



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAF)

Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAF)
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, Matt Brolley-representing Kendall County (via tele-conference), Franco Coladipietro-representing DuPage County (via tele-conference), Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Matthew Walsh-representing suburban Cook County, Terry Weppeler-representing Lake County, and non-voting members, Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Justine Sydello-representing the Governor's office

Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Gordon Smith, Jesse Elam, Jane Grover, Elizabeth Schuh, Kelwin Harris, Brian Daly and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Garland and Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Elaine Bottomley-WCGL, Len Cannata-WCMC, Jack Craikshank-WCGL, Kristi DeLaurentiis-SSMMA, Jackie Forbes-KaneKendall Council, Michael Fricano-WCMC, Emily Karry-Lake County, Tom Kelso-IDOT, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Steven Mannella-Metra, Kelsey Mulhausen-Southwest Conference, Tom Rickert-Kane County, David Seglin-CDOT, Cody Sheriff-McHenry County Council, and Mike Walczak-NWMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAF Board Vice Chair Rita Athas called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no Agenda changes. CMAF Vice Chair Rita Athas announced that Elliott Hartstein, a founding member of the CMAF Board, would be leaving the board and

thanked him for his service. Hartstein stated that it had been a real privilege to serve, that CMAP and its staff had made a real difference in the region, and he was honored to have been a part of that. Also leaving the Board is Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri. He too had been happy to serve.

The Board was asked to take a moment of silence in honor of City of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer.

Following the changes on the Board, Mayor John Noak will fill the vacated position on CMAP's Executive Committee, and Carolyn Schofield will serve as the second Vice Chair and will chair the Planning Committee. A motion approving the changes made by Commissioner Peter Silvestri was seconded by President Rick Reinbold, and with all in favor, carried.

Finally, Vice Chair Rita Athas welcomed Mayor of Libertyville, Terry Weppler, who will fill the position held by Elliott Hartstein, and announced that Diane Williams will fill the position held by Commissioner Peter Silvestri, will be welcomed next month.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the CMAP Board meeting of January 10, 2018, as presented made by Carolyn Schofield was seconded by Mayor Al Larson, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Joe Szabo reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update was included in the board materials, gave an update on the dues/contributions (now at 86% collected) program, covered recent outreach with the CoG Directors, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Romeoville Metra Station (funded through CMAQ), and the recent NARC conference in D.C. Szabo also reported that the Chicago Community Trust had renewed CMAP's general operating grant at \$150,000, gave an update on the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation that launched on January 18, and briefly reported on the CMAP Board/MPO Policy Committee Transportation Revenues Subcommittee work. Regarding the dues program, questioned about the municipalities where no payment required, Szabo explained that some were exempted due to economics and population.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented a contract approval with Houseal Lavigne Associates for the Village of Channahon Comprehensive Plan in a total amount not to exceed \$235,376, and the approval of Terra Engineering for the Village of Justice I&M Canal Trail Feasibility Study, not to exceed \$99,921.

A motion by Mayor John Noak seconded by Frank Beal to approve the contract awards as presented, with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Planning Committee Chair Carolyn Schofield reported that the committee had met and appealed to members to attend the early morning meetings during this the final stretch of

ON TO 2050. A March 14 meeting was added so the Committee (and this is the only one that will) can review all the draft chapters of the plan. Today, Schofield continued, land use recommendations were considered along with the regionally significant projects benefit report. Schofield went on to say that February and March, the committee would see the draft plan sections, at its April meeting the committee will see the regionally significant projects list, and during the months of June through August, the plan will be out for public comment and engagement. August and September will see the committee reviewing the revised draft for the final adoption in October.

