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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, July 2, 2014**

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

Committee Members

Present: Ed Collins – MCCD, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Martin Jaffe - UIC, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Vincent Waller (for Deb Stone) – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Sullivan – Kane / Kendall Council of Mayors, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Patricia Werner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Absent: Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Pete Harmet – IDOT, Harlan Spiroff – Spiroff & Gosselar, Ltd., Anne McKibben – Elevate Energy, Wallace Van Buren – IAWA, Nancy Williamson – IDNR

Staff Present: Andrew Williams-Clark, Bob Dean, Dan Olson, Nora Beck

Others Present: none

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee co-chair, Jack Darin, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Darin reorganized the agenda based on the staff suggestion to cover the agenda item on the GO TO 2040 Update first.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2014

Ed Collins asked for an amendment to the minutes, making a grammatical update to the second bullet in section 2.0. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 4 meeting as amended was made by Patricia Werner, seconded by Ed Collins, and with all in favor, carried.

1.0 GO TO 2040 Update, Public Comment Period – Andrew Williams-Clark, CMAP Staff
The draft update of GO TO 2040 was released for [public comment](#) on June 13; but given the timing of the ENR committee meetings, the committee had yet to discuss the update or contemplate commenting as a committee. Williams-Clark briefly described the committee's previous involvement reviewing the implementation actions, plan indicators

and targets, financial plan, and major capital projects. Williams-Clark also outlined the next steps in the process. A [series of open houses](#) are taking place around the region through the end of the public comment period, August 1, to address questions and solicit input from the public. Staff anticipates Board and MPO approval of the update in October, per federal requirement. Williams-Clark closed by stating that staff is seeking committee input on the draft plan update documents as released for public comment. Darin then asked committee members if they had comments.

Martin Jaffe made a motion that the committee vote to remove the Illiana Expressway from the constrained capital projects list for the same reasons (economic, fiscal, and environmental impacts) the committee stated in 2013 when the Illiana Expressway was being considered for inclusion to the GO TO 2040 plan. Patricia Werner seconded that motion for discussion purposes. The committee members discussed the vote, raising several points:

- The inclusion of the Illiana is already consuming so much of IDOT staff time that other projects are being delayed.
- Illiana Expressway is contradictory to other elements of the plan.
- Importance of what the ENR committee recommends to the CMAP Board.
- Impacts to the I-55 managed lanes project; stating that IDOT is considering it to be a lower priority because of the focus on the Illiana and hasn't devoted the time and money required.
- Applauded CMAP's work to promote managed lanes.
- Discussion about the differences in programmatic budgets and the long-range transportation plan; the constrained project list might not have the amount needed to move forward if the state is signing agreements prioritizing the Illiana Expressway in the next two years.
- State agreements with Indiana outlining priority commitment to the Illiana.

Williams-Clark responded that the list of constrained projects has not changed in the plan update except for the removal of projects that have been completed and the addition of the projects amended in 2013. The long-range plan does not outline the budget for a given year and it continues to be focused on maintaining and modernizing the existing system with only 3% devoted to major capital projects.

Darin asked Jaffe to restate his motion, that was seconded by Werner. The ENR committee recommends that the Illiana Expressway be removed from the constrained project list as part of the GO TO 2040 Plan update for the same reasons given when the committee considered the Illiana project last summer – environmental impacts, fiscal impacts, and the violation of the smart growth principles outlined in GO TO 2040. Darin called a vote: six voted for the motion, Mike Sullivan voted against, Joe Schuessler abstained. The motion carried.

Moving on, Darin stated that it may be a good idea to comment on the 53/120 major capital project and reinforce the goal of following the recommendations outlined by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee. Collins stated that he has an additional concern with the 53/120 corridor that has a longer time horizon; that once the project is completed and terminates at 120, there will be a further push to extend the road to connect with Highway

12 in Wisconsin and that the potential routes will have significant environmental impacts. Other committee members supported this comment and Darin stated that an email will go out for committee members to opt in and work on transmit the Illiana and 53/120 comments to the CMAP Board.

2.0 LTA Program Evaluation, Part 2: Implementation Progress – Bob Dean, CMAP Staff
Dean presented the second part of the LTA Program Evaluation, which focused on evaluating implementation progress. Referencing a [memo](#) and using a [PowerPoint](#), Dean stepped through the evaluation process. Committee members asked clarifying questions and provided feedback:

- Figure 1, key component of stormwater is really about water quality and will be updated.
- Werner recommended adding footnotes to the memo to describe the methodology.
- Werner asked if the funding sources that have been used for the LTA program have directed plan recommendations. Dean stated that this was one of the central conclusions, that a diverse array of funding will strengthen the plan recommendations.
- Werner stated that the importance of service sharing is increasingly being recognized in Lake County; Dean stated that many of the plans call for general coordination, but service sharing is much more involved and therefore distinguished in Figure 1 and 2.
- Discussion about tax policy; Dean stated that tax policy (mainly trying to avoid over-pursuing retail) is also handled by CMAP's policy work, though many plans cover this to a moderate degree.
- Discussion over trying to identify implementation accomplishments that without CMAP wouldn't have happened and how it is difficult to compare across projects given how different the plans can be.
- Collins commended the use of oral history in the Fairmont Neighborhood Plan; Dean stated that that project was unique but that approach could be effective elsewhere and help people engage in the planning process.
- Discussion about the importance of local commitment; Collins asked about identifying that level of local commitment in the application process. Dean explained that he plans to do that in the application interview phase.
- Collins suggested documenting what makes for good implementation, what other sponsors have done that works so that other communities could replicate that.
- Discussion of a business plan as part of the planning document; Dean stated that we are still looking for a good implementation strategy model and asked for suggestions.
- Dan Olson contemplated adding a type of bonus for communities who implement a portion of their plan. Discussion about CMAP's ability to match.

Dean then passed around a draft memo that summarizes the new LTA applications that were received at the end of June and briefly summarized some of the projects. Noting that the memo was still in draft stage, Dean stated that a final version will be sent out to the committee. Comments from the committee are encouraged and should be sent individually by **August 22** to Bob Dean (bdean@cmapp.illinois.gov) or Nora Beck (nbeck@cmapp.illinois.gov).

7.0 Public Comment

No public comments.

8.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee is scheduled to meet next on Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:05 am, made by Sean Wiedel, seconded by Stacy Meyers and with all in favor, carried.