



## Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2007

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 Metropolitan 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale) via tele-conference, Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township) via tele-conference, Marilyn Micheline, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Rae Rupp Srch, (Representing DuPage County), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member), . **Non-Voting Members:** Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS)

**Absent:** Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Michael Smith (Representing Will County) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP).

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Ron Thomas, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Patricia Berry, Joy Schaad and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:** Mark Avery-DuPage County, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Beth McCluskey-WCMC, Les Nunes-IDOT, Holly Smith-KDOT, Vicky Smith-SWCOM, Joel Stauber-CMAP CAC, Mike Walczak,-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Barbara Vroman-CAC/Girl Scouts, David Seglin-CDOT, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Kit Hodge-MPC, Peter Skossy-MPC, Cristina Siepel-The Resurrection Project, Erin Willrett-KKCOM, Bud Fleming-SSMMA, Andy Plummer-RTA, Stacy Meyers Glen-Openlands, Chalen Hunter-NWMC.

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

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, CMAP Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m., and asked that Board members introduce themselves.

### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Mayor Bennett announced that an Executive Session regarding a legal matter would be conducted; otherwise, there were no other agenda changes.

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

### **3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Included in Executive Director's Report were updates on the Leadership Workshops, four of which have been conducted to date. Dan Shea interjected that he had attended the McHenry County workshop, was pleased with the content and the attendance.

A request was made for a contract approval with IDOT, under the UWP program that includes \$9.7 million for general operations, \$650,000 for consulting services and the distribution of \$1.5 million to the Councils of Mayors. A motion by Mayor Elliott Hartstein to approve the contract with IDOT was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

CMAP Chair Jerry Bennett interrupted the Director's report to announce that Mike Smith, former Mayor of New Lenox who had represented Will County on the CMAP board would be stepping down. Mayor Bennett officially accepted the resignation and wanted to publicly thank Mike for all his work associated with the CMAP Board. Smith's efforts will be recognized at the July board meeting.

Blankenhorn also reported that updates from CMAP's working committees would continue to be presented in monthly summaries and distributed prior to the board meeting.

A Resolution supporting the RTA's funding was presented for adoption. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Michelini to adopt the Resolution as presented. Background was reported by Steve Schlickman and comments were made by Mayor Hartstein and Dan Shea. All in favor however, the motion carried.

## **5.0 Regional Transportation Plan**

Having been reviewed by the public and CMAP's Planning Coordinating committee, CMAP staffer Joy Schaad reported that SAFETEA-LU Compliant 2030 Regional Transportation Plan is now ready for approval by the CMAP Board. The plan will also be presented on June 14 to the Policy Committee. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Michelini to approve the SAFETEA-LU Compliant Regional Transportation Plan as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **6.0 Unified Work Program**

Reporting for CMAP, Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs Gordon Smith presented the agency's 2008 Unified Work Program for transportation planning in northeastern Illinois. A total of \$18,414,697 in planning funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and state and local sources is allocated to the region, with just over \$12 million to CMAP. Other agencies receiving funding under the program include the City of Chicago, Metra, CTA, the Councils of Mayors, Pace and RTA. Approval is being sought by the CMAP Board prior to presentation to the Policy Committee on June 14. A motion made by Dan Shea to approve the 2008 Unified Work Program as presented is seconded by Mayor Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **7.0 Public Participation Plan**

CMAP staffer Hubert Morgan reported the standards that were placed on the development of CMAP's Public Participation Plan with SAFETEA-LU requirements and measures cited by the Policy Committee, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn had asked that staff tailor the Plan to cover the agency's broad areas of work and the Citizen's Advisory Committee had been charged with the update. Believed to be complete, comprehensive and matching CMAP board goals of outreach, engagement and sustainable relationship, the plan, already having been presented for public comment (few of which were received) is now presented for board approval. A motion made by Mayor Michelini to approve CMAP's Public Participation Plan as presented is seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **8.0 Transportation Committee**

CMAP staffer Patricia Berry reported that the March 2007 Memorandum of Understanding between CMAP and the Policy Committee called for a joint determination of composition of the Transportation Committee. Compared to the composition of the Work Program Committee, Ms. Berry explained that at the City's request, representation of the City's Department of Planning would be dropped. Addition membership departures include the mass transit districts, NIPC and CATS. However, new members to the committee, Berry continued represent Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Chicagoland Transportation and Air Quality Commission, Business Leaders from Transportation, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, CMAP and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force. A motion by Mayor Hartstein to approve

the composition as presented was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **9.0 Legislative Update**