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

7.0 Designation of CMAP Representatives to the MPO Policy Committee

Vice Chair Rita Athas reported that recent changes to the bylaws require an annual appointment of two members to the MPO Policy Committee. Frank Beal, representing the City of Chicago and Carolyn Schofield, representing the collar counties, were slated as appointees to the MPO Policy Committee. A motion by President Rick Reinbold, seconded by Matthew Walsh, and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 ON TO 2050 Corporate Engagement

CMAP staff Jane Grover and Kelwin Harris presented the strategy and report on initiatives to generate corporate support for the ON TO 2050 plan. Harris reported that CMAP's public engagement over the last two years has focused on residents and community organizations and that more recently, the agency's engagement has expanded to include the private sector, such as corporations, business associations, and civic groups. Introductions to corporate targets have come through CMAP's network of legislators, partners, staff and board, and committee members. Grover described that the agency's corporate engagement amounts to a sales pitch, except that we ask businesses to help us understand the challenges they face and to discuss the value of regional planning to their long-term interests. CMAP asks for businesses' support for the ON TO 2050 plan, promises to stay in touch for feedback on the draft plan in June, and invites corporate representatives to attend the launch event in October. These efforts expand CMAP's network to make the business case for ON TO 2050, offering corporations the opportunity to align with a non-partisan, regional government interested in economic competitiveness and equitable prosperity. Grover named some of the businesses with whom we've secured meetings and presented some of their observations. Grover asked Board members for introductions and leads to other beneficial corporate contacts. Discussion: Good to see that CMAP is contacting the business community, with a question addressed about the size and type of businesses to reflect the diversity of the region. Another suggestion included reaching out to business interests that are not CMAP's friends, with the invitation to also engage the real estate development (single and multi-family) community. Responding to a question as to whether the support CMAP seeks includes funding, Grover stated that CMAP hasn't determined whether and how corporate interests could support ON TO 2050 initiatives and that the release of the draft Plan in June will be the first opportunity to offer more than parts of the Plan for the purpose of securing support for it.

9.0 ON TO 2050 Land Use

Reporting from the memo in the Board materials, CMAP staff Liz Schuh presented a summary of the initial land use recommendations of ON TO 2050, the first in a series previewing major recommendations followed later by more substantive drafts. Building upon GO TO 2040 while exploring new policy areas, Schuh presented the plan development timeline, and the 2050 draft review timeline that will see elements brought before the Board and many other stakeholders, beginning in February and continuing through adoption of the plan in October. The recommendations, Schuh continued, build on 2-1/2 years' development of strategy papers and snapshots, highlighting those that most affect the land use chapter. Schuh discussed shifts that challenge traditional reinvestment approaches and cited opportunities for increased investment in existing communities. Schuh described each of the proposed recommendations--targeted reinvestment areas; preservation and stewardship; compact, walkable communities; market and fiscal feasibility; local economic development; regionally beneficial land uses; housing; and solutions for disinvested areas--associated strategies, and example actions for implementation. Schuh wrapped up recapping the three principles of ON TO 2050: prioritized investment, inclusive growth, and resilience. Next steps include: full draft of land use chapter released for committee and partner review in February; release of full drafts of remaining chapters in March with governance, economy, and environment slated to present to the board; mobility discussion in April by the CMAP Board; and release of the draft plan for public comment, June-August. Comments raised by the members included the following. An offer of participation with some of the transit recommendations so as to be clear about what it is we are trying to fix or solve; recognizing the municipality as the ultimate authority making development decisions in their communities; and a question regarding the amount of developed land increase (11.7%) and amount of land conserved as open space (61,500 acres). During the period 2000-2014, the 61,500 acres, Schuh reported, is newly conserved; the 11.7% is also newly developed.

10.0 Legislative Agendas and Update

Having been reviewed at last month's meetings, Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programming Tom Kotarac presented the drafts of both the State and Federal Legislative Agendas. Minor changes had been made to the State Agenda and Principles document, and the Board was asked to approve the two pieces. A motion to approve the material by Commissioner Peter Silvestri, seconded by Mayor John Noak, and with all in favor, carried. The motion was later amended to include both the Federal Agenda and State Legislative Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Noak, and with all in favor, the amended motion passed.

