



## MEMORANDUM

To: UWP Committee

Date: December 2, 2008

From: Matt Maloney

Re: UWP Priorities for FY 2010

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### Metra

- **Riders: Desires, attitudes, and geographic and temporal habits**
  - Potential projects:
    - **Rider Satisfaction and Attitude Survey**
    - **Weekend Station Boarding/Alighting Count**
  - Outcomes:
    - Determine what aspects of system most need enhancement
    - More efficient train schedules and operations
    - More efficient marketing of transit service
- **Four “New Starts” projects** – alternatives analyses to satisfy federal funding requirements
  - Project:
    - **Complete travel forecasting** for UP, UPNW, SES, STAR
  - Outcome:
    - Input to alternatives analysis and possible NEPA documents (EAs, EISs).

### Pace

- **Hastus Data Coordination:** Pace needs to coordinate the data the Hastus transit scheduling software creates for garage expenses versus the actual garage expenses. There is often a discrepancy between the projected data and the actual data. Pace would like to do a study to determine why these differences exist and how to more accurately reflect the actual expense in Hastus to maximize operating funds and planning efficiencies. This would also include an upgrade to the Hastus system.

- **Rideshare Services Program:** Continuation of the rideshare services program, marketing and Pace Rideshare web site upgrades.
- **Update Pace Development Guidelines and Land Use Component:** Pace needs to update the development guidelines with a land use transit component, create an easy to use on-line document, and market the guidelines through regional outreach business development program.

### Council of Mayors (CoM)

The CoM has traditionally had only one UWP funded project each year titled "Subregional Transportation Planning, Programming and Management". The purpose of the project is to fund the CoM Planning Liaison program, which assists CMAP in meeting federal transportation planning requirements and provides a vital link between regional agencies and local governments. Within the program, there are several high-priority activities anticipated for FY 2010:

- Management of the CoM Surface Transportation Program (STP) to assist CMAP in maintaining a fiscally constrained Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as required by FHWA and FTA.
- Increased involvement in the tracking and management of other federal fund sources, including assisting with Active Program Management of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.
- Participation in *GO TO 2040* activities to assist CMAP in meeting federal long range planning and public involvement requirements.
- Participation in and coordination of regional transportation and planning issues (i.e. CN/EJ&E purchase, Western Access to O'Hare Airport, Developments of Regional Importance, corridor and small area studies, bikeway and transit plans, etc.).

### City of Chicago

More than any single project or theme of projects, we feel that assuring the effective and full participation of the region's elected officials and transportation agencies in the regional transportation planning process is the top priority.

### CMAP

- GO TO 2040:
  - Scenario Evaluation and selection of the region's preferred scenario- consisting of public involvement and technical work including continued model development. Major public involvement effort will be July-August of 2010.
  - Selection of recommended capital projects.
  - Development and communication of plan recommendations and developing an implementation plan for *GO TO 2040*.
- Continue federally required efforts on the TIP and Congestion Management Process.

- Data Development and Analysis- data archiving project and continued web environment development.
- Plan Implementation & Technical Assistance- continued transportation project assistance as well as a variety of other community and technical assistance initiatives.

### **RTA**

- Supporting studies for RTA's strategic plan update. In the last cycle we received funding for a regional travel market analysis. We may propose an additional study for the next cycle.
- Web-based data sharing. We support development and implementation of some of the multi agency concepts which CMAP outlined at the last meeting.
- Adequate resources for CMAP to complete the 2040 plan.
- At this time we intend to fund our community and subregional planning grant programs with RTA resources, and will not be proposing these for UWP funding.

### **CTA**

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