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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning **Annotated Agenda** **Wednesday, November 14, 2012** **9:30 a.m.**

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

- 1.0 Call to Order** 9:30 a.m.
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes—October 10, 2012**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report**
- 4.1 Congestion Pricing Campaign Update
 - 4.2 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Update
 - 4.3 2013 Meeting Schedule
 - 4.4 Other Announcements
- 5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**
Contract Approval for Federal Government Legislative Outreach Services
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 6.0 Re-establishing State/Regional Water Supply Planning and Management**
Two years ago, CMAP completed its *Water 2050* regional water supply plan through an inclusive process of engagement with local officials, industry, environmental groups, and others. Unfortunately, the promise of *Water 2050* is not being kept. The IDNR has not maintained the state/regional program because it lacks ongoing funding. The state surveys are likewise unable to carry out critical data collection and analysis for lack of funding. Water supply planning and management are simply not possible without a new, dedicated revenue stream. Staff

is seeking CMAP Board support to partner with the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) to pursue strategies to restore state/regional water supply planning and management with new, sustainable funding options.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and guidance to staff

7.0 Proposed CMAP and RTA Merger

A recent proposal from Metropolis Strategies seeks to consolidate the regional financial and oversight function of RTA with the existing functions of CMAP. Staff will summarize its perspective on this proposal and attempt to articulate the agency's overall observations on the major challenges and opportunities facing transit. Additionally, RTA staff will make a presentation to provide the CMAP Board with information on the RTA and Service Boards governance structure, the operating funding formula, and the capital funding distribution.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Other Business

9.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

10.0 Executive Director Performance Review

(The Board will adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of discussing the executive director's annual performance review.)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

11.0 Next Meeting

The Board meets next on January 9, 2013.

12.0 Adjournment

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board Members:

___ Gerald Bennett, Chair

___ Frank Beal

___ Susan Campbell

___ Roger Claar

___ Michael Gorman

___ Elliott Hartstein

___ Al Larson

___ Andrew Madigan

___ Marilyn Michelini

___ Heather Weed Niehoff

___ Raul Raymundo

___ Rick Reinbold

___ Rae Rupp Srch

___ Dan Shea

___ Leanne Redden



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Joint Meeting Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMA) Board and MPO Policy Committee DRAFT Minutes October 10, 2012

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- Board and Policy Committee Members:** Gerald Bennett, CMA Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Charles Ingersoll (for Ann Schneider, Policy Committee Chair)-representing IDOT, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, John Yonan-representing Cook County, Paula Trigg-representing Lake County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Mike Connelly-representing the CTA, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Luann Hamilton-representing CDOT, Kenneth Koehler-representing McHenry County, Alex Clifford-representing Metra, Larry Walsh-representing Will County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Robert Hann-representing Private Providers, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Wes Lujan-representing Class 1 Railroads, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA and a non-voting member of the Board, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, Richard Kwasneski-representing PACE, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Rocco Zucchero-representing Illinois Toll Highway Authority and non-voting members Glenn Fulkerson-representing the FHWA and Marisol Simon-representing the FTA.
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Patricia Berry and Sherry Kane
- Others Present:** Mike Albin-DMMC, Reginald Arkell-FTA, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Chalen Daigle-McHenry County, Bola

Delano-IDOT, John Donovan-FHWA, Jon-Paul Kohler-FHWA, Joe Korpalski-McHenry County, Jim LaBelle-Metropolis Strategies, Joshua McCluskey-IDOT, Chrissy Nichols-MPC, Marta Perales-IL MPO, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Kevin Schoeben-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Karen Shoup-IDOT, Peter Skosey-MPC, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Gabe Sulkes-IDOT, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, and Laura Wilkison

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m., and asked that Board and Policy Committee members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

IDOT staff Charles Ingersoll introduced and welcomed Karen Shoup IDOT's new Bureau Chief of Urban Program Planning. Raul Raymundo, CMAP Board, invited members to a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 11, 2012, for La Casa Student Housing & Resource Center at 1818 South Paulina.

3.0 Approval of CMAP Board Minutes – September 12, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012, board meeting as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Minutes – June 14, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2012, MPO Policy Committee meeting as presented, made by Luann Hamilton was seconded by Paula Trigg and with all in favor, carried.

5.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn welcomed members of the board and policy committee to the joint meeting, announced the birthdays of the CMAP Board (7), GO TO 2040 (2) and Board Chair Mayor Bennett. Blankenhorn also reported that the LTA update had been included in the Board and Policy Committee packets and that later in the meeting approval would be sought for new projects.

6.0 Committee Reports

Susan Campbell, chair of the Local Coordinating Committee, reported that the Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning. The committee had reviewed staff's recommendations for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning grant projects and would be recommending approval of those projects to the Board and Policy Committee later in the meeting. Campbell went on to say that one project, a comprehensive plan for the Village of Rosemont had been added to the list of recommended projects. Staff from the Village of Park Forest had given a presentation on its sustainability plan that had been made possible through last year's award under the LTA program, reporting that a number of implementation activities are actively underway including the hiring of a new staff person (made possible through funding by the Chicago Community Trust). Finally, staff reviewed a new page on CMAP's website devoted to

local food that included a video demonstrating how local governments can support local food initiatives.

Elliott Hartstein, chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee reported that the Coordinating Committee had also met earlier in the morning. The Committee reviewed the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendments and would be recommending approval of that program to the Board and Policy Committee later in the meeting. Hartstein also reported that the committee reviewed recommendations on performance-based evaluation criteria for transportation funding and would also recommend approval later in the meeting by the Board and Policy Committee. A presentation had been given by staff from the RTA regarding a \$2.5 billion system renewal bond dedicated to moving the transit system to a state of good repair, while offering reductions in operating and maintenance costs. Staff discussed options to re-establish a state/regional water supply planning and management program and the committee was briefed on CMAP's recent efforts related to freight and logistics and staff spoke briefly about the MetroPulse Jobs project that had recently been launched.

