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Board Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2006

9:30 a.m.

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 Present:** Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member), Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP). **Non-Voting Members:** Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS), Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC)
- Absent:** Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park)
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Ron Thomas, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Holly Hudson, Russell Pietrowiak, Joy Schaad, Kerry Leigh, Sherry Kane
- Others Present** Jonathan Tremper-RTA, Mike Walczak,-NWMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Peter Skosey,-MPC, Kit Hodge-MPC, Holly Ostdick-McCOM, Beth McCluskey-WCMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, David Seglin-CDOT, Erin Willrett-KKCOM, Holly Smith-KDOT, Joe Heinrich-SSMMA, Tam Kutzmark-

DMMC, Les Nunes-IDOT, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Maria Choca Urban-CM2020, Vicky Smith-SWCOM

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the CMAP Board called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. and asked members to introduce themselves.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2006 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Under Transition/Staffing Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that offers had been extended to all CATS and NIPC employees to transfer to CMAP, with a December 11, 2006 deadline for responding. All staff, with the exception of nine (9) CATS staff, have accepted. Some CATS staff members have legitimate reasons to remain on the IDOT payroll until the transition is completed.

The idea for the innovation and integration summit on the economic impact of linking jobs, housing and transportation began when the Center for Neighborhood Technology held a housing and transportation summit earlier this summer and the audience felt that an opportunity to discuss economic development in that same context was missing. The summit, an interactive session with local and national examples of best practices, is expected to bring about significant discussion among local officials and partners about the role of CMAP in providing technical assistance to local agencies in this important policy area. Chairman Bennett added that outreach to communities in northeastern Illinois to provide examples of best practices, while urging the COGs to attend, is important.

The water supply summit kicked off in November with 166 people attending. An 11-county area including the CMAP region is one of two pilot projects in the state, as a result of Governor Blagojevich's executive order on water supply. The northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Planning Group will be chaired by Karen McConnaughay and will meet for the first time on January 23, 2007. This group will not discuss allocation of Lake Michigan water, rather is a three-year pilot project that will develop into an on-going planning process much like transportation planning.

The technical fix legislation that has been developed, sponsored by Representative Bassi as House Bill 2, for items that are relatively straight-forward such as IMRF eligibility and the name change to CMAP will be considered in the upcoming legislative session. The technical fix, however, will not include changing CMAP's designation as a municipality. This is

especially problematic related to the Open Meetings Act which is primarily an issue for CMAP's Executive Committee.

Work with Kendall County to bring them into the CMAP process continues. Kendall County, not a member of NIPC is only recently a member of CATS. The result is significant data gaps that, working with the County and municipalities, needs to be resolved.

Randy Blankenhorn thanked the Board members for their participation in the fundraiser for the Krell family adding that nearly \$7,000 was raised to help assist them in their time of need.

Finally, Employee of the Month for November and December were announced. Mayor Bennett presented both Holly Hudson and Russell Pietrowiak with certificates naming them as employee of the month for November and December respectively.

V. Committee Structure

The proposed committee structure was included in the Board packet. While the overall structure had already been approved by the Board, staff is now proposing naming members to the working committees. Stating that membership was not necessarily final, Blankenhorn requested approval to begin contacting potential members for their first meetings in January. Questions and comments from the board included the following: consider including the Fox Waterway Agency that deals with issues on the Chain of Lakes, appointments could be either senior staff or elected officials but they must have a policy perspective, and the role of the Governor's appointees should be considered. Blankenhorn fielded questions, adding that while no member is listed to represent the City of Chicago on housing issues, a slot would be reserved for them. Chairman Bennett added that the Board while looking to be inclusive, not exclusive, will continue to conduct outreach to partners and other interested parties.

A motion from Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Mayor Michelini to approve the proposed committee structure, as presented, passed unanimously.

Chairman Bennett, reminding the Board that the Coordination Committee structure was already in place, suggested that Rita Athas chair the Planning Coordinating Committee and Mayor Mike Smith chair the Programming Coordinating Committee. Bennett also asked that members contact himself or Randy Blankenhorn to express interest in which committee they would like to serve.

