

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Regional Coordinating Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 2, 2013

Re: Update on Performance-Based Funding

In October 2012, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved a staff **proposal** to pursue performance-based funding, focusing on the Illinois Department of Transportation's multiyear highway improvement program. Specifically, the Board and MPO approved the following two recommendations:

- 1) IDOT should form a technical advisory group for implementing performance-based funding.
- 2) CMAP should initiate a regional process for developing the agency's internal prioritization and selection methodology to evaluate candidate projects.

A letter requesting item #1 was sent to IDOT Secretary Ann Schneider shortly after the joint meeting. To date, CMAP has not received a response. While the Department has made clear that it intends to pursue a statewide process on "performance measures," as required by federal law, there is no indication that these measures would be considered for any capital planning and programming decisions. CMAP's position is that such a process will have limited utility for the region or state.

NEXT STEPS FOR CMAP ON PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING

Performance-based funding remains a top policy priority for CMAP. Over the upcoming months, staff intends to pursue a more visible campaign to help clarify the importance of this issue for policymakers, the business community, and the wider public. Given the State's growing fiscal instability, a much more compelling case can be made that the outcome of the existing state highway programming process—over \$9 billion of State and federal funds allocated with limited consideration to merit—requires reform.

Similar to its work on [congestion pricing](#), CMAP intends to create a web-based “microsite” dedicated to performance-based funding, and will seek to disseminate this information to local governments, state policymakers, and to the wider public via local media. CMAP also intends to evaluate and consider supporting state legislation which moves performance-based funding forward. This item is included in CMAP’s 2013 state legislative agenda, which will also be discussed today by the committee.

Lastly, CMAP also acknowledges that the agency can take more direct steps to advance performance-based funding, given our capacity as the region’s federally designated MPO. Consistent with item #2 above, CMAP will pursue new projects in 2013 to ensure that the region is making more informed capital investment decisions with transportation dollars. This work will likely include enhancements to the CMAQ process as well as more proactive efforts by CMAP in tandem with regional transportation implementers to match programming decisions to careful planning, the best available performance metrics, and transparent deliberation among the region’s stakeholders. Staff is currently scoping out some of this internal work, and will continue to brief the Regional Coordinating Committee on progress throughout 2013.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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