7.0 Council of Mayor's Report

Mayor Jeffrey Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee will meet next on November 13, 2012, and that as chair he is looking forward to engaging the mayors in the upcoming CMAQ call for projects, the next steps for performance-based funding that will be discussed later in the meeting and the implementation of the provisions of MAP-21. Schielke also reported that in Federal Fiscal Year 2012, the suburban mayors spent \$66 million in federal STP funds and the councils are aggressively programming funds to ensure that the region uses all federal dollars available to the local elected officials.

8.0 Naming of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

In the absence of the Policy Committee Chair, Mayor Schielke announced that Leanne Redden will Chair CMAP's Transportation Committee and Mike Connelly will serve as Vice-chair for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2013. Schielke went on to say that this is the second year that they will have served in this capacity which is consistent with past practice.

9.0 Nominating Committee for the office of MPO Policy Committee Vice-Chair

On behalf of the Policy Committee Nominating Committee, Leanne Redden (for Gabe Klein) reported that the Nominating Committee named Mayor Jeffrey Schielke as Vice-Chair to the MPO Policy Committee.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee was made by Leanne Redden, seconded by Paula Trigg and with all in favor, carried.

10.0 Approval of GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments

CMAP staff Patricia Berry reported that the semi-annual, typically March and October, approval of GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments had been reviewed by both CMAP's Transportation working committee and the Regional

Coordinating Committee both of which had recommended approval by the Board and Policy Committee. Berry also promoted a key projects summary bi-fold publication and the program's web page that contains inter-active mapping tools.

A motion by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments as had been presented, was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Micheline and with all in favor, carried.

11.0 Updated 5307/5340 Capital and Planning Funds for Designated Recipients

Resulting from congressional action setting the final Federal Fiscal Year 2012 appropriation that became effective July 18, 2012, CMAP staff Don Kopec briefly explained the necessity of the amended resolutions allocating Sections 5307 and 5340 Capital and Planning funds to the "designated recipients", Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and PACE.

A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adopt the Resolutions as were presented. All in favor the motion carried.

12.0 Selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Program Projects

CMAP staff Bob Dean reported that recommendations for the selection of projects for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Grant programs had been considered earlier in the morning by the Local Coordinating Committee. The committee endorsed the recommendations, with the inclusion of one project, a comprehensive plan for the Village of Rosemont had been added to the list of recommended projects, and suggested approval by the Board and Policy Committee. CMAP Board member Andrew Madigan announced for the record that he would abstain from voting on the recommendations. Board Chair Mayor Bennett added that over 100 applications had been received and that the board was very happy with the program that allows staff to go into these communities to work with directly or through consultants providing a service that is of great value to local governments.

A motion to approve staff recommendations that had been considered and endorsed by the Local Coordinating Committee made Mayor Marilyn Micheline was seconded by Mayor Al Larson and with all in favor, carried.

13.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented an overview of the previous year's work implementing GO TO 2040 and cited examples of progress that had been made in each of the twelve key recommendations from the Plan.

- *Achieve greater Livability through Land Use and Housing:* The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program that CMAP initiated last year continues to make resources available to local governments. To date, 15 projects have been completed and an additional 40 are underway. Some projects have also been moved on to implementation as was reported earlier with the Chicago Community Trust's funding support of staff in Park Forest and Bronzeville.

- *Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Sources:* CMAP was awarded a \$25 million stimulus grant through DOE that funded the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program to make energy retrofits easier for businesses and homeowners. The program supported funds to create a loan pool for nonprofits with energy efficiency upgrades and is piloting an effort to stimulate the commercial market through a similar product. A number of tools, like MyHomeEQ, were introduced and “the energy bills” marketing video earned a Gold Stevie award. On the water side, four watershed plans were completed last year and assistance was committed through the LTA program to helping communities align their plans and ordinances to those watershed plans. The agency continues to coordinate IEPA’s Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) as well.
- *Parks and Open Space:* Partnering with Chicago Wilderness, CMAP completed the refinement of the Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV) during the past year. Another project focused on cultivating relationships with partners and stakeholders to support the pursuit of the plan’s recommendation to add 150,000 acres of more parks in park deficit areas and doubling the mileage of greenway trails in the region. Future work in this area will likely be directed through the LTA program.
- *Promote Sustainable local Food:* As was reported by Susan Campbell earlier in the meeting, CMAP launched a local food page on its web site. This matter continues to present challenges in that 96% of the money (in the region) that is spent on food goes elsewhere.
- *Improve Education and Workforce Development:* Over the past year, CMAP focused efforts on completing the freight industry cluster drill-down report; next to be examined is advanced manufacturing that is expected in June 2013. GO TO 2040 includes implementation action to improve data and information systems which has been addressed through the development of the Human Capital Information Port, now known as MetroPulse Jobs.
- *Support Economic Innovation:* CMAP has partnered with the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Science & Technology Coalition and World Business Chicago to create the Illinois Innovation Index, a now quarterly report that identifies key innovation metrics and targets that can be tracked over time to measure progress in this area.
- *Reform State and Local Tax Policy:* Priorities in FY13, as recommended by the CMAP Board include monitoring and reacting to state legislation regarding tax policy, pursuing a source of regional funding for capital improvements, analyzing the impact of state and local tax rebates and other economic development incentives.
- *Improve Access to Information:* Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, CMAP staff created a brief strategic plan last fiscal year to set priorities for ongoing data sharing and warehousing projects. CMAP developed MetroPulse Local, a best practices guide for local governments, a beta version of a new Data Sharing Hub that continues to promote transparency in data collection and information sharing and the development of a new system for the Full Circle program that allows local communities to enter parcel-level data that otherwise would not be available.
- *Pursue Coordinated Investments/Invest Strategically in Transportation:* The pursuit of coordinated investments require collaboration particularly in changing the way major investments decisions are made, bringing more into the region to boost its global economic advantage, making the pot bigger and spending more wisely.

- *Invest Strategically in Transportation:* This will be the focus of the discussion to follow later in the meeting, including work on performance-based evaluation criteria, implementing congestion pricing, and major capital projects.
- *Increase Commitment to Public Transit:* A number of core activities, including work in Local Planning Support, Policy Analysis, Congestion Management Process and the TIP, support this effort. CMAP will continue its efforts to promote transit as a first choice and not a last chance.
- *Create a More Efficient Freight Network:* CMAP has added more staff resources towards implementing this recommendation, conducted strategic planning in this area and now have a charted course for the agency to engage and lead this recommendation more thoroughly.