Kotarac also gave a federal update, reporting that the recent budget released on Monday included a long-awaited infrastructure package. A policy update that will provide more detail is in the works. Kotarac highlighted the following from the \$200 billion (real dollars from the Federal Treasury) infrastructure plan. Infrastructure is widely defined -- includes broadband, wastewater, flooding, inland water navigation -- to name a few. There is no new revenue, no "pay-for", no Highway Trust Fund (that faces insolvency in 2021) fix, to cover the expected \$140 billion gap. Kotarac described each of the general ways in which the money could be spent--incentive grant program (at \$100 billion), a rural program (at \$50 billion), a transformative program (at \$20 billion), federal lending programs/loans (at

\$14 billion), and finally, PABs (at \$6 billion). A question regarding the probability of this being passed as presented was raised (up to Congress, no real support of overburdening local communities, and staff encourages a letter to the Illinois delegation to uphold our principles).

Regarding a state legislative update, staff reported that the state budget would be released later in the morning, and additional reporting will follow.

11.0 Climate Vulnerability Assessments

CMAP staff Brian Daly gave a presentation on integrating climate science into local planning, a project funded by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) to the American Planning Association (APA) with the goal of incorporating local climate science to help communities plan for climate extremes. The Illinois State Climatologist's Office also partnered on the project. Daly described the goals of the program and gave a brief account of each of the five (5) pilot communities where CMAP is assessing climate-related risks--Berwyn Stormwater Plan, Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan, McHenry County River Corridor Plan, Richton Park Capital Improvement Plan, and Wilmington Downtown Plan. CMAP is completing a vulnerability assessment as part of the planning process for each of these five LTA plans to inform recommendations of their respective plans. The assessments draw on recommendations from the first strategy paper of ON TO 2050, Climate Resilience, as well as several data sources for climate projections in the region. Daly gave a definition of Climate Resilience—the ability for the region and its communities to prepare for and recover from acute shocks and chronic stresses and transform its infrastructure, natural systems, and social structures to be more responsive--and reported on some of the ways data can help inform local planning. Daly discussed Climate Explorer, a data tool from NOAA that provides a simple interface to interpret complicated climate data, and gave examples of a range of temperature projections and precipitation. He also presented several CMAP-developed tools that help us plan for local impacts related to heat vulnerability, flooding vulnerability, urban flooding vulnerability, and social vulnerability. Daly wrapped up the presentation with next steps that will include completion of pilot vulnerability assessments, and with APA, developing a data tool and guidebook for the broader Great Lakes region, a webinar series, and conference presentations related to best practices.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP board. Mayor John Noak thanked those who had come out for the ribbon cutting on the new Romeoville Metra station, a good example of government (and the public sector) working together for this much-needed improvement.

13.0 Next Meeting

The Board is scheduled to meet next on March 14, 2018.

14.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong reported concerns regarding the Cumberland Blue Line station accessibility. While agreed that the Cumberland station needs a lot of work, a suggestion was made to contact the Alderman's office.

15.0 Executive Session

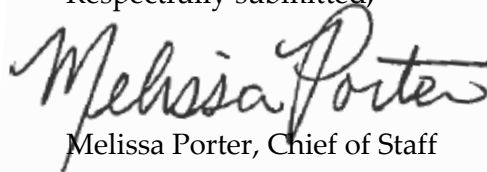
At approximately 11:17 a.m., a motion by Mayor John Noak was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn to an executive session under IOMA Section 2(c)(21).

At the conclusion of the Closed Session, a motion by Commissioner Peter Silvestri, was seconded by Mayor John Noak to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of September 13, May 10, and January 11, 2017, maintain the confidentiality of closed session minutes and authorized the destruction of recordings of closed sessions after 18 months. All in favor, the motion carried.

16.0 Adjournment

At approximately 11:25 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor John Noak, seconded by Mayor Al Larson, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Porter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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