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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

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Re: Legislative Update

State Legislative Update
**Indicates similar bill was filed in a previous session.*

The 97th General Assembly was seated on January 12 and began their regular schedule on February 1. CMAP has reviewed more than 6,500 bills introduced through March 1, selecting more than 150 for addition to our database of bills to be monitored throughout the session. The following bills are those we consider most important to CMAP's mission. We have taken positions on many of them, and are reviewing several on which we may take a position in the future. More bills may be added to this list as the session unfolds.

Transportation:
*HB 267 – Franks (D-Woodstock) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to allow counties to opt out of paying RTA taxes. Passed the House on 2/24/2011.

*HB 1091 – Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow the state to enter into public-private partnerships for transportation projects. Passed Judiciary Civil Law Committee and placed on calendar for second floor reading and short debate on 2/23/11. SB 146 (Steans, D-Chicago) is a companion bill that was sent to the Executive Committee on 2/9/11. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

HB 1286 – Winters (R-Rockford) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow the Tollway Authority to construct new railroad tracks. Assigned to Tollway Oversight Committee on 2/14/11. SB 1904 (Sandoval, D-Chicago) is a companion bill that was sent to the Assignments Committee on 2/10/11.

HB 1377 – Zalewski (D-Summit) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require municipalities to report to IDOT all preferred truck routes not classified Class 2 or 3, and for IDOT to post those routes on its website. Assigned to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on

2/14/11. SB 1870 (Raoul, D-Chicago) is a companion bill that was referred to the Assignments Committee on 2/10/11.

HB 1548 – Franks (D-Woodstock) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to consolidate the RTA and service boards into a new agency named the Northeastern Transit Authority. Assigned to the Mass Transit Committee on 2/22/11.

HB 1613 – McAsey (D-Romeoville) – CMAP is **reviewing** this bill to add costs associated with Transit Oriented Development to the definitions of "redevelopment projects costs" in the municipal TIF statute. Assigned to the Executive Committee on 2/22/11.

HB 1711 – Soto (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT, the RTA and state police to establish a five-year pilot program within the RTA boundaries for bus rapid transit on highways and shoulders commencing Jan. 1, 2011. Assigned to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on 2/22/11. HB 3359 (Riley, D-Hazel Crest) is an identical bill, also referred to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on 2/28/11. HB 1884 (Rita, D-Blue Island) is nearly identical, except it provides for bus rapid transit on tollways. Assigned to Tollway Oversight Committee on 2/22/11.

HB 1761 – Nekritz (D-DesPlaines) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require IDOT to publish its master plan every five years (instead of two), and that the plan include a comprehensive and multimodal freight mobility plan that recommends improvements in the operation and management of the freight system. Assigned to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on 2/22/11.

HB 1917 – Thapedi (D-Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to impose a $10 fee for vehicle emissions tests. Assigned to Environment & Energy Committee on 2/23/11.

HB 1966 – Burke (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create an Illinois and Midwest High Speed Rail Commission to study implementation of HSR. Assigned to Judiciary Civil Law Committee on 2/23/11.

HB 2057 – Fortner (R-West Chicago) – CMAP is **reviewing** this bill to prohibit transfers from the Road Fund and State Construction Account Fund. It also provides for a reduction in gasoline sales taxes from 6.25 percent to 1.25 percent beginning on July 1 and imposes an additional motor fuel tax of 15 cents per gallon, with proceeds being used for capital projects. Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee on 2/23/11.

HB 2874 – Flynn Currie (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to require the RTA to create a universal fare card for senior citizens. Assigned to Mass Transit Committee on 2/24/11.

HB 2903 – Williams (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to authorize a $500,000 grant from the Alternate Fuels Act to be given to car-sharing organizations to purchase alt-fuel vehicles made in Illinois. Assigned to Environmental Health Committee on 2/28/11.

HB 3047 – Jakobsson (D-Champaign) – CMAP is **reviewing** this bill to require IDOT to adopt a complete streets policy that considers the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and vehicles, bicyclists, and commercial and emergency vehicles moving along and across roads, intersections and crossings. Assigned to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on 2/28/11.

HB 3083 – Harris (R-Mt. Prospect) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill requiring 25 percent of all state vehicles to be alternate fuel vehicles and IDOT and ISTHA to construct electric charging facilities at rest stops and oases by 2015. Assigned to State Government Administration Committee on 2/28/11.