14.0 Transportation Policy Direction Discussion

Federal MAP-21 Transportation Law

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) had passed over the summer, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported, and a number of analytical entries had been posted to CMAP's Policy Updates page on the website. The bill, compared to the CMAP's reauthorization principles, Blankenhorn suggested, missed an opportunity to empower regions. Only a two-year bill, however, coordinated efforts with other metro regions have already begun to make improvements in the next reauthorization. A letter directed to Secretary Schneider sought concurrence on a number of issues (including STP, CMAQ, transportation alternatives, freight and performance measures) from IDOT that have an impact on how metropolitan planning and programming are conducted towards implementing MAP-21, Blankenhorn also reported. A suggestion was made to re-establish the formerly known as SAFETEA-LU subcommittee and while Blankenhorn concurred, he further indicated that it would be prudent to wait until more information had been obtained from IDOT.

Performance-Based Evaluation Criteria for Transportation

Reporting on this topic, CMAP staff Matt Maloney covered definitions (performance-based funding vs. performance measures) related to statutory splits, a timeline indicating that staff was nearly three-quarters of the way through the process of outreach, and that the Regional Coordinating Committee had requested that staff administratively manage the move toward a more performance-based system. A peer exchange, through the Volpe Center, had been convened in July resulted in the following takeaways: regarding implementation-start small, but start; use the bucket approach regarding highway maintenance, modernization and expansion; capacity adding (pavement, bridges) should continue; and create an "add lanes exchange" that would have a regional role. A second regional peer exchange brought together highway and transit agencies and MPOs from across the state to discuss their programming processes. Board and Policy Committee approval was being sought to first form a technical advisory group for implementing performance-based funding and second, directing that CMAP initiate a regional process for developing selection methodology to evaluate projects. On the first action, forming a technical advisory group, suggestions from the Board and Policy Committee members included: inviting the Tollway to the table; a transit component should also be considered when thinking about performance-based funding; local advisory composition should

include county engineers. IDOT staff, Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Programming Charles Ingersoll and Bola Delano discussed efforts by the department related to the introduction of performance measures, required in federal legislation, that were to be revealed at its upcoming Fall Planning Conference. The Director fielded questions related to the formation of the advisory group, but was unable to commit. A first step towards performance-based funding, it was concluded, begins with performance measures.

A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch directing that CMAP form a technical advisory group for implementing performance-based funding and that CMAP be directed to initiate a regional process for developing selection methodology to evaluate projects. Ingersoll, on behalf of the Policy Committee chair, abstained from the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Congestion Pricing

CMAP staff Jesse Elam described CMAP's recently-launched campaign to encourage implementation of congestion pricing through the following approach: development of a microsite to explain pricing and its benefits (live on October 15); technical analyses of the five capital projects in GO TO 2040; and, outreach. Elam related the benefits of congestion pricing: reduced congestion delay; no traffic spillover; enhanced transit in express lanes; social benefits of reduced congestion; and, keeping new capacity open. Elam was able to point out equity issues while considered minor, included drivers would take express lanes only when they need to and drivers at almost any income would have the option to use those lanes. Finally, Elam reported that CMAP is seeking opportunities for outreach through partner agency boards and committees, communities in the project corridors (particularly I-90 and I-55), legislators and news media. Questions raised included spillover to local streets which would be non-existent since a new lane would be added for this purpose; how would carpooling affect pricing required additional investigation; reaction from the business community (trucking, retailers) is being investigated by World Business Chicago; the impact on the PACE bus-on-shoulder program on the Stevenson and the effect of trucks in that lane; modeling and pricing to manage congestion versus building infrastructure, again the lane would be in addition to existing. Staff was directed to continue its analysis and outreach efforts to other groups.

GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects

A July update on GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects had been distributed and Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn gave an overview of the various capital projects and key matters that may require action, by the Board and Policy Committee, in the near future. Two projects currently undergoing engineering work (the Illiana and the Circle Interchange) if constructed, would require a more thorough evaluation and approval by the Board and Policy Committee incorporating them into the plan. As was previously reported, CMAP will want to ensure that transportation implementers are coordinating their efforts and moving towards congestion pricing and managed lanes, particularly associated with I-90, I-290, the Circle Interchange and I-55. Finally, Blankenhorn continued, CMAP continues to stay involved in the Central Lake Corridor, Red Line and South Extension, 294/57 Interchange and the Elgin O'Hare projects from a land use planning and financing perspective.

Mayor Schielke questioned the impact of the January 1 “cliff” as it relates to transportation funding and Blankenhorn reported that core projects are expected to remain unchanged, that while funding may be reduced by \$7.5-10 billion (at 2011-2012) levels, the transportation program should be relatively unscathed.

15.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board or the MPO Policy Committee.

16.0 Public Comment

Peter Skosey, V.P., Metropolitan Planning Council requested a moment to advise the Board and Policy Committee that MPC fully supports the performance-based funding and that performance measures are certainly a good first step to a more robust program. Skosey also gave some background on the 07-08 house promotion of legislation, and the 09-10 process that was scaled back. Skosey reported that MPC hopes to work with members of the general assembly in the next session to encourage that performance based funding does occur, to keep the conversation front and center while engaging others.

