



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee

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From: Matt Maloney, Senior Planner

Re: Transportation Financial Plan (Reasonably Expected Revenues)

The transportation financial plan, a part of *GO TO 2040*, will estimate both transportation costs and revenues. Calculating revenues has two primary components. The first component, “core revenues”, is the projection of revenues that the region currently receives for transportation, without assuming any changes to tax rates or funding formulas. Forecasts of these revenue sources were presented to the Transportation Committee at the September meeting. Please see: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=17260>

In addition, FHWA/FTA guidance on the fiscal constraint permits MPOs to calculate revenues that can “reasonably be expected”. What is “reasonable” usually constitutes a judgment call, based upon the current political and policy climate at various levels of government. The purpose of this section is to list some of the “reasonably expected revenues” that CMAP is considering for inclusion into the fiscal constraint.

In the attached table, we have included descriptions of these potential sources, our assessment of the political/policy climate for each, links to any recent CMAP analysis on these revenue sources (if applicable), the revenue potential (if applicable), and how revenues can be forecasted, if they are deemed to be reasonable for inclusion.

As shown in the accompanying memo on expected costs, “core revenues” may not even be adequate to cover basic transportation system operations and maintenance during the *GO TO 2040* planning period. Therefore, identifying “reasonably expected revenues” becomes a highly significant activity, as revenues from these sources will be necessary for system improvements or expansions.

Staff requests feedback from the Transportation Committee, and particularly, representatives from FHWA, FTA, and IDOT on whether these revenues can be “reasonably expected to occur”

at some time in the planning horizon. In addition, staff requests identification and discussion of other revenue sources that should be further investigated for consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.