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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Coordinating Committee

From: Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for Local Planning

Date: February 1, 2012

Re: Competitive UWP Application for Local Projects

CMAP intends to submit an application for Unified Work Program (UWP) funds for FY 13 to support next year's Community Planning Program grants as well as providing funding rather than staff assistance to appropriate Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects. This application will be submitted during the "competitive" funding round, meaning that it will be evaluated compared to applications from other transportation agencies. A draft copy of the application is attached, and is briefly summarized in the paragraphs below.

The purpose of the application is to provide additional resources for local projects, building on the demonstrated interest of local governments in assistance from CMAP. A total of \$2.2 million (combined federal and state) is requested, which should be sufficient to undertake approximately 25 projects. Some of these projects would be selected from among the new applications submitted during the upcoming call for projects, but there are also existing unstarted projects within the LTA program that are suitable for this funding. This would allow CMAP staff resources to then be directed to additional communities.

This funding would be used to contract with consulting firms to carry out the projects. These firms could either be procured by the community (by CMAP providing the community a grant, and making them responsible for the consultant selection process), or by CMAP (with the community's concurrence). The procurement method would depend on the community's preference and capacity.

Staff will update the Local Coordinating Committee on the status of the UWP funding application as discussions occur.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

FY 13 Unified Work Program for Northeastern Illinois

COMPETITIVE PROJECTS PROPOSAL FORM STATE FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1, 2012-JUNE 30, 2013)

Project Title	Local Planning Support
Sponsoring Agency	CMAP
FHWA/FTA Amount Requested	\$1,760,000
Local Match Amount	\$440,000
Total Project Cost (Local Match Amount must be at least 20% of Total Project Cost)	\$2,200,000

Description and Justification

Brief Description: This project will provide grants and consultant assistance to local governments to undertake planning activities that integrate land use, transportation, and housing. These grants will be available for planning activities as well as updates and reviews of local development regulations. Projects will be selected from among existing but unstarted LTA projects as well as new projects identified through a competitive application process. This level of funding will support approximately 25 local projects.

Major Tasks (up to 20)

1. Identify current LTA projects that are suitable for grants from this funding source. Representative projects include (1) planning for land use and economic development in five communities around the I-294/ I-57 interchange; (2) planning for land use around new Pace ART service on Milwaukee Avenue in Niles; (3) corridor plan for the 95th Street corridor in Oak Lawn; (4) planning for land use and transportation in unincorporated areas in DuPage County; and (5) developing a new comprehensive plan for Lynwood in response to expected transportation improvements.
2. Hold an application process for new projects. This will be done in coordination with the RTA's Community Planning Program, as was done in FY 11-12.
3. Select new projects. Approval from both the Board and the MPO Policy Committee will be sought in October, with a recommendation from the Transportation Committee and Local Coordinating Committee prior to approval. Approximately 25 projects would be selected with the requested level of funding.
4. Initiate new projects. Successful communities will either hold their own consultant selection processes to procure consultant assistance or will work with CMAP to choose from a list of pre-qualified consultants already screened by CMAP (to occur in spring 2012).
5. Implement selected projects. Each project is expected to result in the adoption of a plan or a regulatory document by at least one unit of local government. Each project is also expected to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 by translating the principles of the regional plan into local planning practice.
6. Evaluate program success and make adjustments. In future years, modifications to application forms and processes, consultant procurement processes, evaluation methods, and other administrative elements of this program are expected.

Competitive Justification: Please identify the regional focus area associated with this project.
Local Technical Assistance

Competitive Justification: Please identify at least one principal of the regional priorities associated with this project and/or the required MPO activities.

This project responds directly to the "Local technical assistance" priority. The entire focus of the Local Planning work program is to provide assistance to local governments, both through direct, individualized technical assistance and regional activities that are broadly useful. Because of the central role that local governments have in the implementation of GO TO 2040, this work has been identified by the UWP Committee as a high near-term priority.

Competitive Justification: Will this project inform or achieve regional or subregional land use, housing, environmental, economic development, or human services goals? Please explain.

Yes. This project directly implements GO TO 2040's recommendations for resources to be provided to local governments for planning purposes. Creating a funding source such as this, and coordinating it with other partners such as the RTA, is an explicit recommendation in GO TO 2040. This project most strongly addresses land use, housing, and transportation goals, and is also relevant to environmental, economic development, and human services goals.

Competitive Justification: Which particular GO TO 2040 recommendation will this project, contribute or, implement?

This project directly implements the recommendations of the Land Use and Housing section of GO TO 2040 as well as the Regional Mobility recommendations of the plan (in the areas of Transportation Finance, Public Transit, and Freight). Because the activities funded are often comprehensive in nature, this project also implements other recommendations related to Coordinated Investment, Water and Energy Conservation, and Parks and Open Space.

Is this project a continuation of previous work? If so, please explain.

Yes. This project was funded in FY 11 and led to the first year of the Community Planning Program. No funding was requested in FY 12 due to application schedules.

Who will benefit from the interim or final products of this project?

The products will benefit local governments (municipalities, COGs, and counties) as well as transportation agencies whose investments are affected by local land use decisions.

What is the source of funds for the local match portion of this project?

Illinois Department of Transportation. Additional funding for complementary activities is also provided through the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant.

Products and Completion Schedule		
Product	Product Type	Completion Date
Selection of approximately 5 existing LTA projects to receive grant funding rather than staff assistance	Outside distribution	July
Selection of approximately 20 new projects to receive grant funding	Outside distribution	October
Initiation of local projects	Plan/ Program	Ongoing
Completion of local projects	Plan/ Program	FY 14
Process evaluation and preparation for FY 14 applications	In-house	March

Expense Breakdown	
Staff (including overhead) cost	\$
Total Person Months	
Consultant Cost	\$2,200,000
Other Costs	
Total Project Cost	\$2,200,000
Please specify the purpose of consultant costs and time line for expenditure All costs in this project are consultant costs (either contracted with CMAP or with local governments). All projects are scheduled to be initiated by early 2013 and will be completed by June 2014.	
Please specify the purpose of other costs N/ A	