and Community Development Committee), and Leanne Redden (CMAP Board – Regional Transportation Authority)

**Staff Present:** Liz Schuh, Jonathan Burch, Claire Bozic

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Agenda item 5.0 was moved to the beginning of the meeting to give more time for a quorum of members to be present for items 3.0 and 4.0.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2017

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting.

#### 4.0 ON TO 2050: Preview Report Approval

Liz Schuh provided an overview of the changes made due to public comment and committee comment on the ON TO 2050 Preview Report, which was available for public comment from June 19-August 3, 2017. The Preview Report introduces the three proposed cross-cutting principles for ON TO 2050 as well as its preliminary major recommendations. Staff asked for approval of the document prior to the CMAP Board's

and MPO Policy Committee's subsequent vote at the joint meeting. There were no questions or comments. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the document.

## **5.0 ON TO 2050: Water Resources and Stormwater Strategy Synthesis**

Nora Beck provided an overview of the water resources and stormwater and flooding strategy papers, particularly the areas in which these papers overlap. She began by naming an assortment of challenges to our region's water supply, including a lack of coordination in managing water resources, recent population shift to groundwater dependent parts of the region, and increasing damages from flooding. Nora reviewed several strategies from the strategy development work to help address these issues, including using land use planning to maintain and steward natural areas, creating multi-objective watershed plans, employing vulnerability assessments for both transportation assets and certain populations, managing shared water supplies thoughtfully, increasing coordination on water supply, continuing water conservation efforts, investing in and maintaining green infrastructure, and updating development standards to better protect natural resources.

Committee comments and questions included:

- CMAP should include recommendations about how to inspire institutions to move forward with and coordinate on these issues. There are many independent actors but their actions are not aligned at times. There should be recommendations on the way these organizations function to ensure that they are maximizing their potential impact.
- Stormwater management is already regulated in the region, but it's more difficult to regulate water consumption and supply.
- Banks can get credit from the federal government for providing funding to low and moderate income communities to do stormwater management projects. Engaging the private sector in water resources issues, if possible, could be very beneficial.
- CMAP could provide agreed upon models to design infrastructure. Modeling can vary significantly over jurisdictional boundaries and makes delivery of infrastructure projects challenging at times.
- Consider the tourism and recreational benefits that the Chicago Area Waterway System can provide.

## **6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

## **7.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **8.0 Next Meeting – to be determined**

## **9.0 Adjournment**

At 8:55 a.m., the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Ihnchak and Liz Schuh (Committee liaisons)

*Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, March 14, 2018*