



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2012

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, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Absent:

Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, and Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Gordon Smith, and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Allison Bos-SW Conference, Patrick Carey-Cook County, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Don Gismondi-CTA, Catherine Kannenberg-Metra, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Joshua McClusky-IDOT, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Sullivan-KK Council of Mayors, Mike Walczak-NWMC and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Joshua McClusky, Special Assistant to the Director of Planning and Programming for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), approached the Board reporting that the state had appropriated some of bonding authority to implement its Illinois Jobs Now! capital program, but not all of it and IDOT was seeking the additional authority. The appropriation had not included granting full bonding authority that IDOT would need to authorize the \$1.304 billion for the highway program and \$1.09 billion for the transit program. McClusky appealed to the CMAP Board to contact legislators and leadership to pass the necessary legislation. The Board agreed and stated it would send a letter to the legislator leaders and the Governor.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Board meeting as presented, made by Rae Rupp Srch, was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics.

- 4.1 Sao Paulo: having been invited to speak, Blankenhorn reported that he had attended two events in Sao Paulo, Brazil at the launch of their regional comprehensive planning process. Jill Leary had also been invited to discuss the details of the development of GO TO 2040. Attempting to address enormous issues with traffic congestion, poverty and housing, they realize that their problems, regional in nature will require a regional solution.
- 4.2 World Business Chicago: at its June meeting the CMAP Board will hear from World Business Chicago vice-chair Michael Sacks who will present findings from the recently published report on economic growth and jobs and will lead a discussion on how we can work together toward implementation through GO TO 2040, Blankenhorn reported.
- 4.3 Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP): scheduled for May 31, this year's FLIP will present their final report on safe and sustainable ice and snow removal practices, at Journey World (located at 770 N. Halsted), from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. Blankenhorn also reported that the early deadline for next year's program is June 1.
- 4.4 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Update: Blankenhorn reported there had been significant activity since the Board last met in March. The Senate passed its \$109 billion, two-year reauthorization MAP-21, but the House failed to move its reauthorization proposal (the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act) and rejected MAP-21. A three-month extension of current programs to September 30, 2012 (the ninth such extension) was signed into law on March 30. The House passed a second three-month extension of federal programs on April 18, which was used as a shell bill to allow the House and Senate to conference on surface transportation reauthorization. The House's three-month extension also includes controversial environmental provisions, including the approval of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. Blankenhorn went on to say that the conference committee includes membership of Senator Dick Durbin and Representative Jerry Costello, and began on May 8.

- 4.5 The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board materials and May 9 marks the beginning of CMAP's next call for projects.
- 4.6 Other announcements: Board Chair Gerald Bennett reported on recent activity regarding fire and police pension reform. Bennett also stated that the Moraine Valley Community College will host a regional meeting to discuss workforce development and economic development, energy sustainability and human capital early in June and that Cook County Board Chair Toni Preckwinkle is naming an advisory panel, co-chaired by Chris Kennedy and Anne Pramaggiore, to focus on energy efficiencies. Bennett also suggested that CMAP staff give an overview of the EI2 program to this advisory panel.

The discussion having turned back to pension reform resulted in the Board's desire to publish a statement of their position but that would also draw attention to the most vulnerable that are affected by other reforms being considered by the General Assembly.

5.0 Procurements

A motion to approve the following procurements made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

- 5.1 Contract approval for 2010 Land Use Inventory Support. A maximum \$125,000 interagency government agreement with Northern Illinois University in DeKalb that will provide research assistants to code parcels for the 2010 Land Use Inventory.
- 5.2 Contract Approval for Regional Transportation Data Archive. A sole source \$109,406 contract with the University of Illinois at Chicago to develop modules to transmit additional sensor data for the Regional Transportation Data Archive system.
- 5.3 Contract Award for 2012 Collaboration Aerial Imagery Project. A payment of \$50,000 to Cook County for the 2012 collaborative aerial imagery project.
- 5.4 Contract Amendment for Maintenance of TIP Database. An amendment to the contract with Topiary Communications, Inc., reducing the remaining terms to two one-year renewal options at the rate of \$31,000 for FY 2013 and \$29,000 for FY 2014. The total amount of the contract remains the same at \$100,000.