HB 3254 – Verschoore (D-Rock Island) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to increase from $15 million to $30 million the amount to be appropriated annually for construction of bridges 20 feet or more in length and to reduce local matching amounts from 4-1 to 9-1. Assigned to Transportation Regulation, Roads and Bridges Committee on 2/28/11.

HB 3485 – Harris (R-Mt. Prospect) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to exempt gasoline from sales taxes and to increase MFT to 38 cents per gallon, with 15 cents going into the GRF, .8 cents going to mass transit and 3.2 cents going to the Local Government Tax Fund. Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee on 3/1/11.

HB 3597 – Burns (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **reviewing** this bill to require the transit service boards to reduce the cost of transfers by January, 2012, and to create a universal fare card by 2015. Referred to Rules Committee on 2/24/11.

SB 143 – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require 30 percent of all monies deposited in the State Road Fund to be used for projects in Cook County. Assigned to Transportation Committee on 2/9/11.

SB 1258 – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow road funds and MFT funds to be used for mass transit projects. Assigned to Transportation Committee on 2/23/11.

SB 1312 – Schoenberg (D-Evanston) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow IDOT to use the design-build delivery methods for public projects. Assigned to Transportation Committee on 2/23/11.

SB 1381 – Sandoval (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this bill to require $5 million in MFT taxes per month to be diverted to finance railroad grade crossing construction. Assigned to Transportation Committee on 2/23/11.

SB 1725 – Dillard (R-Westmont) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to allow the RTA board chairman to veto the budget and two-year spending plans of any of the service boards. Referred to Assignments Committee on 2/9/11.

SB 1856 – McCarter (R-Highland) – CMAP is **reviewing** this bill to allow IDOT to protect land from being developed in future road corridors. Referred to Assignments Committee on 2/9/11.

HR 30 – Dunkin (D-Chicago) – CMAP **OPPOSES** this resolution calling for a commission to recommend the best procedure and structure for consolidating RTA mass transit services. Assigned to Mass Transit Committee on 2/14/11.

Land Use:

*HB 28 – Lang (D-Skokie) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow municipalities to establish a green energy special service area to fund energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy improvements. Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee on 2/8/11. SB 1657 (Frerichs, D-Champaign) is a companion bill assigned to the Revenue Committee on 2/23/11. HB 1329 (May, Highwood) and HB 3600 (Osterman, D-Chicago) are nearly identical bills. The former was referred to the Revenue & Finance Committee on 2/14/11, and the latter was referred to the Rules Committee on 2/24/11. *SUPPORTS GO TO 2040.*

HB 1082 – Tryon (R-Crystal Lake) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow rural counties to levy a tax for farmland and open space preservation. Referred to Counties & Townships Committee on 2/8/11.

HB 1585 – Sente (D-Lincolnshire) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require the Department of Public Health to adopt and publish a minimum code of standards for rainwater harvesting collection and distribution systems by Jan. 1, 2012. Assigned to Executive Committee on 2/22/11. SB 38 (Garrett, D-Highwood) is a companion bill that has passed the Senate and is now in the House Rules Committee. The SB will be the primary vehicle.

HB 3372 – Fortner (R-West Chicago) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow counties with stormwater management plans to charge fees to benefit stormwater management activities and facilities. Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee on 2/28/11. SB 2195 (Hutchinson, D-Chicago Heights) is a companion bill referred to the Assignments Committee on 2/10/11.

SB 2081 – Dillard (R-Westmont) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to use a portion of fees collected by the EPA to finance clean water projects recommended by the DuPage River Salt Creek Work Group. Referred to Assignments Committee on 2/10/11.

Energy & Environment:
HB1089 – Holbrook (D-Belleville) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to allow income tax credits for energy efficiency projects. Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee on 2/8/11.

Economic Development:
HB1606 – Davis (D-Chicago) – CMAP is **NEUTRAL** on this bill to create and fund a south suburban brownfields intermodal redevelopment zone. Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee on 2/22/11.

Efficient Governance:
SB 37 – Duffy (R-Barrington) – CMAP **SUPPORTS** this bill to require all governmental entities to post all public records on their websites. A Local Government Committee hearing was postponed on 2/16/11.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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