



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 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, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Caitlyn Costello-Metra, Sonali Basak-Medill, Jen Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Sheena Freve-Metropolis Strategies, William Lachman-RTA, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Dr. Marc Sengstarke-Chicago Defender Charities, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Laura Wilkison-Metro Strategies

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 – October 10, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 joint meeting of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee as presented, was made by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Briefly Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP's Congestion Pricing microsite had been launched on October 10, and had been met with a positive reaction with stories carried by local media. The timing corresponds nicely with the Tollway's I-90 west end construction, Blankenhorn continued. Outreach continues with letters to the Tollway Board and Executive Director, and with both the Secretary and Governor's offices. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update as well as the 2013 schedule of meetings, Blankenhorn also reported, had been included in the materials. The December meeting of the board will be cancelled.

5.0 Procurements

A motion to approve a two-year contract for Federal Government Legislative Outreach Services to Wilkison Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 annually was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Re-establishing State/Regional Water Supply Planning and Management

CMAP staff, Ylda Capriccioso gave background information on the development of Water 2050 that was reaffirmed in GO TO 2040. Capriccioso went on to suggest that CMAP sees an opportunity to convene a water supply management policy coordination group to establish common priorities but that due to a lack of funding at CMAP, assistance is needed to pursue the effort. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) has the resources to coordinate such an effort and staff is seeking input and Board support for an initiative between CMAP and MPC to pursue strategies to restore state and regional water supply planning and management with new and sustainable funding options. Members did agree that a lasting funding source (at approximately \$2-\$3 million) is necessary, that staff should start at the Governor's office, that the impact of the cost of water on lower income families should be considered among other considerations. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to support the collaboration between CMAP and MPC. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Proposed CMAP and RTA Merger

RTA staff, Leanne Redden delivered a presentation that was referred to as RTA 101 that included background details related to establishing the RTA in 1974 (and amended in 1983), the amount of money available to the RTA, its funding sources and disbursements, its financial and operating responsibilities and regional transit planning. Redden also reported that in 2008 the act was amended again adding additional responsibilities (transit performance measures, audits and strategic planning) and additional sales tax revenue. The RTA Board make up, Redden continued, similar to CMAP, is 5 from the city, 5 from the county and 5 from Cook plus the chair. Twelve votes are required to pass major issues. Redden also explained the complicated funding, that results in very little (approximately \$3-\$6 million) discretionary funds for which the service boards compete.

With Metropolis Strategies having first proposed the merger, CMAP Board member Frank Beal indicated that problems exist within the legislation. GO TO 2040 suggests that by 2040, ridership will have doubled from 2-4 million, Beal continued, when actually ridership is in decline (Chicago is 9th in growth rate after Houston). Beal went on to say that the business community knows this which results in a reluctance to reinvestment. Ours is second or third most congested with serious problems, either because of law or custom and while Board Chair Mayor Bennett agreed that the structure of the RTA could be problematic, it is not certain that passing it along to CMAP is the solution. Other members weighed in as well. Finally, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn asked, should CMAP lead, participate or watch? Blankenhorn also suggested that the Board watch the upcoming RTA budget session to get more information. While there could be interest on the part of the CMAP Board to participate (leadership as facilitator, bringing the service boards together) the Board indicated that it wanted to continue the discussion at its next meeting.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The December meeting of the Board was cancelled. Accordingly, the CMAP Board meets next on January 9, 2013.

11.0 Executive Director Performance Review

At 10:50 a.m., a motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn the regular meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing the Executive Director's annual performance review. All in favor, the motion carried.

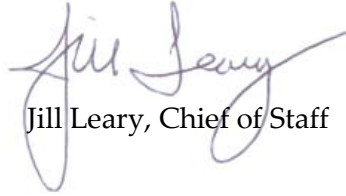
Having concluded the executive session, a motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that the Board evaluated the Director's performance, would be considering a 3% salary increase along with a longer-term contractual agreement and that feedback would be sought from upper-level staff. The matter would be reviewed again at the next Board meeting.

12.0 Adjournment

At 11:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. 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 (revised) as presented by unanimous vote, February 13, 2013