REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

To: CMAP Policy Committee

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Re: **PROPOSED FFY 2007 JARC AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR ENDORSEMENT**

We are seeking your endorsement of the proposed FFY 2007 JARC and New Freedom Program of Projects at the upcoming June 12 CMAP Policy Committee meeting. The Human Services Committee and Transportation Committee endorsed the proposed program at their respective May meetings.

Seven applicants submitted project proposals to the RTA for the FFY 2007 JARC and New Freedom Programs. All applications have been available for public viewing on the JARC/NF website since early April (http://jarcnf.rtachicago.com).

A five member Selection Review Committee (SRC) made up of staff from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the RTA evaluated the applications. The evaluation process utilized the criteria that were included in the Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) that was developed with input from the Human Services Committee and the HSTP Project Advisory Committee.

As a result of that evaluation the following projects are recommended for the FFY 2007 Program of Projects:

Projects Proposed for JARC Funding

- Alternative Transportation Services of Chicagoland I-GO for Job Access
- CTA Route # 53A South Pulaski
- CTA Route # 18 16th/18th Midday Service
- CTA New Clybourn Street Fixed Route Service
- Metra Sunrise Express
- Pace Centralized Call Center
- Village of Schaumburg Route 602 Reverse Commute

Projects Proposed for New Freedom Funding

- Kendall County Community Transit Program
- Pace Centralized Call Center
- Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities Safety Transportation Training Program

The attached tables provide descriptions of the projects and the proposed awards by program.

Proposed FFY 2007 NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
JARC PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED JARC AWARDS (FEDERAL $ ONLY)
ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF CHICAGOLAND	**I-GO for Job Access** I-GO provides low emission cars on an hourly rental basis to members of the organization throughout the Chicago area. Low income job seekers will be able to obtain subsidized car rentals for job related trips. This project will be coordinated with the efforts of work force development agencies.	**$ 161,507***
CTA	**ROUTE # 53A SOUTH PULASKI** An expansion of this route's service frequency and expanded hours will provide improved access to a major medical center and retail establishments. These destinations provide employment opportunities for low-income individuals.	**$ 255,307***
CTA	**ROUTE # 18 16TH/18TH- MIDDAY SERVICE** This service from 9 am to 2 pm weekdays will operate between 16th/Cicero and Cermak/Indiana helping low income individuals obtain improved access to employment opportunities including two hospitals.	**$ 464,051***
CTA	**NEW CLYBOURN STREET FIXED ROUTE SERVICE** This is a new fixed route service connecting the Chicago Red Line and Logan Square Blue Line stations. There are an estimated 400-600 businesses on the route that represent employment opportunities for low-income workers. A major attraction on this route is the Anixter Center that provides training and employment for persons with severely limited mobility.	**$ 2,179,843***
Metra	**METRA SUNRISE EXPRESS** This is for the second year of funding for the Sunrise Express early morning reverse commute train operating on the Metra UP North Line from Chicago to Waukegan. The service enables reverse commuters to meet 7AM work start times of north suburban employers. Other benefits include a viable suburb-to-suburb option for commuters living north of Chicago and an additional inbound train. The service is averaging a daily ridership of 275 passengers with 77 or 28% of them estimated to be low income.	**$ 179,000**
PACE	**Centralized Call Center** This is the first phase of a three-part plan to implement one of three regional call centers. The center will promote, enhance and facilitate access to transportation services, including the integration and coordination of services for individuals with disabilities, older adults and those individuals with low income. Facilitating the coordination of transportation services for work training work shops and work placement agencies are among the functions of the call center.	**$ 186,477**
VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG	**ROUTE 602 REVERSE COMMUTE** Route 602 will be reconfigured to include reverse commute service to Schaumburg employment centers from the Metra Milwaukee District West Line Schaumburg commuter rail station. The weekday service will meet three morning and evening trains.	**$ 77,070***
TOTAL FFY 2007 PROPOSED JARC AWARDS		**$ 3,503,255**

*Includes funding for two years of project activities.

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Proposed FFY 2007 Northeastern Illinois
New Freedom Program of Projects

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED NEW FREEDOM AWARDS (FEDERAL $ ONLY)
KENDALL COUNTY	**KENDALL COMMUNITY TRANSIT PROGRAM** The vehicles and operations funded by this program will be used for demand responsive paratransit service to provide door-to-door service for populations of the disabled, low income, and senior populations in the urban portions of Kendall County. The project is designed to be the first phase of a countywide general public transportation system.	**$ 519,300**
PACE	**CENTRALIZED CALL CENTER** This is the first phase of a three-part plan to implement one of three regional call centers. Funding from this program will support mobility management and dispatching functions for the estimated 10,000 disabled individuals expected to utilize the call center annually. The center will promote, enhance and facilitate access to transportation services, including the integration and coordination of services for individuals with disabilities, older adults and those individuals with low income.	**$ 1,600,108**
RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	**RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION'S SAFETY TRANSPORTATION TRAINING PROGRAM** The project will assess and provide training to the disabled and older adults to improve their ability to utilize transportation services.	**$ 34,725**
	TOTAL FFY 2007 PROPOSED NEW FREEDOM AWARDS	**$ 2,154,133**