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that CMAP's legislation was transferred from HB 1134 to SB 1201 and it successfully passed out of both chambers of the General Assembly at the end of May. A letter had been drafted by staff on behalf of the CMAP board to the Governor requesting his signature to approve the bill. Additional support from CMAP partners and downstate MPOs, in support of this legislation is also being sought and forthcoming. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch is seconded by Mayor Hartstein approving the content of and requesting staff to forward the letter to Governor Blagojevich. All in favor, the motion carried.

Blankenhorn thanked Metropolis 2020 for drafting a 2-page summary (a sort of bird's eye view) of the bill that can be used as talking points by the Board and partner organizations downstate in their continued support of the legislation. Blankenhorn also requested that efforts continue to engage partners to support SB 1201.

#### **10.0 Agency Funding**

Blankenhorn reported that while monies had been received to cover payrolls and NIPC's line of credit had been put in motion, CMAP continued to experience a serious cash-flow situation as a result of not receiving the third or fourth quarterly payment from IDOT. Meetings continue and staff remains cautiously optimistic that problems will be resolved by week's end.

Board Chair Jerry Bennett reported that the Executive Committee had met prior to this morning's board meeting having discussed the matter, expressed its outrage and disbelief. Bennett went on to say that a letter had been forwarded from the FHWA to IDOT requesting that they pay their bills. The actions by IDOT may put all federal transportation funds at risk. Hence, the board will adjourn this meeting to an executive session to discuss legalities.

#### **11.0 Fiscal Year 2008 Budget**

Briefly Deputy Executive Director of Finance & Administration Dolores Dowdle explained the content of the FY 2008 budget and reported that the budget presented is similar to Alternative A that was presented last month. An additional \$100,000 had been re-directed to environmental planning and economic development. A motion by Mayor Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the FY 2008 Budget as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **12.0 Facility Planning Areas**

Deputy Executive Director of Programming & Operations Don Kopec reported recent developments in the FPA program, transitioning from NIPC to CMAP and explained that SB 1201 contained a provision to establish a Wastewater committee, comprised of 3

members of the CMAP Board, along with 1 member from the MWRD and 1 member of the largest other wastewater agency in the region, will consider FPAs and report directly to the IEPA. Although SB 1201 is not yet signed into law, staff is suggesting the CMAP appointments (1 city, 1 suburban and 1 collar county) be made quickly in order to transition the responsibilities of the NIPC's Water Resources Committee to the Wastewater Committee in a timely fashion and to address a present backlog of 11 requests for boundary changes. The committee is expected to meet monthly, possibly on board meeting days. Board Chair Jerry Bennett proposed the following appointments: Frank Beal, Zenovia Evans and the new appointment that will represent Will County. A motion by Dan Shea is seconded by Rita Athas to approve the appointments recommended by Mayor Bennett. The Board assumes that the NIPC contract with EPA transfers to CMAP. Frank Beal questioned the appropriateness in establishing this committee prior to the legislation being signed and Blankenhorn responded that since NIPC's last meetings will be held in June and it is assumed that its responsibilities are being transferred to the CMAP Board, this would be the best course of action in order to avoid a gap to responding to requests. Ed Paesel suggested that NIPC can echo this action at its upcoming quarterly meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **13.0 Other Business**

There was no other business brought before the board.

#### **14.0 Public Comment**

Joel Stauber, on behalf of the Citizen's Advisory Committee reported that the CAC, in developing visualization of the TIP will begin defining the criteria evaluating the success of public engagement. Ricca Sloane reported that Richard Aker, who had worked for Openlands and was an asset to the region, had died recently. Finally, Deputy Executive Director of Planning Ron Thomas invited the CMAP Board to NIPC's final quarterly meeting on June 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., and legacy event beginning at 11:00 a.m., where NIPC will transfer its work to CMAP.

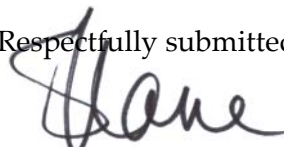
#### **15.0 Next Meeting**

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

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

A motion to close the meeting and move to Executive Session was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Michelini, at 10:56 a.m. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, July 11, 2007*