



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force

**From:** Tom Murtha, CMAP Staff

**Date:** September 19, 2012

**Re:** Focused Programming for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

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In 2011 CMAP began implementing GO TO 2040 through the CMAQ program by having Program Focus Groups prioritize projects according to how they support the goals and action areas of GO TO 2040. The upcoming CMAQ 2017-18 call for projects will continue this approach. To create consistency and add clarity and focus to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force's recommendations, CMAP staff suggests that project programming recommendations be based on a two-tier approach to system and project evaluation. The first tier ('criteria') gives the proposed criteria which bicycle and pedestrian facility projects would need to meet in full in order to be recommended. The second tier ('performance measures') provides data that will help CMAP and implementers judge the effectiveness of the project in increasing and improving non-motorized travel.

Both tiers are intended and designed to enable the CMAQ program to effectively realize the goals and objectives of GO TO 2040. Staff encourages discussion and debate on these or other possible criteria and performance measures.

**Criteria.** First, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force should consider adopting criteria, all of which would need to be met, for facility project recommendations. Consider the following possible criteria:

- Bikeways, or pedestrian facilities that provide direct access to high ridership transit stops and stations, and
- Inclusion of the facility in an adopted plan, and
- Provides direct access to a CBD, activity center, transit service, school, or a regional-scale park or recreation facility (including trails); and
- Shows major improvement in safety and attractiveness criteria from "before" to "after", as a result of the proposed improvement (see posted memo about these criteria); and
- The project has received design approval or the PDR document has been submitted to IDOT for approval prior to release of the Project Selection Committee's programming recommendations (expected in July, 2013).

*Performance Measures.* Second, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force should consider adopting performance measures for projects that are recommended. Staff proposes the following potential performance measures:

- Bicycle and pedestrian facility user counts (before and after, annual for four years)
- Journey-to-work non-motorized mode share
- Bicycle and pedestrian crashes
- Transit boardings and alightings
- Population (2010) + Employment (2000)