Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018

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

Board Members Present:
Gerald Bennett, Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Matthew Brolley-representing Kane/Kendall Counties, Janel Forde-representing the City of Chicago, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Marty Oberman-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Matthew Walsh-representing west central Cook County, Terry Weppler-representing Lake County, Diane Williams-representing suburban Cook County, and non-voting members, Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Justine Sydello-representing the Governor’s office.

Staff Present:
Joe Szabo, Melissa Porter, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Tom Garritano, Stephane Phifer, Jesse Elam, and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions
CMAP Board Chair Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:33 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
There were no agenda changes or announcements.
3.0 Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the CMAP Board meeting of June 13, 2018, as presented made by Janel Forde was seconded by Carolyn Schofield, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director’s Report
The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update was included in the packet, and CMAP’s FY 2018 Annual Report was distributed. Regarding ON TO 2050 Outreach, Draft Plan, and Launch, Szabo reported that the public comment period closed on August 14, that he had one-on-one meetings with the Board and Policy Committee members, there were 10 open houses throughout the region, and a formal public hearing was held. Szabo went on to say the Planning and Programming Committees would meet one week early on October 3, asked Board members to register for the event (and to let us know if they’ll be bringing a guest), the joint meeting is scheduled to begin on October 10, at 8:00 a.m., and everyone is needed to adopt the plan. Szabo also gave a briefing run-of-show on the day’s event, and reported that as part of plan roll out, he is speaking at the City Club on October 16. Finally, Szabo announced that the Household Daily Travel Survey is open through May of 2019, and asked that members help spread the word about the survey, details of which can be found on CMAP’s home page.

Chairman Mayor Bennett echoed Szabo’s message of the importance of being present at the joint meeting with the MPO Policy Committee in October to approve the final plan and hopes everyone can attend the event as well.

5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals
Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration Angela Manning-Hardimon presented the following procurements and contract approvals. A one-year renewal of various data subscriptions (to conduct land use and transportation analyses) from a number of vendors at a total cost of $352,162; a contract increase to Omegabit for additional website housing and support services, resulting in a budget of $118,353.83 (up from $113,300); sole source contract approval of Geosyntec for the Mill Creek Watershed-based Plan in an amount not to exceed $44,500; contract approval with Houseal Lavigne Associates for the Village of Carol Stream Zoning Code updates in an amount not to exceed $125,166.50; and finally, a contract approval with Multilingual Connections (for a period of 1 year, with options to renew for additional years), to provide ON TO 2050 Translation Services, the first year’s cost of which is not to exceed $20,000.

A motion by Frank Beal, seconded by Diane Williams to approve the contract awards as presented, and with all in favor, carried.

6.0 Committee Reports
On behalf of the Planning Committee, Vice-Chair Carolyn Schofield reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning. Topics presented included a review of the ON TO 2050 engagement process (an overview of the 3-year process), discussion of the Public Comment (summary of public comments and corresponding changes to the plan), and implementation priorities of ON TO 2050. Members were reminded that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) 2018 call for projects is now open.
A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was distributed.

7.0 Election of Officers
Chair of the Nominating Committee, Marty Oberman reported that in the interest of stability and continuity, the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) Board: Chair Gerald Bennett, Mayor-Suburban Cook County, Vice Chair Rita Athas-City of Chicago, Vice Chair Carolyn Schofield-Collar Counties, at large Mayor Al Larson-Suburban Cook County, at large Andrew Madigan-City of Chicago, and at large Mayor John Noak-Collar Counties, and recommended approval of the slate.

A motion by President Rick Reinbold to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee was seconded by Frank Beal, and with all in favor, carried.

8.0 ON TO 2050
CMAP staff Jane Grover gave an overview of public engagement conducted over the last 3 years, a reminder of what we had planned to do when we envisioned developing the plan and engaging the public in 2016, 2017, and 2018. After 3 years, we had held 10 topical forums, 277 workshops, seen over 100,000 touches of the iPad kiosks, and spoke with in workshops and other events nearly 5,000 residents. Grover described the various outreach during the different phases—1: Challenges and Opportunities (resulting in emerging priorities); 2: Alternative Futures (engaging students and youth, as well as corporate concerns); and, 3: draft ON TO 2050 (chapter reviews at 38 working committees and groups, 11 open houses, and 1 public hearing).