17.0 Next Meeting

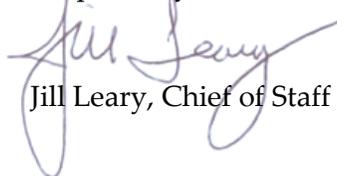
The CMAP Board meets next on November 14, 2012

The MPO Policy Committee meets January 10, 2013

18.0 Adjournment

At 11:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Tom Cuculich. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

10-26-2012

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees
From: CMAP Staff
Date: November 7, 2012
Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 72 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 17 projects have been completed, 41 are fully underway, and 14 will get actively underway in the near future. Two projects, the Hanover Park corridor plan and Norridge comprehensive plan, were completed in October. Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

More than 40 projects were added to the LTA program at the Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting on October 10. Some of these have begun to be scoped, and are included in the status table. Others will be added over the coming months as they approach startup.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Addison comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	July 2011- Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Public Hearing to be held at Village Hall on November 14 th at 7:00pm. Plan adoption tentatively planned for end of November.
Algonquin downtown plan (see project website)	Jack Pfingston	Feb. 2012- Jan. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Consultant presented to a joint Village Commission meeting on October 11. The Committee of the Whole met on October 23 to review preliminary recommendations. The second public planning workshop and a developer summit are scheduled for November 28.
Alsip comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2012- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Meetings conducted with RTA and Pace to discuss Plan recommendations. Draft plan is on schedule for completion by mid-November.
Antioch greenway plan (see project website)	Shafaq Choudry	Apr. 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Kickoff meeting with steering committee and Village Board meetings took place in August. Existing Conditions Report and mapping are in draft form. The first public workshop took place October 9. High school focus group scheduled for November 7 th .
Berwyn zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	Dec. 2012- Sept. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	This project involves the full rewrite of Berwyn's zoning ordinance, building on the comprehensive plan update that was recently completed. Scoping is underway.
Big Rock comprehensive plan	Trevor Dick	TBD	Staff assistance	Met with Village and County staff on October 31st to discuss project scoping and expected CMAP role. CMAP staff will be working with County staff to create scope of work and expected deliverables in November.
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see project website)	Sef Okoth	Phase 2: Nov. 2011- Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Plan recommendations, market analysis and proposed zoning changes presented to the Steering Committee on October 9 th . CMAP staff currently drafting the plan to be completed in November. Meeting held with MPC on October 18 th to review project progress and strategize for the final public meeting. Plans are underway to brief the aldermen on the plan recommendations and hold a public meeting to present the draft plan to the public.
Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study	Sef Okoth	July 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Project kick-off meeting and Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting held October 30 th . The committee reviewed and approved the project scope and outreach plan. CMAP staff drafted and presented the statement of significance, mission, vision statements, and themes for the proposed National Heritage Area.

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				They will be forwarded to the National Park Service after review by the PAC. Staff continues to conduct research and outreach for the feasibility study.
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Project involves surveying residents to understand their food preferences, shopping patterns, and barriers to accessing food resources. Meeting held with CNH on October 4 th to scope the project. Staff completed drafting the survey with assistance from food accessibility experts from Chicago State University and UIC. Review of the draft survey by key project partners is underway.
Chicago "Green and Healthy Neighborhood" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see project website)	Jason Navota	Mar. 2011- Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Second phase planning and outreach is underway, including group tours and planning for 20+ "zones." Housing analysis complete. Separate analyses of green infrastructure and food systems are underway. Final public meeting scheduled for November 10. Detailed zone planning and land use policy development and drafting of plan chapters are underway.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Consultants continued working on the existing conditions and market analyses. Draft report on the existing conditions is expected at the end of November. Feasibility assessment of transportation improvements began in October. Plans are underway to meet with the affected Aldermen to brief them on the project.
Chinatown neighborhood plan	Stephen Ostrander	Nov. 2012- Nov. 2013	Staff assistance	This project involves the preparation of a neighborhood plan to shape the future of Chicago's Chinatown, building on its recent centennial celebration. Project will include stakeholder meetings to discuss various planning subjects. Full scoping of the project is currently underway, with kick-off expected in early December.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan	Pete Saunders	TBD	Consultant assistance	Project scoping underway. Focus shifted from development of the development of design guidelines near a train station to a CPTED-focused neighborhood plan in the Apache Park neighborhood. An RFP is under development for release in November.
Developing Communities Project support for CTA Red Line extension (see project website)	Kendra Smith	Oct. 2011- Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. All community focus groups and interviews are complete and have been transcribed by Loyola's Center for Urban Research and Learning. CMAP staff has viewed the first draft of the Red Line Livability Video, the second draft was sent to project partners, CTA and DCP, for review the week of October 29 th . It is expected that the

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
				video will be complete in November. The first draft report is under internal review. Community Education Session planning in conjunction with CTA continues.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar.-Dec. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. The draft Pedestrian Infrastructure report is under Village review. Draft comments from Metra and Pace have been received. Recommendations from the public outreach process were drafted and sent to the Village and considered by the steering committee on October 16. There will be a public meeting to consider the draft recommendations on November 14 th .
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012-Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Consultant has been selected. Kickoff meeting took place on November 1.
Elburn comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Apr. 2012-Feb. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Existing Conditions Report reviewed by Elburn Plan Commission in October. Draft Plan and recommendations expected in late November or early December.
Elgin Dundee Avenue corridor study	Pete Saunders	TBD	Staff assistance and small grant	Project scoping is underway. City approved MOU and resolution in October. CMAP staff is preparing application to ULI for TAP assistance for project. Kickoff meeting with ULI is expected in early November.
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Bayley	June 2012-Apr. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Second steering committee meeting held on October 4. Public meeting will be held on November 15. Sidewalk and intersection survey complete for Existing Conditions survey.
Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see project website)	Nicole Woods	June 2011-Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff has completed a draft of the Comprehensive Plan, which is under review by Village staff. Steering committee will receive a copy of the draft in late November.
Fox Lake bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	July 2012-Mar. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Public workshop held October 30 th . Steering committee will meet in November.
Glen Ellyn downtown streetscape and parking study	Lindsay Bayley	July 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. First steering committee meeting held on October 16, website went live and existing conditions review is under development.
Hinsdale parking study	Lindsay Bayley	TBD	Staff assistance	Project scoping is underway. The Village Board will vote on the approval of the MOU and resolution on November 6 th . Kickoff meeting is expected in early November.

