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Planning Committee

Minutes

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DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
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- 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); Nancy Firfer (*for Allison Milld Clements – Housing Committee); Jason Keller (Economic Development Committee); Richard Reinbold (CMAP Board – South Cook County); Mark VanKerkhoff (Land Use Committee); Terry Weppler (CMAP Board – Lake County); Rocco Zucchero (Transportation Committee)
- Members Absent:** Franco Coladipietro (CMAP Board – DuPage County); Janel Forde (CMAP Board – Chicago); Al Larson (CMAP Board – Northwest Cook County); Leanne Redden (CMAP Board – Regional Transportation Authority)
- Staff Present:** Jane Grover, Anthony Manno, Liz Schuh, Simone Weil, Andrew Williams-Clark
- 1.0 Call to Order**
Carolyn Schofield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 June 13, 2018 meeting.
- 4.0 ON TO 2050: Review of the ON TO 2050 Engagement Process**
Jane Grover provided an overview of public engagement carried out by CMAP during development of ON TO 2050, including three focused outreach phases. Outreach included 10 forums and 277 workshops reaching 4,750 residents, and more than 100,000

kiosk interactions. The first phase in 2016 focused on challenges and opportunities in the region and resulted in the Emerging Priorities Report. The second phase in summer 2017 used scenario planning to explore “alternative futures” the region might face and resulted in the ON TO 2050 Preview Report. CMAP also conducted significant youth and corporate engagement. The third phase during summer 2018 collected public input on the draft ON TO 2050 plan, which included 38 presentations to CMAP committees, 11 open houses, and one public hearing. CMAP received nearly 1,000 public comments during this period. For each phase, Grover discussed the priority issues raised by residents and stakeholders.

Mark VanKerkhoff thanked CMAP for its consistent outreach efforts to the collar counties, including via kiosks, forums, and open houses.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Discussion of Revisions from the Public Comment

Liz Schuh discussed public comments received on the draft plan and changes that were made in response. She provided an overview of the types of comment received as well as which portion of the plan they were directed to. The largest number of comments were on regionally significant projects, with the rest of the Mobility chapter also a source of many comments. Changes were made throughout the plan in response to comments, with overarching changes related to planning for residents with disabilities, emphasizing the historic roots of today’s racial inequities, better connecting recommendations and plan indicators, and highlighting more local examples and best practices. Other notable changes related to recommendations addressing tax policy, economic development, a vehicle miles traveled fee, and impacts of freight movement on communities.

In response to a question from Richard Reinbold, Schuh stated that an approach for responding to commenters individually was still being formulated.

Michael Davidson congratulated CMAP on its work, and he inquired how implementation of ON TO 2050 would proceed and whether the process would be different from that used for GO TO 2040. Schuh responded that a later presentation would address implementation items involving external partners. Implementation is also reflected via CMAP’s work planning document and transportation programming initiatives. GO TO 2040 implementation involved creation of the Local Technical Assistance program, and ON TO 2050 implementation will refine that program to reflect the new plan, including initiatives related to capacity building. On the policy front, implementation will address issues such as emerging technology and regional collaboration for economic development.

In response to a question from Jason Keller about incentivizing partnerships and collaboration, Schuh noted that the plan contains a recommendation that the state create a program to fund feasibility studies for service sharing and consolidation. CMAP also encourages and rewards collaboration where possible. Rocco Zucchero added that CMAP incentivizes collaboration in its transportation programming decisions, such as CMAQ project selection.

6.0 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 early stages.

In response to a question from Michael Davidson about green jobs, Simone Weil stated that CMAP has coordinated with the Voorhees Center at UIC in this area. Davidson also inquired about the goal of working with IDOT revise design manuals; Liz Schuh stated that CMAP has proposed through a technical advisory group that IDOT research this issue.

In response to a question from Mark VanKerkhoff about Opportunity Zones, Williams-Clark noted that CMAP is doing analysis but has not made recommendations since the issue is emergent. Jason Keller stated that the Federal Reserve is partnering with CMAP to analyze Opportunity Zones in the seven-county region. He noted that many different types of entities can form a fund to take advantage of this tax incentive.

In response to a question from Carolyn Schofield about including a timeline in the memo for each project, Williams-Clark noted that many projects do not have specific timeframes because they are early in the planning process; however, CMAP's work plan does reflect a number of the projects.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) 2018 Call for Projects

Anthony Manno announced that the 2018 LTA Call for Projects opened September 6th and that CMAP is once again partnering with the RTA's Community Planning Program. Applications are due at noon on October 26th. CMAP conducted an information session on September 11th and will be conducting workshops in each county prior to the application deadline. The intent is have proposed selections for MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board approval in February or March. Project start dates will likely be staggered, with the first projects beginning around July 2019.

In response to a question from Jason Keller about projects that were unsuccessful in previous years that have reapplied, Manno noted that CMAP conducts a debrief with unsuccessful applicants and encourages open communication to strengthen applications. Carolyn Schofield noted that McHenry County had success resubmitting a project with adjustments made based on feedback from CMAP staff.

In response to a comment from Michael Davidson, Manno noted that the initial application is shorter than it was in previous years and is intended to collect general information about proposed project scope and partners.

In response to a question from Carolyn Schofield, Manno stated that workshop dates and locations would be forthcoming.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business presented.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The Planning Committee is scheduled to meet next on October 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Schuh

Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 3, 2018