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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2008

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**

Frank H. Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing Cook County, Gerald Bennett-representing southwest Cook County, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Zenovia Evans-representing south Cook County, 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, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County and Nigel Telman-representing the City of Chicago. Non-voting member: Stephen Schlickman-representing the MPO Policy Committee.

### **Absent:**

Rita Athas (Executive Director, World Business Chicago), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management) and Ian Doughty-representing the Governor's office.

### **Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Patricia Berry, Joy Schaad, Diana Torres, Kerry Leigh, Roseann O'Laughlin and Sherry Kane.

### **Others Present:**

Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, David Seglin-CDOT, Heidi Files-Kane Kendall Council, Joe Deal-the City of Chicago, Mark Minor-Metra, Russ Hertzog-West Cook Council, Holly Smith-Kane County DOT, Mark Avery-DuPage County, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Norm West-IATF, Andy Plummer-RTA, Hugh O'Hara-Will County Government League and Len Cannata-West Central Conference.

## **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Gerald Bennett, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced and welcomed CMAP's newest Board member, Russell Hartigan, who is representing west Cook County and replacing Mayor Tony Calderone. Mr. Hartigan is a practicing attorney and a Trustee in Western Springs and Lyons Township. Other Board members introduced themselves and the Chair announced that a quorum was present.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

CMAP's Employee of Quarter was recognized with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Adam Weiskind by Board Chair Jerry Bennett and Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 12, 2007**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following.

CMAP hosted a briefing in Springfield. It was a successful opportunity to update legislators and their staffs on the Regional Water Supply Planning Study, the need for a capital bill and the *GO TO 2040* campaign. Blankenhorn went on to say that he would like to see this as an annual event and would like to get board members more involved next year, since it is a good opportunity to connect.

CMAP, in partnership with the RTA and IDOT hosted another briefing for the Illinois congressional district staff focused on transportation authorization. Additionally, Steve Schlickman, Dick Smith and Blankenhorn will travel to Washington D.C. next week to talk to staffs there as well about the transportation authorization that is due to expire September 30, 2009.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the City of Chicago a \$153 million grant under the Urban Partnership Agreement, aimed at reducing traffic in the downtown area. No further information has been received on the proposal prepared by CMAP in conjunction with IDOT, the Tollway, RTA and Pace for funding the Congestion Reduction Demonstration program in the northwest corridor.

Regarding CN's acquisition of the EJ&E, Blankenhorn reported that the revised EIS scope incorporated many of CMAP's suggestions. CMAP had asked for a 10-year horizon regarding the study of impacts, the railroad had asked for 3, and the STB came back with 5. A number of board members voiced concerns, first regarding the funding proposed to convert one crossing out of seventeen (i.e., the City of Plainfield) to grade level, pollution

reduction considerations, and the impacts and larger range of problems with commuting. Blankenhorn reported that CMAP will continue its involvement from a regional perspective and at the community level, with Mayor Jerry Bennett echoing that CMAP will act as a clearinghouse for what is best for the region.

Regarding local contributions, Blankenhorn reported briefly that CMAP continues to work with the COGs to develop a mechanism to collect local contributions from municipalities in order to show a local commitment to regional planning. This program that will result in the request for \$25,000 each from 15 or 16 agencies or groups, including municipalities, reflecting CMAP's 1/3 City of Chicago, 1/3 Cook County and 1/3 collar counties platform. He will continue to keep the board updated on its progress.

Third quarter progress reports are now on the website, reinforcing CMAP's position of transparency and accountability.

A resolution authorizing CMAP to file application with the FTA to receive federal funding for a transportation plan for Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie was submitted for adoption. A motion by Dan Shea is seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans to adopt the resolution as presented that will authorize CMAP's executive director to file application with the FTA for federal assistance. All in favor, the motion carried.

Finally, Blankenhorn reported that the Lake Michigan Watershed Academy is holding its third conference in Hammond May 20-22, 2008.