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Kane County local food project	Jessica Simoncelli	Sept. 2012- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Hosting kick-off meeting in September to start developing site criteria and steering committee.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff is currently compiling an analysis report that will be brought back to the Oversight Steering Committee (OSC) by January for review and discussion.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project	Drew Williams-Clark	Jan 2013- Dec 2013	Staff assistance	Staff met with lead applicant in early November to discuss scope and timeline. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled in early December to discuss scope, MOU and resolutions with staff from partner applicants: Elgin, East Dundee and West Dundee. Resolutions are anticipated for approval in January
Lake County sustainability plan (see project website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Preliminary recommendation ideas and policy statements are under development. Delta Institute and Openlands are both on contract to assist with some plan elements.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see project website)	Nora Beck	Nov. 2011- Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft Plan approved by steering committee. Public Open House on the Draft Plan scheduled for November 13. Project expected to enter formal adoption process in by end of January.
Lansing comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Consultant interviews conducted jointly by CMAP and Village of Lansing staff. Houseal Lavigne selected as project consultant. Project kick-off meeting expected in November.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan (see project website)	Jessica Simoncelli	Aug. 2011- Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The needs assessment report draft examines existing conditions and recommends next steps for a working group to support the sustainable food system in Lake County. Steering committee review of the final draft will occur in November. Staff and partners are writing recommendations for the Liberty Prairie Reserve master plan update.
Lynwood comprehensive plan	Pete Saunders	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates selected as project consultant. Currently pursuing project kickoff meeting between consultant and Village staff, and will coordinate creation of steering committee throughout November.
Maywood economic development strategy	Nicole Woods	Oct. 2012- Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Staff is working with Village on further refining project scope and schedule. Project is expected to officially kick-off in November.
McHenry County subarea plan	Jack Pffingston	Dec. 2011- Dec. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. Draft Final Report expected to go before the Planning and Development Committee by November 15 for Board approval by November 20.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see project website)	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012-Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff is currently drafting the Existing Conditions Report and preparing it for internal review. The report is expected to be delivered for Village staff review in November.
New Lenox corridor plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Two meetings, one for business & property owners, and the other for service providers and other stakeholders, were held on October 25. Next meeting of the steering committee expected in December. Consultant continues work on Existing Conditions Synthesis Report.
Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pfingston	Jan.-Dec. 2013	Grant funds	Project combines the Milwaukee Avenue corridor study that was selected during the first round of the LTA program with the bicycle and pedestrian plan that was selected for the second round. Project scoping and RFP development are underway.
Niles environmental action plan (see project website)	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012-Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff is drafting the plan for presentation at a public open house on December 4.
Norridge zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	TBD	Staff assistance	Following the completion of the Norridge comprehensive plan, the Village's zoning ordinance will be examined and recommendations for improvements will be made. This project is currently being scoped.
Northlake comprehensive plan (see project website)	Trevor Dick	Mar. 2012-Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff is currently working on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. A draft is expected to be presented to the Steering Committee by December followed by a public open house.
Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative "Homes for a Changing Region" project (see project website)	Drew Williams-Clark	Feb.-Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Municipal recommendations have been presented to municipal officials for review. Report drafts will be distributed to staff in November for final review before the plan design phase begins in December.
Oak Lawn 95 th Street corridor study	Pete Saunders	Nov. 2012-Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. RFP deadline was October 11, with six responses. Village approved MOU and resolution in October. Village and CMAP staff are currently evaluating responses for interviews in early November. Project startup is expected in December.
Oak Park water conservation program (see project website)	Nora Beck	Aug. 2011-Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft released to public in August. Presenting revised draft to Board in December with final draft to be presented to Board for approval in January.

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Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update.	Drew Williams-Clark	Dec. 2012- July 2013	Grant funds	RFP was rescinded after pre-bid discussion and is currently under review.
Plainfield downtown transportation plan (see project website)	Pete Saunders	Aug. 2012- Jun. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Consultant continued gathering data for existing conditions report and website development. Consultant coordinated with Will County Forest Preserve District, Kendall County Highway Department and Plainfield Township Highway Department. Initial public meeting will be held November 14..
Regional arts and culture toolkit	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2012- Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Expert advisory group reviewed the updated outline of the toolkit's content, which is also under internal review at CMAP. In consultation with advisory group, staff and consultant team continues to finalize local and national case studies to be included in toolkit.
Regional climate change adaptation toolkit	Jesse Elam	July 2012- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. This toolkit aims to help municipalities understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change in the Chicago region, with a focus on public infrastructure and land. An advisory committee meeting has been rescheduled pending contract execution with the University of Illinois.
Richton Park comprehensive plan	Pete Saunders	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates selected as project consultant. First project staff meeting and steering committee meeting both scheduled for November 13.
Riverside downtown area plan (see project website)	Nora Beck	Feb. 2012- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft recommendations memo under review by steering committee, to be confirmed by November 15. A draft plan is expected to be complete in January 2013.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see project website)	Jonathan Burch	May 2012- Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Existing conditions report completed and posted to the project website. Visioning meeting scheduled for December 4 th .
Seven Generations Ahead sustainability data	Drew Williams-Clark	Nov. 2012- Feb. 2013,	Staff assistance	Staff have developed a preliminary scope and timeline with SGA. Final approval of scope documents expected in November.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012- June 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	Underway. Project steering committee, comprised of local representatives and regional partners, held a kick-off meeting at SSMMA's office on October 10. Data collection on existing conditions in the study area is underway.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Waukegan subarea plan	Stephen Ostrander	Sept. 2012-Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff held a series of one-on-one interviews in October to identify stakeholders and steering committee. Staff also continued analysis of corridor as part of the preparation of the existing conditions report, scheduled for completion by the end of December. Targeted focus groups are planned for late November.
Westchester comprehensive plan (see project website)	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011-Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Received comments from Village staff regarding draft plan recommendations in October. Working on draft comprehensive plan to be completed at the end of November. Market analysis for various commercial areas to be completed in December. Draft plan will be modified to reflect results from market analysis in December.
West Cook Housing Collaborative, phase 2: Challenge Grant support	Drew Williams-Clark	Mar.-Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The working committee discussed preliminary site rankings to be approved by steering committee in November. A recommendations memo will be delivered in November.
Wheeling active transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	Jan-Nov. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. Third steering committee meeting held to tour the recommended improvements and priorities. Draft plan sent to Village officials for review.

