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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: Drew Williams-Clark, CMAP Staff

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Re: GO TO 2040 plan update

The GO TO 2040 comprehensive plan was adopted by the CMAP Board and Policy Committee in October 2010 and serves as the metropolitan transportation plan for the seven-county Chicago region. Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) requires that GO TO 2040 be updated in October 2014. CMAP staff expects to ask the Board and Policy Committee for approval to release a draft plan update for public comment in June 2014. Staff does not expect to recommend changes to the policy recommendations in GO TO 2040. Good progress has been made in the first half of FY14. The plan update project is made up of several component projects. The remainder of this memorandum will update the board on progress made by each of these projects.

Implementation Actions

As part of the plan update, staff are conducting a review of the implementation action area tables found in each of GO TO 2040's 12 recommendation sections. Specifically, each of these action tables is being updated to reflect their implementation status. This project does not envision the drafting of new recommendations, but some implementation actions may be added within the areas. Over the past several months, staff worked to identify implementation examples in collaboration with CMAP's working committees. Those examples have been compiled and will inform the Moving Forward 2013: GO TO 2040 implementation report. In October, staff conducted an internal review to determine the high-level status of each implementation action – classifying each as “retain,” “revise,” “complete,” or “delete” – and providing a brief rationale for each classification. At their November meetings, CMAP staff asked the working committees to review those classifications for relevant plan recommendation sections. In January, staff will present draft revisions to some implementation actions for discussion with working committees. Staff expects final revisions to be complete in February.

Indicators

GO TO 2040 includes a set of performance measures under each recommendation area, which are intended to serve as benchmarks for monitoring the progress of plan implementation. A decision was made to revise some of the performance measures in the plan update to better

match the agency's policy needs and data availability following experience gained over the first few years of implementing the plan, as well as the knowledge staff developed in further analyzing the indicators. Much of this work was based on staff assessments of the performance measures conducted over the past two years. Staff presented an overview of the process CMAP used to develop the revised list of plan indicators and discussed the indicators that have been modified at working committees and the Board meeting in November. The next step in the process will be to update the short and long-term indicator targets in GO TO 2040. Staff expects to begin this discussion with working committees in February.

Financial Plan

Working in coordination with representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois Tollway, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), as well as county and municipal transportation departments, staff have prepared revenue and expenditure forecasts for the financial plan update. Staff presented a memorandum to the Transportation Committee at the November meeting that includes draft core revenues and operating and "safe and adequate" capital expenditures, compares these forecasts to GO TO 2040, and provides a menu of potential "reasonably expected revenues" which will be necessary for the region to safely and adequately maintain, modernize, and expand the system between now and 2040. Proposed reasonably expected revenues include a state motor fuel tax increase, regionally-imposed transportation user fee, congestion pricing on the existing system, long-term MFT replacement, performance-based funding, and variable parking pricing. Staff asked for feedback from the committee at that meeting. Updated forecasts and allocations will be presented to the Regional Coordinating Committee at the January meeting. Staff will be asking project implementers and local governments within the region to make an increased commitment to implement reasonably expected revenues as part of the update process.

Major Capital Projects

From October to December, CMAP staff reviewed the GO TO 2040 menus of fiscally constrained and unconstrained major capital projects with staff from the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Metra, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Illinois Toll Highway Authority (Tollway), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), and Pace Suburban Bus (Pace). CMAP staff also discussed major capital project plans with staff from the same implementing agencies. Staff requested that project implementers provide as much of the cost information pertaining to each of their projects as possible. This included not only total project costs, but also all components of total costs that are relevant to the plan update project. CMAP asked for all cost estimates in year-of-expenditure dollars. CMAP staff distributed a memo containing updated project summaries of all proposed major capital projects to the transportation committee in December. Staff expects to present a framework for evaluating major capital projects to the transportation committee at the January meeting for discussion. Staff have also discussed the treatment of Bus Rapid Transit projects proposed on the region's arterial roadways and expect to present a framework for how this will be addressed in the plan update to the transportation committee in the spring.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information and Discussion

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