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Planning Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Cook 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); Jack Darin (Environment and Natural Resources Committee); Michael Davidson (Human and Community Development Committee); Jason Keller (Economic Development Committee); Al Larson (CMAP Board – Northwest Cook County); Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board – South Cook County); Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use Committee); Rocco Zucchero (Transportation Committee)

Members Absent: Allison Milld Clements (Housing Committee); Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board – DuPage County); Janel Forde (CMAP Board – Chicago); Leanne Redden (CMAP Board – Regional Transportation Authority); Terry Wepler (CMAP Board – Lake County)

Staff Present: Mandy Burrell, Anthony Manno, Liz Schuh, Tina Fassett Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order

Carolyn Schofield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m., and members introduced themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) 2018 Call for Projects

Anthony Manno announced that the 2018 LTA program Call for Projects would be open from September 6th to October 26th. The new schedule coincides with adoption of ON TO 2050. Projects will be evaluated in the fall and winter, with likely adoption by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in February or March 2019. CMAP is again partnering with the Regional Transportation Authority through their Community Planning program.

In response to a question from Michael Davidson, Manno noted that potential factors influencing the program's budget and size include staff capacity, applications received, and other ON TO 2050 implementation items. In response to a question from Mark VanKerkhoff about CMAP educational outreach, Manno stated that there will not be a Technical Assistance Symposium; however, education about priorities of ON TO 2050 and their relation to the LTA program will occur, potentially via an open house and/or webinar.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Plan for Public Comment

Liz Schuh provided an overview of the draft ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan which will be available for public comment from June 15 to August 14, 2018. CMAP will host a series of open houses and a public hearing over the summer. Schuh discussed plan outreach efforts to date and thanked committee members and their organizations for providing comments and feedback.

In response to a question from Michael Davidson about the trend toward multi-unit housing, Schuh noted that downtown Chicago development drove the trend immediately after the recession, but in recent years it is evident throughout the region. In response to questions from committee members about industry sectors, Schuh stated that specific sector-focused recommendations will be identified during plan follow-up work; for example, a deep dive into the region's traded clusters is beginning.

Rocco Zucchero passed along compliments from the Transportation Committee on the inclusivity of the planning process and commended staff for the presentation. In response to questions from Michael Davidson about working lands, Schuh noted that land preservation is included in the Environment chapter, and the plan includes a placeholder indicator for agricultural preservation. Strategy development for agricultural preservation was an important next step identified during preparation of the Lands in Transition Strategy Paper.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Implementation Priorities

Andrew Williams-Clark provided an overview of recently initiated activities to implement draft ON TO 2050 recommendations. The discussed projects require coordination with external stakeholders, and most are in very early stages.

Rocco Zucchero noted that a member of the Transportation Committee had suggested the project to revise IDOT design manuals include transit. Mark VanKerkhoff thanked CMAP for its support of the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation. In response to a comment from Jason Keller, Williams-Clark noted that inclusivity will be an element of these projects, as well as other work at CMAP.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Communications Material

Tina Fassett Smith provided an overview of the overall design and various visual assets associated with ON TO 2050. The plan's online presentation will make it more accessible, interactive, and responsive. ON TO 2050 will not be presented as a separate website; rather, it will be viewed as a channel of CMAP's existing website. Visual assets include a photo library for use in the plan and by staff, as well as urban design illustrations that show how specific interventions might look in real life settings. Visual

elements will include infographics, schematic illustrations, and various interactive elements. The plan will also include interactive local strategy maps as well as profiles of individuals from throughout the region. Though the draft plan will be released June 15th, final graphics and interactivity will not be available until the plan is adopted October 10, 2018.

In response to a question from Mark VanKerkhoff, Smith stated that references to GO TO 2040 and other materials can be made via linked online text.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Launch Event

Mandy Burrell announced that the ON TO 2050 launch event will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 10:00 am to noon, at Millennium Park. The event's focus will be putting the plan into action; it will include a panel as well as keynote speaker Clarence Anthony of the National League of Cities. Burrell announced that registration is open and committee members are encouraged to promote the launch event and invite colleagues, neighbors, and friends.

In response to a question from Jack Darin, Liz Schuh stated that the Planning and Programming Committees will meet October 10th prior to the launch event in order to consider approval of plan before consideration by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

8.0 Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business presented.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The Planning Committee is scheduled to meet next on September 12, 2018.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Schuh

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, September 12, 2018