Completed Projects

Project	CMAP lead	Completion date	Assistance type	Implementation status
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan adopted unanimously by City Council on October 23 rd . Project completed.
Blue Island comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	June 2012	Staff assistance	Plan Commissioner Training workshop conducted at City Hall on 10 th October. Meeting with Planning Director scheduled on October 31 st to discuss Western Avenue two-way conversion project.
Bronzeville Alliance retail corridor study, phase 1 (see project website)	Sef Okoth	Feb. 2012	Staff assistance	Two ongoing activities are helping to implement the project. The second phase focusing on land use change is underway and is described above. Also, the Chicago Community Trust provided a grant to the Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) in May to directly implement the recommendations of this project. TRC hired an Economic Development Coordinator who is

Project	CMAP lead	Completion date	Assistance type	Implementation status
				currently developing a website that will be a one-stop shop for economic and community development information for Bronzeville. She is also coordinating QCDC and 51 st Street Business Association to work collaboratively. Both of these tasks were recommended in Phase 1
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see project website)	Jason Navota	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Final plan approved by Plan Commission June 25 and approved 'with changes' by Village Board on August 21.
Carpentersville "Old Town" Area Action Plan (see project website)	Trevor Dick	July 2012	Staff assistance	The Village Board unanimously adopted the Plan at their July 10 meeting. An implementation memo is being created and will be reviewed internally. This will be followed by a meeting with Village Staff to discuss next steps.
Evanston water efficiency program (see project website)	Amy Talbot	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan accepted by Council in August. Implementation actions started by City and Utility.
Fairmont Neighborhood Plan (see project website)	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	On October 23 rd , representatives from the County, CMAP, Openlands, Lockport Township Park District, Will County Farm Bureau, Fairmont School District, the Food Pantry, and members from the steering committee met to discuss how to create a community garden(s) in the Fairmont community. The next steps include meeting with the senior group and local residents to ensure "grassroots" support on the potential location(s).
<i>Homes for a Changing Region</i> in south Cook (see project website)	Drew Williams-Clark	Dec. 2011	Staff assistance	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor), will be completed by ULI Chicago in early November. Through CMAP assistance, architectural firm SCB has prepared additional illustrations for the report.
<i>Homes for a Changing Region</i> in west Cook (see project website)	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Three of the four communities covered by the project have follow-up LTA projects. One, the Park Forest sustainability plan, was adopted in May. Lansing, Olympia Fields, and Park Forest received additional technical assistance under the EPA "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities" program in May. Future LTA projects in Lansing and Olympia Fields are now being scoped.
Joliet "Old Prison" redevelopment (see project website)	Pete Saunders	May 2012	Staff assistance	Phase 2 of this project, which involves supporting a Community Challenge grant in the same communities, is underway.

Project	CMAP lead	Completion date	Assistance type	Implementation status
project website)			and small grant	
Lake Zurich comprehensive water resources project	Amy Talbot	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working on a federal grant application to seek brownfield assessment funding for the 160-acre Prison East site. Deadline for the grant application is November 19.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see project website)	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Lake Zurich has submitted an application for further LTA assistance to implement the recommendations of this project. This will be reviewed in the coming months.
Orland Park water conservation ordinance (see project website)	Hala Ahmed	June 2012	Staff assistance	The Board voted unanimously to adopt the plan on October 24, 2012
Park Forest sustainability plan (see project website)	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012	Staff assistance	A meeting to initiate the regionalization process for the water conservation ordinance was completed on August 31. Based on meeting outcomes, staff from Orland Park will draft a Guiding Principles document to be distributed to the other five largest communities that purchase water from the Oak Lawn system. The document will address outdoor watering regulations that may be agreeable to all communities.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see project website)	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	Plan was unanimously adopted by the Village Board on May 14 and an implementation memo has been shared with Village staff. The Chicago Community Trust's grant to Park Forest directly implements the recommendations of this project. Also, Park Forest submitted a new LTA application for zoning updates to help implement the recommendations of the sustainability plan.
Waukegan planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	July 2012	Staff assistance	Tool was approved by the Collaborative and SSMMA in May. The Collaborative has utilized the tool to assess projects in the various Southland communities, including CDBG communities. Currently, the Collaborative is communicating the results from the tool's assessments to inform communities of the strengths and weaknesses of their projects. The Collaborative is also analyzing how the tool can be part of the Southland Loan Fund underwriting criteria process.

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 2013 Meeting Schedule

**Cook County Conference Room
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The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet the second Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at the CMAP offices. The following are the dates for 2013:

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Dolores Dowdle 
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: November 7, 2012

Re: Contract Approval for Federal Government Legislative Outreach Services

CMAP has established a strong presence in Washington D.C and has also become a strong voice nationally as to the importance of metropolitan regions to the U.S. economy which should be reflected as federal policy and programs are developed. Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, CMAP has developed a Federal Legislative Framework which is a set of principles to inform federal legislators and national policy makers about CMAP’s position. A consultant has worked with CMAP over the last five years to assist with our federal outreach and legislative review efforts.

A Request for Proposals was issued to interested firms to continue assistance to CMAP with the federal outreach and legislative review efforts. The RFP requested cost for five years with an anticipated term of the contract of two years with three one-year options for renewal. Five proposals were received with the following cost proposals.

HOURLY RATE					
<i>Firm</i>	<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Year 5</i>
Alcalde & Fay	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$550	\$550
Barnes & Thornburg	\$335	\$353	\$370	\$390	\$408
Edwards/Wildman	\$300	\$300	\$315	\$330	\$350
McPherson	\$165	\$173	\$183	\$188	\$188
Wilkison Consulting	\$125	\$125	\$130	\$130	\$135

The proposals were reviewed by a team comprised of Alex Beata, Ylida Capriccioso and Gordon Smith. The team based the following evaluation on the criteria listed in the RFP.

1. The firm's demonstrated record of experience and responsiveness in providing consulting services in the area(s) identified in the Scope of Services.
2. The qualifications and experience of the firm's personnel to be assigned to CMAP's work in the area(s) identified in the Scope of Services.
3. Responsiveness to the scope of services.
4. Cost to CMAP.

