



CMAP Legislative Agenda November 15, 2006

CMAP was formed through a regional consensus to approach planning comprehensively and collaboratively. The Regional Planning Act passed unanimously in both houses of the General Assembly before being signed by the Governor in August 2005. Mayors, county chairs and other local officials gave broad support to formation of the new agency, which is a merger of the Chicago Area Transportation Study and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. CMAP and its partners are removing barriers to cooperation across geographical boundaries, and across subject areas like land use, transportation, natural resources, and economic development. By understanding how these issues -- and our communities' futures -- are inter-related, CMAP wants to change the way planning is conducted in northeastern Illinois.

The following are CMAP's legislative priorities for 2007. For more information, contact Gordon Smith, deputy executive director for external relations, 312-386-8739 or gsmith@chicagoareaplanning.org.

- 1. Technical Fixes to the Regional Planning Act**
 - IMRF eligibility
 - Formally changing the name to CMAP
 - Striking the language referring to two deputies
 - Making timelines for planning correspond with federal law
 - Municipal designation
- 2. Rescind NIPC's enabling and other legislation and transfer authorities to CMAP**
- 3. Funding**
- 4. Projects of regional significance**
- 5. Capital Plan**
- 6. Incentives**
- 7. Open Meetings Act**