CMAP staff Liz Schuh reported that nearly 1,000 comments were received (via web, e-mail, letters, or calls, open house comment cards, and public hearing statements). A couple of campaigns were introduced this time around (CrossRail and BNSF Extension) as well as a couple of smaller campaigns (limiting expressway expansion and reducing the community impact of freight). Schuh cited the memo that had been included in the Board materials that depicted comments by topic area and described the information in the comment response log that had also been included in the Board’s materials. A binder that included a hard copy of all the nearly 1,400 comments was also available.

Schuh reported on the comments related to Regionally Significant Projects, as well as the individual chapters (Mobility, Environment, Governance and Community, Plan Principles, and Prosperity) in the following areas: opportunities to plan for residents with disabilities; inclusive growth and injustice issues; how indicators relate to recommendations; and, local best practices that are already implementing the plan, and gave examples of the corresponding changes that were made to the plan in response to the comments. The final plan will be live on the web, on October 10, Schuh announced and covered next steps: draft presented to Transportation Committee on September 28, to Planning and Programming Committees on October 3, and finally to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on October 10.
Comments by members of the board included the following. Thanks to staff for the work they did that resulted in this plan, thanks to local governments, partners and others that commented, comments that are now incorporated in the final document. Our hope is toward implementation and getting the plan in the hands of those that can help with that, as well as those that make decisions about funding. Local tax policy, with local governments struggling, was discussed briefly and it was important to clarify the intent of the recommendations and the impacts. A question raised about how staff responded to comments related to racial inequality, had Schuh explaining how the matter was addressed in the plan in the overarching topic of Inclusive Growth throughout the plan. Another commented that because these issues are easily misunderstood, the changes made to language in the plan regarding revenue sharing were appreciated.

CMAP staff, Andrew Williams-Clark gave a brief update on the near-term external implementation activities that are on going, reiterating that the activities outlined in the memo included in the Board materials will require external partnerships and has staff actively reaching out to the partners identified. Williams-Clark covered Community, Governance, Prosperity, Environment, and Mobility and gave examples on the various activities related to goals in the respective areas. An invitation on behalf of the City of Chicago was offered to partner on a number of topics that the City may already be contemplating.

9.0 Other Business
Carolyn Schofield, Vice Chair and on behalf of the Planning Committee reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Call for Projects is now open through noon on October 26, and workshops will be held in each of the counties during the next month.

10.0 Public Comment
There were no comments by the public.

11.0 Next Meeting
Chairman announced that the Board will meet next on October 10, at 8:00 a.m. jointly, with the MPO Policy Committee.

12.0 Executive Session
At approximately 10:27 a.m., a motion to adjourn to an Executive Session made by Rita Athas, was seconded by Carolyn Schofield, and with all in favor, carried.

At 10:59 a.m., the Closed Session ended with Chairman Mayor Bennett announcing that the Board had considered previous closed session minutes. A motion to approve the draft minutes of the meetings of June 13, May 9, and January 10, 2018, made by Mayor John Noak, seconded by Janel Forde, and with all in favor carried. A motion to release the minutes of the closed session meetings of February 14, 2018, February 8, 2017, February 10, 2016, February 11, 2015, and February 12, 2014, made by Mayor Noak, seconded by Mayor Terry Weppler, and with all in favor carried. Finally, a motion to maintain the confidentiality of other closed session minutes and authorized the destruction of
recordings of closed sessions after 18 months, made by President Matthew Brolley, seconded by Carolyn Schofield, and with all in favor carried.

Chairman Mayor Bennett also reported that the Board had considered a matter related to real estate and asked the consultant move forward in its negotiations with two suggested properties.

13.0 Adjournment
At 11:02 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor John Noak, seconded by President Matthew Brolley, and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Melissa Porter, Chief of Staff

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote October 10, 2018.