	Criteria			
	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Qualifications</i>	<i>Responsiveness to Scope</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Maximum Score</i>	30	25	25	20
Alcalde & Fay	23.0	17.5	21.67	0
Barnes & Thornburg	24.0	17.5	21.67	10.0
Edwards/Wildman	16.0	15.0	21.67	12.0
McPherson	24.0	20.0	21.67	18.0
Wilkison	28.0	21.67	21.67	20.0

After reviewing the proposals, Wilkison Consulting was selected for the contract based on the responses to the RFP, experience with CMAP's processes and the GO TO 2040 plan, overall familiarity with CMAP's federal agenda, and low cost per hour rate. Wilkison Consulting was the highest ranked proposal and the lowest bid received.

It is recommended that the Board approve a two-year contract with an option of three one-year renewal contracts with Wilkison Consulting, not to exceed \$60,000 annually to provide federal government legislative outreach services. Support for the contract is included in the FY 2013 budget from CMAP General Fund. The option renewal years will be dependent on performance and the level of approved funding for this purpose. The maximum of the five-year contract will be \$300,000.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 7, 2012

Re: Re-Establishing State/Regional Water Supply Planning and Management

Staff is seeking CMAP Board support to partner with the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) to pursue strategies to restore state/regional water supply planning and management with new, sustainable funding options.

MPC is convening a stakeholder group in a series of discussions on improved coordination of water supply management policy. The initial goal is to build support for implementation of *Water 2050*, northeastern Illinois' regional water supply plan, which will in turn lead to improved management practices. Through these discussions it will be determined whether consensus on major priorities can be reached amongst a broad constituency of public, private, and non-profit partners, and if so, then coordinate and collaborate on policy advocacy and implementation at the state, regional and local levels.

BACKGROUND AND THE WATER 2050 PROCESS

Adopted in January 2010, *Water 2050* was a partnership between our region and the State of Illinois. By executive order in 2006, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Office of Water Resources established an overall framework for water supply planning. The Illinois State Water Survey and Illinois State Geological Survey provided a rigorous scientific basis for *Water 2050*'s eventual conclusions.¹

Our regional *Water 2050* planning process successfully resulted in science-based policy recommendations, brought stakeholders together, and increased public awareness during the plan's three-year development phase. The plan noted something that has become all too apparent with the drought of 2012: Even in a state blessed with abundant water, shortages are a real concern. For example, the deep-bedrock aquifer provides half of the groundwater used in the Chicago area, yet

¹ Another plan based on a similar arrangement between the state and a regional group was developed in the Mahomet Aquifer area.

water from that source is being withdrawn much faster than it is being replenished. Ninety-six percent of the water supply available from Lake Michigan is now allocated.

Funding to support the development of *Water 2050s* was problematic, and today there is no funding to support its implementation. While the *Water 2050* process began with adequate State funding for the first two years, in the third year funding was cut from the State's general revenue fund. A year later, support for the third year was partially restored with funds from a one-time source (environmental compliance settlements). CMAP and its partners contributed significant funding to cover the remainder of the plan's development cost, including funding to conclude the scientific work conducted by the State Water Surveys. The plan was completed, but no ongoing State of Illinois revenue has been identified to support the regional water-supply plans whose development IDNR encouraged, including *Water 2050*. Exacerbating the situation, the State also eliminated its Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund, a key source of CMAP's funding that had supported this and other non-transportation planning efforts.

STRATEGIES FOR MOVING FORWARD

The ongoing 2012 drought reaffirms the need for collaborative regional solutions to water supply management. Future policy changes will require informed input and participation from a diverse constituency; IDNR, Ill. Environmental Protection Agency, and Ill. Dept. of Public Health are all considering substantial policy changes that will affect regional and local decisions and investment in water resources. Additionally, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) recent report on building stronger tri-state ties on economic development between Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, identified water resources as a major opportunity area, which could galvanize the private sector to take a more pro-active stance on regional water supply policy issues.

While many of these are positive steps, northeastern Illinois and the state as a whole will benefit from building a broader base of support for advancing common water resources policies consistent with regional priorities for economic productivity, environmental sustainability, and social equity. In an effort to move this issue forward regionally, staff recommends that CMAP partner with MPC to convene a water supply management policy coordination group to establish common priorities. Through sustained discussion, the group will first work toward a proactive statement of policy objectives, then develop the means to achieve them, including legislative initiatives to be pursued collaboratively. The group will include a balanced mix of municipal, county, state, private utility, council of government, agriculture, industry, recreational, environmental, and civic stakeholders from throughout the region.

The following policy goals stemming from *Water 2050* are suggested as a starting point for discussion:

- Establish stakeholder-driven regional water supply planning as the norm throughout Illinois, with a sustained, dedicated revenue stream to support planning and targeted implementation.
- Establish sufficient funding for the Illinois State Water Survey and other relevant institutions to provide timely, necessary research on all of Illinois'

water resources and to fulfill statutory obligations related to water use reporting.

- Modernize the Lake Michigan permit conditions to better facilitate sustainable water resources management, fulfill Illinois' obligations under the Great Lakes Compact and other agreements, and collect more reliable data on northeastern Illinois' water consumption trends.
- Ensure Illinois's limited capital investment assistance for water resources management is deployed as effectively as possible in the service of sustainable water resources management.
- Remove policy barriers to large-scale and widespread reuse of non-potable water.
- Establish full-cost pricing as the norm for utilities throughout Illinois.
- Improve coordination and integration of water resource management activities between units of government, water resource managers, and other stakeholders.
- Provide appropriate incentives within state tax policy to encourage sustainable water resources management and growth in water-dependent economic activity.

Staff is recommending that the CMAP Board support this effort to move this issue forward with the intention of securing sustainable funding for our regional water supply and management work.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and guidance to staff

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 7, 2012

Re: Proposed CMAP and RTA Merger

Northeastern Illinois needs and deserves world-class public transit. Transit plays a key role in increasing mobility and connecting our workers with job opportunities. It helps make our region a desirable and practical destination for people and businesses, who value the accessibility provided by our extensive system. Moving forward, achieving modern transit service will only grow in importance as our region competes with other places around the globe for talent and investment. GO TO 2040 emphasizes the importance of public transit and devotes one of the plan's twelve chapters to outlining a series of implementation actions for strengthening it.

