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## Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2007

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), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park)— via tele-conference, Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), 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) and Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox). **Non-Voting Members:** Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS), Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC)
- Absent:** Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP).
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Ron Thomas, Don Kopec, Bola Delano, Tom Garritano, Joy Schaad, Kerry Leigh, Bob Dean, Ty Warner and Sherry Kane
- Others Present:** David Seglin-CDOT, Chalen Hunter-North Shore COM/NWMC, Maria Choca Urban-CM2020, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Holly Ostdick-McCOM, Vicky Smith-SWCOM, Beth McCluskey-WCMC, Mike Walczak,-NWMC, Tom Cuculich-DuPage Co., Mark Avery-DuPage Co., Mike Klemens-WCGL, Cristina Siepel-TRP, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Joel Stauber-CMAP CAC, Holly Smith-Kane/Kendall, David Cole-HUD, JonPaul Kohler-FHWA, Tom McKone-CCA, Jacky Grimshaw-CNT, Bob Pilat-Village of Niles,

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the CMAP Board called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Board members introduced themselves.

**II. Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. CMAP's Employee of Month for both February and March were recognized with Board Chair Jerry Bennett's presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$25 VISA gift card to David Clark, March's Employee of the Month. Penny Dubernat, who had been selected as February's Employee of the Month, was not present and unable to receive recognition at this time.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

- Included in Executive Director's Report were updates regarding the following topics: CMAP is now on one IT network; a policy manual that covers travel, procurements, etc., will be presented for Board approval; CMAP continues to work with IDOT regarding the transition of staff; over 200 attended the Innovation and Integration Summit held in February; the Regional Water Supply Planning Group, under the chair of Karen McConnaughay meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month (see CMAP website for additional information); CMAP is working with its partners on the Urban Partnership Agreement (re: tolling and transit) proposal that is due in April; and, promotion of support for a capital plan for Illinois gains momentum with a press event scheduled for next week under the TFIC banner.
- Michael Smith, Chair of CMAP's Planning Coordinating Committee reported that the group had met this morning, introductions were made and a basic dialogue had begun. Rita Athas, Chair of CMAP's Programming Coordinating Committee, also having met this morning with that committee, reported that overviews of the UWP, TIP and FPA processes had been presented.
- Three requests for contract approval, legal services pertaining to general counsel and labor law, website redesign and management (should not exceed \$60,000), and training analysis (should not exceed \$50,000) were presented for board approval. Questions were raised regarding the web redesign and legal services cap. A motion made by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.
- Blankenhorn concluded his reporting stating that 2009 marks the centennial anniversary of the Burnham Plan, a year-long celebration that culminates in the presentation of

CMAP's comprehensive plan in 2010. Extremely high expectations are anticipated and the work will receive #1 priority.

#### **V. Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan and Funding**

CMAP's final draft budget will be presented in May for approval in June. Blankenhorn reported that a portion of the proposed agency budget was submitted for consideration under the UWP process, and while the projects are only recommendations at this time, approval by the UWP Committee is expected. Dolores Dowdle briefed the Board on the budget development process and referred to the proposed work plan and memo contained in the Board packet. Additional data had been requested by the Executive Committee for comparison purposes. However only NIPC information could be generated for a three year period, and the previous years' combined agencies' information did not represent a fair analysis since all this included all expenses related to the merger and the move.

#### **VI. Legislative Update**

The proposed amendment to the Regional Planning Act, while having been included in the Board packet for review had met with an additional revision in Section 60-Metropolitan planning organization, prior to the Board Meeting. Hoping to forward the language to the bill's sponsor immediately, staff is seeking approval. Questions are fielded and a motion by Marilyn Michelini is seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the revision as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Briefly, Blankenhorn gave an update on HB 0002 (technical fix) and HB 1134 (vehicle for funding), asking that Board members stay open to the possibility of going to Springfield to lobby and help keep these bills on track.