A motion from Mayor Larson, seconded by Mayor Evans, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Rita Athas to chair the Planning Committee and Mike Smith to chair the Programming Committee.

VI. Joint Memorandum of Understanding

Randy Blankenhorn reported that staff was not yet requesting approval of the Joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Rather, he outlined the changes proposed by the MPO Policy Committee. The conflict resolution section had been deleted in its entirety.

Another issue was cross committee membership. The Policy Committee recommended that three Policy Committee member agencies be represented on the Planning and Programming Coordinating Committees, rather than one each as contained in the original proposal. Staff is concerned that the Coordinating Committees are not all about transportation and argued that this was unfair to the other issue areas. Blankenhorn went on to say that the Coordination Committees were to ensure coordination across functions and that decision making authority was retained by the Board and the Policy Committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued with many suggestions and concluded with Ron Thomas' recommendation that the chairs of both the Planning and Programming Coordinating Committees serve as CMAP members to the MPO.

A motion that the Coordinating Committee chairs or their designees sit on the MPO and that the Policy Committee have one seat on both the Planning and Programming Coordinating Committees was recommended as CMAP's counterproposal to the MPO. This motion made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein, was seconded by Mayor Al Larson and passed unanimously.

VII. Capital Funding Plan

Randy Blankenhorn presented the staff proposal of five major principles for discussion with partners and the General Assembly. The principles are: the program needs to be significant, the program needs to be comprehensive, the project selection process needs to be transparent and results driven, the program needs to be supported with new revenues and finally, funds need to be set aside for planning.

The Board agreed that the principles were a good starting point and Blankenhorn agreed to update them at future meetings.

VIII. CMAP Contextual Approach

Chief of Staff Jill Leary walked the Board through the concept of how incentives, project selection, projects of regional significance, etc., are expected to fit into the overall planning process, the starting point of which are the strategic report and enabling legislation. This along with the vision and goals from the report, from the 2030 RTP and the 2040 Framework Plan will guide the processes that allow us to assist local governments in making better decisions. There is a need too, Leary added, to provide technical assistance and incentives in order to implement the regional vision. Asked if criteria had been established for projects of regional significance since it would be important that everyone in the region understand what projects will be reviewed and which ones will not, Leary reported that those discussions, ultimately a Board decision have not yet taken place. Asked if this might be an additional step in the process that creates stumbling blocks for projects, Blankenhorn suggested that we need to show local governments and developers that the process will add value and will not cause delays in implementation. Blankenhorn reported that the Mayor of Rolling Meadows already has a development underway that he has volunteered as a pilot project for this process.

In conclusion, Leary reminded the Board that the goal of this process was to encourage intergovernmental cooperation and consistency with local and regional plans, matching the

review process with incentives under this comprehensive planning approach adding value to the process and finally that while incentives should align with the Board's policies, they may not always be administered by CMAP.

IX. Unified Work Program

Randy Blankenhorn reported that staff has begun developing the FY 2008 Work Program. This will be an agency-wide effort that will look beyond the transportation resources necessary for UWP submittals. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed to ensure that the staff priorities are in line with the agency objectives.

X. Other Business

Chairman Bennett asked Mayor Larson to report on behalf of the Planning and Programming Committee. Mayor Larson stated that the Committee had expressed support of the 1% for planning proposal that MPC is promoting, adding that the Committee was requesting Board endorsement of the program that would provide funding for the Local Planning Technical Assistance Act that will help local governments plan for their future.

On a motion by Mayor Larson, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch, the Board approved supporting the 1% for planning proposal.

XI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

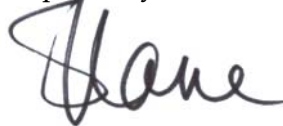
XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for January 10, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Shea, seconded by Mayor Larson, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote, January 10, 2007.