As GO TO 2040 points out, transit ridership has not kept pace with the region's growth. A recent proposal from Metropolis Strategies seeks to address this problem through consolidating the regional financial and oversight functions of RTA with the existing functions of CMAP. This memo summarizes CMAP's overall observations on the major challenges and opportunities facing transit as well as staff's perspective on this specific proposal.

THE METROPOLIS STRATEGIES PROPOSAL

Metropolis Strategies recently proposed moving toward a more effective transit system by merging RTA with CMAP. According to Metropolis Strategies, the benefits of a merger include a "fresh start for a 'broken' institution" and "a better path to create a modern transit system."¹ The proposal would combine the staffs of the two agencies under the leadership of the CMAP executive director, appoint a new Board, and mandate that this Board, in consultation with the appointing authorities, draft reform recommendations within 18 months. The intent of the proposal was to generate a public debate on the importance of transit and ways that it could be improved. Metropolis Strategies is motivated by the following:

¹ Metropolis Strategies. "Public Transit in Metropolitan Chicago". July 18, 2012.

- A modern efficient public transit system is necessary for metropolitan Chicago to compete economically as one of the world's leading global regions;
- Transit ridership is not growing at rates as fast as other metropolitan regions, and overall transit ridership is down 20 percent in this region since 1980;
- The structure of the governance system between RTA and the three service boards makes cooperation difficult;
- The allocation of public dollars for operating assistance and capital improvements continues to be based on formulas that are over 20 years old, and in some cases 30 years old (meanwhile, the region's demographics and needs have changed significantly over that time);
- The four transit agencies duplicate each other's back-office functions, which wastes taxpayer dollars;
- Capital resources for transit come primarily from the federal government and only episodically from the State of Illinois. Finding a steady, reliable source of capital funding to support the region's transit system must be a top priority, and to date this has not materialized.

At this point, no legislation has been introduced on this proposal. Metropolis Strategies has presented this proposal publicly in a number of forums, however to date, there has not been a thorough discussion by the CMAP Board as to how they would like to address this issue and whether the Board chooses to take a position on the proposed merger or would like to make a different statement on the governance and administration of our region's transit system.

GO TO 2040 AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

CMAP has been strongly on record that the region needs to improve and invest in our transit system and control costs. Increasing commitment to public transit is one of twelve chapters in GO TO 2040, and the plan states that the goal is to make transit the preferred travel option for as many of the region's residents as possible. In all, GO TO 2040 offers twenty-four implementation action areas specifically about public transit, distilled across four distinct focus areas. These can be summarized as follows:

- 1) **Improve the fiscal health of transit**, through strengthening RTA's efforts on financial oversight, implementing innovative revenue options, and revising the federal New Starts program to support reinvestment in existing systems.
- 2) **Modernize the region's transit system**, through prioritized investments like adoption of new technologies, implementation of traveler information systems, state-of-the art rolling stock and stations, and more seamless coordination between modes.

- 3) **Pursue high-priority projects**, including planning for transit on highway projects, and improve evaluation measures and decision-making processes.
- 4) **Conduct supportive land use planning** around transit, identify additional opportunities for transit oriented development, and promote housing affordability near transit.

The plan details the continual financial challenges facing the transit system that have been caused by insufficient revenues, rapid increases in costs (often above inflation), and a rigid system of formula-based funding allocations. The crux of most of the plan's recommendations on improving the fiscal health of transit is directed at RTA and the three service boards. Specifically, the plan calls for strengthening RTA efforts on financial oversight and that the RTA, in collaboration with the service boards, should focus its efforts on addressing the system's fiscal health, including increasing efficiencies and limiting cost increases moving forward.

ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES FROM CMAP STAFF

While mergers are not specifically recommended in GO TO 2040, CMAP staff generally agrees with the overall problems articulated in the Metropolis Strategies proposal. Reliable investment in transit must be among our highest priorities, and our region quickly runs the risk of losing economic ground relative to our competitors around the world if it does not create a more modern, well-functioning system. We also think that a conversation about efficient governance, even one involving our own agency, is worth having, since this is exactly what our own plan clearly articulates.

If implemented, GO TO 2040's specific transit recommendations will help move our region to a more economically competitive place. However, it is also true that accomplishing many of these actions will be very difficult, potentially requiring massive change in how transit is governed and how tax dollars are collected and allocated. Specifically, it is critical that the regional transit entities move toward performance based funding rather than politics for shaping the allocation of scarce resources. Our region should also be more proactive about finding new revenues for supporting transit capital. CMAP staff understands that some of these political dynamics, which often pit the transit agencies as well as different parts of the region against each other, may be incredibly difficult to overcome.

CMAP staff is concerned whether the RTA Board can be truly functional in meeting the goals of GO TO 2040, given the structural issues it faces. Simply put, the result (whether intended or unintended) of the RTA Board's existing enabling legislation is an outcome of "stay the course." Staff does not believe that this stalemate has resulted from the actions of any individual Board members or the RTA staff. Rather, this system of governance has been constructed to protect and defend existing resources rather than assess what investments are best for the overall metropolitan region.

However, the Metropolis Strategies proposal also assumes that better investment decisions are more likely to emerge from a reconstituted Board. CMAP staff is concerned that, in the absence

of real reform in how the investment decisions are made and how service is cooperatively delivered, these outcomes will be difficult to achieve. While developing a plan for making these kinds of transformative decisions would likely be among the first actions taken by any reconstituted Board, what may emerge is simply a shift of the big problems from the RTA over to CMAP, unless the appointing authorities agree that real reform is needed and appoint members to implement those reforms.

The issue of governance and addressing whether real reform is politically feasible is no small matter. The CMAP Board should discuss if there is consensus that reform is needed and if so, whether the Board wishes to make it a priority to pursue changes that will work towards achieving the goals of GO TO 2040.

In addition to this memo and to move this discussion forward, RTA staff will make a presentation to the CMAP Board at your meeting to provide you with information on the RTA governance structure, the operating funding formula, and the capital funding distribution.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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