Staff introduced a letter to Representative Julie Hamos from the CMAP board supporting HB 1841 amending the Regional Transportation Authority Act and Moving Beyond Congestion. Some voiced concerns with HB 1841 but agreed to revise and forward the letter supporting Moving Beyond Congestion.

Finally, a schedule of various bills HB 1780, SB 268, HB 1841 and HB 801 indicating staff recommended positions of "support" or "neutral" are presented. The recommended position, therefore of HB 1841 is to be changed from "support" to "neutral".

Joel Stauber, co-chair of CMAP's Citizens Advisory Committee offers the support of the committee in getting word out when there is a message to be sent to the region. Stauber also invited the board to attend CAC meetings here at CMAP on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

A short recess was taken to allow members of the Policy Committee to join the CMAP Board and continue in a Special Joint Meeting. Board Chair Jerry Bennett asked those present introduce themselves. They are: Larry Walsh, Paul Fish, Jeff Schielke, Raul Raymundo, Steve Schlickman, Dan Shea, Marilyn Michelini, Elliott Hartstein, Joseph Korpalski, Phil Bus, Jack Groner, Rae Rupp Srch, Michael Smith, Jerry Bennett, Randy Blankenhorn, Tom

Cuculich, Rupert Graham, Marty Buehler, Norm Stoner, Andre Rice, Cheri Heramb, Zenovia Evans, Ed Paesel, John McCarthy and T.J. Ross.

**VII. Joint Memorandum of Understanding**

A motion to approve the Joint Memorandum of Understanding between the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Policy Committee encompassing Transportation Planning and Programming in Northeastern Illinois, as presented made by CMAP Board Marilyn Micheleni was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch.

A motion by the Policy Committee to approve the document was also made by Cheri Heramb and seconded by Jeff Schielke. All in favor the motion carried.

**VIII. RTA Strategic Plan**

Steve Schlickman, Executive Director of RTA along with Leanne Redden, Sr. Deputy Executive Director of Strategic Planning & Regional Programs delivered a powerpoint presentation on Moving Beyond Congestion.

**IX. MPO Designation**

CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn explained three options outlined in the Draft Issue Paper on Redesignating the MPO. One is to expand the CMAP Board to include agencies required by federal regulations; a second would be to leave the CMAP Board membership as it is, expanding it only for action required by the MPO; a third option would be to leave the CMAP Board and Policy Committee intact with the Policy Committee continuing to serve as the federally designated MPO. Approval of any one option was not being sought at this time, although Resolution 07-01: A Resolution of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Policy Committee addressing the Transportation and Programming Process in Northeastern Illinois was included in the meeting packet.

Following discussion, on behalf of the CMAP Board, a motion by Dan Shea in support of Resolution 07-01 with the following change in paragraph 5, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the Policy Committee in cooperation with local governments and transportation providers, shall continue a dialogue leading to regional consensus on a transportation decision-making process meeting all federal requirements, was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, a motion to support Resolution 07-01 by Tom Cuculich was seconded by Cheri Heramb. Following discussion, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

**X. Legislative Update**

A revision of Section 60 Metropolitan planning organization from the Regional Planning Act had already been approved by the CMAP Board. Identical material had been introduced to the Policy Committee simultaneously, having scheduled a meeting during the same time frame. Following a spirited discussion by some members of the Policy Committee, language was added in paragraph (b) as follows: "The adopted process shall ensure that all

MPO plans, reports and programs shall be approved by the CMAP Board, prior to approval by the MPO."

On behalf of the CMAP Board, a motion by Marilyn Michelini was seconded by Dan Shea to approve the change.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, a motion by Steve Schlickman was seconded by Cheri Heramb. All in favor, the motion carried.

**XI. Other Business**

Chairman Bennett thanked the Policy Committee Members for attending the special joint meeting.

**XII. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

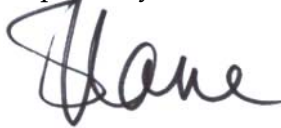
**XIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for April 11, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

**XIV. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. was made by Dan Shea, seconded by Mayor Hartstein, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

03-30-07

*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, April 11, 2007.*