6.0 Committee Reports

Local Coordinating Committee chair Susan Campbell reported that the committee had met earlier that morning, presentations by Christine Kolb of ULI on the former Joliet Prison and US Steel plant in Joliet redevelopment, as well as the Fairmont Neighborhood Plan by Steve Lazarra of Will County Planning, that a new call for projects under the LTA grant program that will likely be even more competitive than last year's program with CMAP seeking more multi-jurisdictional type projects, that a high priority for management will be continuing talks with HUD for funding that will expire in March 2013.

7.0 State Legislative Update

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that the Board had already discussed the bulk of what is taking place in Springfield and staff's memo captures the remaining. Of particular

interest, Smith continued, are SB3667 Local Government Consolidation and HB5447 Parking Taxes. Staff was asked to find out more about a bill introduced by Senator Pamela Althoff related to Metra that affects McHenry County only.

8.0 CMAP Strategic Planning Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented CMAP's Strategic Planning Update that links the implementation action areas of GO TO 2040 to the FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan. Addressing the 186 action areas in the plan, the update shows our anticipated and actual progress for the current year and anticipated progress in years one and five. The document identifies agency priorities, staffing and goals. Funding continues to be problematic, Blankenhorn continued, but CMAP is in good shape for the next fiscal year, with the DOE and HUD grants having been integrated into the work plan. Blankenhorn briefly reported on each of the recommendation areas of GO TO 2040 and cited examples of how to implement the recommendations.

- Achieve Greater Livability through Land Use and Housing – identify and pursue additional funding to support activities that are currently funded through the HUD, LTA grant.
- Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Resources – a sustainable available funding stream is necessary.
- Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space – some work through the LTA program and the Green Infrastructure Vision is implemented.
- Promote Sustainable Local Food – CMAP will continue to monitor initiatives that are led by groups that are experts in the field.
- Improve Education and Workforce Development & Support Economic Innovation – work is combined in these areas through MetroPulse Jobs (a Human Capital Information Portal) and a freight drill down report.
- Reform State and Local Tax Policy – CMAP will work to advance the four priorities identified by the tax policy task force.
- Improve Access to Information – a lot of resources are devoted to this activity through MetroPulse.
- Pursue Coordinated Investments & Invest Strategically in Transportation – these recommendations are about finding the right method of selecting projects. CMAP will meet with U.S. Department of Transportation this summer for a peer review session.

Comments were made regarding IDNR's policy regarding fees, private partners to work with in the Local Food implementation area, best practices from others regarding community gardens, CMAP position on 3688 Enterprise Zones, and additional discussion by the Board on the four priorities identified by the tax policy task force.

9.0 Proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan

Briefly, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn asked that the Board review the FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan and report any feedback before the final document is presented next month for approval. The Budget does show a slight increase over the previous year's document and CMAP continues to look at ways to deliver services more efficiently, Blankenhorn reported. More information was requested on the staff classifications and plans for projected salary increases. Blankenhorn responded and stated that additional information will be distributed to the Board members.

Chairman Mayor Bennett stated that the public, private partnership may still be an untapped resource and encouraged investigation in foundation funding and corporate grants through utility providers.

10.0 Other Business

Regarding the FLIP program, a question was raised about inviting superintendents and principals to the final FLIP program, planned for May 31.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

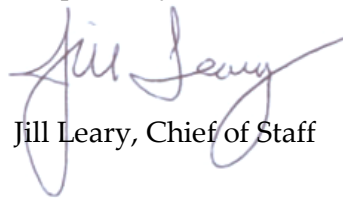
12.0 Next Meeting

The Board meets next on June 13.

13.0 Adjournment

At 10:46 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea. 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 a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, June 13, 2012