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## Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2009

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

- Board Members:** Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Russell Hartigan-representing west Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing south Cook County, Andre Rice (via teleconference)-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting members Steve Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee and Ian Doughty-representing the office of the Governor.
- Absent:** Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago.
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Matt Maloney, Jesse Elam and Sherry Kane.
- Others Present:** Leanne Redden-RTA, Thomas Snyder-UIC, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Marta Perales-IL MPO Advisory, Mike Walczak-NWMC, David Seglin-CDOT, Leon Rockingham-City of North Chicago, Paul Colgan-Colgan P.A., Len Canata-WCMC, Public Jan Ward-Kane County Council, Darlene Hale-Parent Advocate for Disabled, Dandy Alexander-IEI and Jonathan Tremper-Metra.

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The Chairman, Mayor Gerald R. Bennett called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 board meeting, as presented, was made by Russell Hartigan and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that real projects could be postponed or even eliminated because of transportation rescissions that took effect at the end of the federal fiscal year. Of particular concern to CMAP is the local STP program which, if traditional methods are used in determining the local amount, could result in an amount greater than the expected \$15 million. Further, Blankenhorn reported, the CMAQ program's project selection team met and recommended addressing the \$83 million rescission by moving projects out of the region's TIP into a multi-year "B" list that allows the TIP to meet fiscal constraint and would also require project sponsors to manage their projects or risk losing the funding.

Blankenhorn also reported on CMAP's involvement in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG): ARRA Competitive Grant Opportunity that could result in 8-20 awards ranging from \$5-75 million. A Letter of Intent due tomorrow, Blankenhorn continued, CMAP will apply for \$62 million of "Retrofit Ramp-Up Program" funds as the lead applicant on behalf of the region. A copy of the Letter of Intent will be forwarded to the CMAP Board.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

A motion to approve a contract award for coordinating the Hickory Creek Watershed initiative in the total amount of \$39,310 to the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, seconded by Frank Beal and with all in favor, carried. A motion by Mayor Rick Reinbold that was seconded by Dan Shea for the approval of local government outreach services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to Dan Podgorski carried, although Russell Hartigan voted no.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Committee Chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the Planning Coordinating Committee had met and discussed the development process for the Preferred Scenario, that will form the basis of *GO TO 2040's* recommendations. Currently being presented to stakeholder groups for comments, the Regional Scenario will be brought to the Board for approval in January. Hartstein also reported that potential recommendations of *GO TO 2040* will be brought to the Board for discussion over the next several months, the first two potential recommendation areas Tax Policy and Open Space, will be discussed later today. The Board will be asked to discuss the proposed direction for each of these recommendations and provide feedback to staff. Finally, the committee discussed the production and

promotion of *GO TO 2040* and Hartstein reported that staff is currently in the process of selecting a consulting firm and the Board will likely be asked to approve a contract at its December meeting.

#### **7.0 Potential *GO TO 2040* Recommendations**

Senior CMAP staff, Matt Maloney gave a presentation entitled “Tax Policy and *GO TO 2040*” meant to brief the board on some topics staff had been exploring regarding state and local taxation in our region and discuss the subject matter within the scope of *GO TO 2040*. The presentation sparked a lengthy discussion on such topics as sales tax sharing and equity, sustainability with housing, jobs and investments, the Motor Fuel Tax, retail sales tax and real estate taxes, a progressive income tax and the development of a task force comprised of government, academia, business and other concerns to get started now to look at tax policy. Staff was complimented on its work and the Board confirmed that CMAP should be addressing these issues.

Senior CMAP staff, Jesse Elam presented a *GO TO 2040* Policy Briefing entitled “Open Space and Parks”, stating that staff’s recommendation that one of the top priorities in the *GO TO 2040* plan should be to protect conservation areas in the region and to improve access to parks. A network of parks connected by open space corridors was one of the main recommendations of the Burnham Plan, and it was suggested that this concept be extended and updated by looking at it from a green infrastructure perspective. Analysis by CMAP suggests that the region still needs to increase its supply of parks and open space and *GO TO 2040* should focus on providing more parks where there is now the least access to parks, establishing more preserves to protect the areas that have the highest conservation value, and to provide connections between the parks and the preserves. The connections are meant to fill out the green infrastructure network.

#### **8.0 Other Business**

Board Chair Mayor Jerry Bennett reported briefly that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) had recently released a draft watershed management resolution that he believes can damage development in Cook County and urged that an economic impact analysis be conducted.

#### **8.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

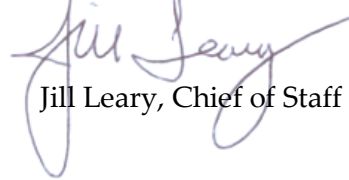
#### **9.0 Next Meeting**

A schedule of next year’s meeting dates was distributed and will be included in the December packet. The Board will meet again on December 9, 2009.

**10.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn made by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Dan Shea at approximately 10:53 a.m. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" and last name "Leary" clearly distinguishable.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, December 9, 2009.*