



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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### **Economic Development Meeting DRAFT Minutes March 26, 2018**

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook Conference Room  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois

**Members present:** Matthew Bruce (Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance), Jonathan Furr (Education Systems Center), Bryan Gay (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development), John Greuling (Will County), Terrence Hall (World Business Chicago), Emily Harris (Chicago Community Trust), Michael Horsting (Regional Transportation Authority), Kevin Kramer (Village of Hoffman Estates), Kurtis Poszgay (Village of Bensenville), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Irene Sherr (Cook County)

**Others present:** Garland Armstrong (Access Living), Heather Armstrong (Access Living), Shalora Jasper (Alliance for Regional Development), Tom Hulseman (Chicago Regional Growth Corporation), Praticsha Wagle (University of Illinois-Chicago)

**CMAP staff:** Diana Cooke, Patrick Day, Austen Edwards, Jane Grover, Lindsay Hollander, Erin Kenney, Aseal Tineh, Simone Weil

#### **1.0 Call to Order/Introductions**

Lance Pressl called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. Staff requested help promoting CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program this summer, which helps teens to learn about the issues that shape our region and to think of solutions with other students from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. Applications are due by May 7, 2018.

#### **3.0 Approval meeting minutes**

A motion to adopt the minutes for February 26, 2018 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

#### **4.0 Chicago Regional Growth Corporation**

Launched in January 2018, the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation (CRGC) provides metropolitan Chicago with a forum to set economic priorities and help generate regional growth and prosperity. Tom Hulseman, Executive Director, discussed the organization's initial scope and opportunities for ongoing collaboration among the county board chairs of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties and the Deputy Mayor of City of Chicago. Initial areas of work include programs that connect the region to global markets, enhance regional systems, and support specialized industry clusters. In pursuing these initiatives, CRGC will focus on its primary role as a convener, collaborator, and partner of existing regional stakeholders. Members discussed the need for similar regional coordination on issues of workforce development, as well as the importance of ongoing collaboration with municipal officials. Members also expressed interest in how CRGC will set goals and indicators for benchmarking its work.

#### **5.0 ON TO 2050: Draft governance recommendations**

Staff have developed the major recommendations of the ON TO 2050 chapter concerning governance. Lindsay Hollander and Patrick Day presented the proposed strategies to help address issues of constrained public resources, infrastructure needs, and inconsistent municipal capacity. Recommendations primarily address the need for collaboration on issues of regional significance, coordinated operations and maintenance of infrastructure, improved technical and resource capacity across local governments, and data-driven and performance-based approaches. Members discussed CMAP's potential roles in coordinating applications for federal freight funding, assisting local governments considering consolidation or service sharing, and improving access to public information and data.

#### **6.0 ON TO 2050: Public and corporate engagement**

Jane Grover provided an update on initiatives to engage the general public and the region's corporate sector in ON TO 2050. CMAP has begun an intensive process to discuss the plan's implementation and develop partnerships with civic partners, regional anchors, chambers of commerce, and other stakeholders. Staff are requesting assistance in identifying additional contacts in support of this effort. In particular, CMAP is working with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to organize a regional symposium of chambers of commerce in June 2018 and staff are seeking recommendations for potential participants. Members discussed opportunities to engage philanthropic organizations and the venture capital industry.

#### **7.0 ON TO 2050: Draft chapter on the economy**

With feedback from committee members, staff have now fully drafted and shared the ON TO 2050 chapter concerning the regional economy. While the committee has been engaged throughout related analysis and strategy development, staff are now requesting feedback and comments on the full draft, before it is released for public comment in June 2018. In particular, staff are seeking comments on its goals, recommendations, framing, and presentation. Follow-up calls or small meetings can be held with committee members that want to provide more comments than possible via email. Members discussed the need for

shared goals and indicators for benchmarking the region's progress on inclusive growth and the importance of consideration for people with disabilities.

**8.0 Other business**

Michael Horsting, a new committee member representing the Regional Transportation Authority, was introduced.

**9.0 Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong commented on the importance of including people with disabilities -- particularly those with vision and/or hearing impairments -- in ON TO 2050's strategies for inclusive growth.

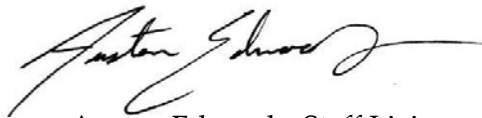
**10.0 Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 25, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**11.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Austen Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Austen Edwards, Staff Liaison