



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Planning Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2018--8:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board – McHenry County); Frank Beal (CMAP Board – City of Chicago); Allison Milld Clements (Housing Committee); Jack Darin (Environment and Natural Resources Committee); Jason Keller (Economic Development Committee); Al Larson (CMAP Board – Northwest Cook County); Aimee Lee (*for Rocco Zuccherro – Transportation Committee); Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use Committee); Terry Weppler (CMAP Board – Lake County)

Members Absent:

Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board – DuPage County); Michael Davidson (Human and Community Development Committee); Janel Forde (CMAP Board – Chicago); Leanne Redden (CMAP Board – Regional Transportation Authority); Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board – South Cook County);

Staff Present:

Nora Beck, Patrick Day, Austen Edwards, Lindsay Hollander, Kristin Ihnchak, Jason Navota, Liz Schuh, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order

Carolyn Schofield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m., and members introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the October 11, 2017 and February 14, 2018 meetings.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Environment Recommendations

Kristin Ihnchak and Nora Beck presented the major recommendations of the ON TO 2050 chapter addressing the environment. They noted that the draft chapter builds on

recommendations included in GO TO 2040 and is undergoing continuous change. Recommendations and associated strategies are related to climate resilience, land stewardship, managing stormwater, protecting aquatic systems, coordinating shared water supply resources, and fortifying those most vulnerable to environmental impacts. They also explained the next steps in the plan development process.

In response to a question from Terry Wepler about funding methods for stormwater improvements, Nora Beck noted that CMAP has recommended stormwater utility fees; transfer of benefits programs and state revolving loan programs have also been considered. Wepler commented that the ability of both home rule and non-home rule municipalities to use these methods should be considered. Mark VanKerkhoff commented that the characterization of development at the edge of the region should be value neutral. Jason Keller commented that private capital from large banks may be a viable sources of funding for improvements due to changes related to the Community Reinvestment Act. Committee members discussed CMAP's work on climate change and the emissions reduction target in GO TO 2040. CMAP staff noted that they are working with a consultant to set a target for ON TO 2050. In response to a question from Jason Keller about how the Illinois International Port District fits in with the chapter's recommendations, Jason Navota mentioned that the port is not called out specifically, but CMAP is working with the port on a planning priorities report.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Economy Recommendations

Simone Weil and Austen Edwards presented the major recommendations of the ON TO 2050 chapter concerning the regional economy. In the area of regional economic development, these recommendations include pursuing regional economic development, supporting the region's traded clusters, aligning local economic development planning with regional goals, improving tax incentives, and enhancing economic innovation. In the area of human capital, recommendations include conducting regional planning for human capital, prioritizing pathways for upward economic mobility, and expanding data-driven approaches in workforce and education systems. They also explained the next steps of the plan development process and noted that staff intends to have a draft of the chapter available for stakeholder feedback by the end of March.

Mark VanKerkhoff thanked CMAP for its support of the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation and for mentioning it in the context of the economy chapter, and he commented in relation to tax incentives that the economic development and land use arms of localities should be better coordinated. In response to a question from Jason Keller about entrepreneurship and small businesses tapping into regional resources, Simone Weil noted that chambers of commerce as well as community colleges can provide resources, and CMAP's cluster-based strategies can be of use. In response to a question from Frank Beal about CMAP's role in supporting clusters, Weil noted that stakeholders have commented on the usefulness of CMAP's cluster drilldown report. Beal also noted that there can be a difference between growing the economy and growing jobs.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Governance Recommendations

Patrick Day and Lindsay Hollander presented the major recommendations of the ON TO 2050 chapter addressing governance. In the area of collaboration, recommendations

include using collaborative leadership to address regional challenges, encouraging shared/consolidated services and consolidating local governments, and coordinating infrastructure operations and maintenance. In the area of increasing capacity, recommendations include providing technical assistance to build communities' capacity, prioritizing training for local government officials and staff, and developing tax policies that strengthen communities and the region. In the area of investment decisions, recommendations include basing investment decisions on data and performance as well as improving access to public information with technology and transparency.

In response to a question from Allison Milld Clements about supplemental staffing for municipalities, Patrick Day noted that this staffing could take different forms and that leaving behind residual capacity is important; counties, subregional organizations, and state agencies can all be helpful. CMAP has ongoing LTA work in this area with SSMMA. Mark VanKerkhoff commented that unfunded mandates from the state – in areas such as the judicial system – should be considered, and that analysis of state disbursements to municipalities should consider the per capita income of communities. Frank Beal noted that many in the business community are concerned about efficient state and local government and want to see their tax payments used responsibly. Carolyn Schofield commented that a focus on building capacity among municipal staff, rather than elected officials, is important.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business presented.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting – June 13, 2018

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Schuh

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, April 11, 2018