## **5.0 Contract Approvals**

One procurement approval entitled "Non-Engineering Level I and II Wastewater Facility Planning Area (FPA) review was pulled from the agenda upon request, as it had not yet been reviewed by the Wastewater Committee. The following contracts, described in accompanying memos in the Board packet were presented for approval: (1) Sungard, for the purchase of financial software system totaling \$583,703, (2) the purchase of an update to the trip generation model from Parsons Brinckerhoff at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, (3) the contract award for the development of the household travel sample enumeration model with Parsons Brinckerhoff in an amount of \$49,974.70, (4) the contract award for the purchase of business intelligence solution software from Information Builders for \$163,466, (5) the contract award to Fregonese and Associates in the amount of \$35,400 for the purchase of land use decision support tools, (6) a contract award to Dun & Bradstreet for \$129,000 for its online database subscription service. Minor questions were directed to Deputy Executive Director of Research and Analysis Kermit Wies regarding the contract awards for the trip generation model and the household travel sample enumeration model. However, a number of questions were raised by the board regarding the purchase of financial software from Sungard. Staff will address the concerns raised and bring the recommendation for approval back at next month's meeting. A motion by Mayor Michelini to approve the remaining contract awards as presented was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar. All in favor the motion carried.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Committee Chair reported that the Planning Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning and its discussions were around the following 3 topics. The regional vision draft recommendations that started last fall in workshop and had moved through working committees will be revised based on their discussion and the Planning Committee recommended the adoption to the full board at their June meeting. Community engagement assistance was discussed and an update on the work generated by various awarded micro-grants was given. Plus, the regional snapshot on aging, geared toward “aging in place” will be developed further.

In Programming Committee Chair Rita Athas’ absence, Dan Shea reported that this committee had also met earlier in the morning and it saw a lengthy review of the DRI draft and its 3-tier screening process. The Committee requested the sub-group forward a working definition of DRI in June. When queried, Shea reported that once the definition of a DRI is developed, the document will be available to a larger group for review. The Programming Committee also reviewed and recommends approval of the FY 2009 Unified Work Program totaling approximately \$19 million in funding that breakdown to an award of nearly \$15 million with a local match of just under \$4 million. An update on the TIP amendment, conformity analysis and RTP was also presented for informational purposes. Written summaries of CMAP’s working committees and the CAC were also provided.

## **7.0 Legislative Update**

CMAP had drafted a letter to the Illinois Works Coalition restating its principals for a capital plan with a suggestion that a similar letter be forwarded to editors as well. After input from the board, it is agreed that the letter be revised by day’s end. Also needing immediate action, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that supplemental appropriations to the Illinois Department of Transportation are being held unnecessarily and recommends that CMAP forward a letter to the Governor and members of the General Assembly. Blankenhorn also reported the status of HB 5152 and SB2311, that CMAP opposes.

## **8.0 Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and Work Plan**

The Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and Work Plan, included in the Board packet were reviewed with Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn explaining that the documents show where money will be allocated over the coming year. Presented today for informational and review purposes, approval of the work plan and adoption of the budget will be sought in June. One question was raised regarding the operating expenses last year under budget. Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration Dolores Dowdle explained that vacant positions had not been filled as needed due to the delay in receiving state funds late last year.

## **9.0 GO TO 2040**

Tom Garritano, Communications Principal gave a presentation on the *GO TO 2040* campaign from a communications standpoint, and explained how the brand was picked,

that *GO TO 2040* is the region's first truly comprehensive plan, that the "tag line" *Imagine that...* encourages the public to think like residents of the future. The interactive website and targeted public outreach all are intended to personalize the planning process. Launched on March 24, Garritano continued, media coverage can be seen at [www.goto2040.org/launch/coverage.aspx](http://www.goto2040.org/launch/coverage.aspx). Mayor Elliott Hartstein, as had been brought up at committee, cautioned that CMAP not get lost in the *GO TO 2040* brand. Deputy Executive Director of External Relations Gordon Smith reported the campaign's outreach strategy—its objectives, its key engage points and targets, its tools and its methods.

#### **10.0 FLIP Youth Program**

Diana Torres, Outreach Assistant, gave an overview of CMAP's FLIP (Future Leaders in Planning) program designed to engage Freshman and Sophomore students in the planning process. Modeled after the CMAP Board, the participants in the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) Leadership Development Program will collaborate with and learn from elected officials and planners who are developing the new *GO TO 2040* comprehensive regional plan. For more information, visit <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/flip.aspx>.

#### **11.0 Other Business**

Board Chair Jerry Bennett appointed Marilyn Michelini, Zenovia Evans and Raul Raymundo as the nominating committee that will meet and recommend next year's slate of officers by July 1, 2008.

#### **12.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

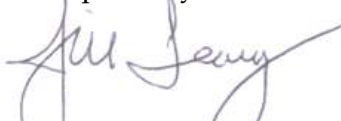
#### **13.0 Next Meeting**

The Board will meet next on June 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **14.0 Adjournment**

At 11:10 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Claar. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, June 11, 2008.*