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Transportation Committee

Agenda
Friday May 15, 2015,
9:30 a.m.
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions **9:30 a.m.**

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of Minutes— April 17, 2015

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

The Local Coordinating Committee met on May 13, 2015. A report on the meeting will be given by the Transportation Committee's representative. The Regional Coordinating Committee will meet on June 10, 2015.

5.0 FFY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program

5.1 FFY 14-19 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications (Leroy Kos)

TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested. Revisions include line items that have been awarded, moved, or deleted. The TIP amendments and modifications are attached.

ACTION REQUESTED**:** Recommendation for approval of TIP amendments and concurrence for the update of Attachment A.

5.2 FTA Subarea Allocation between Indiana-Illinois and Wisconsin-Illinois of Section 5307/5340 Capital and Planning Funds, 5337 State of Good Repair Funds, and 5339 Bus Funds (Leroy Kos)

On February 9, 2015, FTA published its Fiscal Year 2015 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information. At its April 16, 2015 meeting, the RTA Board approved the splits of all funding with northwestern Indiana and southeastern Wisconsin. The total funds made available to the Northeastern Illinois/Northwestern Indiana/Southeastern Wisconsin urbanized areas (UZAs) are allocated by agreements between Illinois and Indiana for §5307/ §5340, §5337, and §5339 funding; and Illinois and Wisconsin for §5307/§5340 and §5339 funding. The apportionment for the Chicago IL/IN and the Round Lake

Beach/McHenry/Grayslake IL/WI urbanized areas are based on calculated percentages derived from the annual apportionments, information in the National Transit Database, and Census data. The recommended splits between Indiana/Illinois and Wisconsin/Illinois are available here. The recommended distribution to the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace are available here (2015 Full Year Service Boards Funding).
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation of approval of the subarea allocations between Northwestern Indiana-Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin-Northeastern Illinois and concurrence with financial calculations for CTA, Pace, and Metra to the MPO Policy Committee.

5.3 Transportation Alternatives Program – Local (TAP-L) Update (Doug Ferguson)
An update will be given on the status of the eight projects in the TAP-L program.
ACTION REQUESTED: Information

6.0 The Next Long-Range Plan (Jesse Elam)

6.1 Long-Range Plan Schedule and Strategy Paper Development Process
The majority of plan development tasks in the fiscal year starting July 1 will involve developing strategy papers and addressing issues such as the definition of a regionally significant project and the appropriate approach to financial planning. Staff will recommend a schedule for the committee's consideration. Staff will describe the proposed process for developing the papers and seek input on paper topics and working group composition.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

6.2 Transportation Elements of CMAP Draft FY 2016 Work Plan
The draft FY 2016 work plan for CMAP staff includes several items of interest to the Transportation Committee in the Performance-Based Programming and Comprehensive Plan Development core areas. CMAP staff will present briefly on these items and seek feedback from the committee.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

7.0 Legislative update (Gordon Smith)
An update of the state legislative activities will be presented to the committee
ACTION REQUESTED: Information

8.0 Status of the Local Technical Assistance Program
The current status report on the LTA program is included in the meeting materials.
ACTION REQUESTED: Information

9.0 Other Business

10.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

11.0 Next meeting – July 17, 2015

12.0 Adjournment

Committee Members

_____ Charles Abraham	____ Robert Hann	_____ Leon Rockingham
_____ Reggie Arkell***	____ Scott Hennings	_____ Mike Rogers
_____ Michael Bolton	____ Emily Karry	_____ Steve Schlickman
_____ Bruce Carmitchel	____ Jennifer (Sis) Killen**	_____ Joe Schofer
_____ Lynnette Ciavarella	____ Fran Klaas	_____ Peter Skosey
_____ Michael Connelly*	____ Wes Lujan	_____ Kyle Smith
_____ John Donovan***	____ Randy Neufeld	_____ Chris Snyder
_____ John Fortmann	____ Holly Ostdick	_____ Steve Strains
_____ Luann Hamilton	____ Leanne Redden	_____ Ken Yunker
_____ Alicia Hanlon	____ Tom Rickert	_____ Rocco Zucchero

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee

Draft Minutes

April 17, 2015

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Committee Members Present:	Chair Michael Connelly – CTA, Charles Abraham - IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Jennifer Becker – Kendall County, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, John Donovan – FHWA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Terry Heffron – IDOT District One, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Vice Chair Sis Killen – Cook County, David Kralik – Metra, Christina Kupkowski – Will County, Aimee Lee – Illinois Tollway, John Loper – DuPage County, Holly Ostdick – CMAP, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Peter Skosey – MPC, Kyle Smith-CNT, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Mike Sullivan - Kane County.
Absent:	Robert Hann – Private Providers, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Steve Schlickman – Academic & Research, Joe Schofer – Academic & Research, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC
Others Present:	Mike Albin, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Mitch Bright, Bruce Christensen, Michael Fitzsimons, Jessica Hector-Hsu, Janell Jensen (via phone), Beth McCluskey, Kirsten Mellem, Brian Pigeon, Chad Riddle, Adam Rod, Chris Schmidt, David Seglin, C. Scott Smith, Vicky Tan, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Barbara Zubek
Staff Present:	Erin Aleman, Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Bob Dean, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Dolores Dowdle, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Tom Garritano, Lindsay Hollander, Leroy Kos, Tom Kotarac, Jill Leary, Tom Murtha, Liz Schuh, Joe Szabo, Andres Torres, Berenice Vallecillos, Simone Weil.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Michael Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Skosey distributed a flyer about the "Broke, Broken and Out of Time" event sponsored by MPC, the Brookings Institute, and the Union League Club to be held on May 15 to discuss infrastructure topics, including MPC's Accelerate Illinois initiative.

Mr. Pitstick announced that updates to the RTAMS website were launched on April 16th. He also distributed a Regional Transit Performance Highlights brochure.

Ms. Aleman announced that applications for CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program were available. The format of the program has been changed to be a week long summer program. Members who are interested in participating in the program or who know students or teachers that would be interested should contact CMAP staff.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015 meeting, as presented, made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Ms. Killen, carried.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Mr. Connelly reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee met on March 11, 2015 and recommended approval of the Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendment. The committee discussed the IL 53/120 Corridor Land Use Plan report, and received a report on the Economic Valuation of the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision

Mr. Connelly noted that the Local Coordinating Committee will meet next on May 13, 2015.

5.0 FFY 14-19 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Mr. Kos reported that TIP revisions exceeding financial amendment thresholds have been requested. One CMAQ schedule change that was submitted after the most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee meeting and needs approval prior to the next scheduled meeting has also been requested. Administrative modifications, including line items that have been awarded, moved, or deleted, were provided for the committee's information. Mr. Carmitchel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the FFY 2014-19 TIP Amendments. The motion carried.

6.0 2016 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Ms. Dowdle reported that development of the FY 2016 UWP was a challenge due to the uncertainty of the funding mark with MAP-21 set to expire on May 31. The proposed UWP is based on funding levels for FY 2015 and will be adjusted if needed when a final

FY 2016 mark is available. All nine core project applications are included; however the funding amounts were reduced from proposed amounts to the same level as FY 2015. Of the fourteen competitive proposals submitted, three were selected for funding: The joint CMAP and RTA Community Planning program, Chicago's south Lakefront and Museum Campus Access Alternatives and Feasibility Assessment, and CTA's Expand Brown Line Core Capacity planning. Ms. Hamilton noted that a rounding error in Figure 1 of the memo, showing Chicago receiving 7% of funding, rather than 6%. Ms. Dowdle stated that adjustments will be made to correct the chart. Mr. Carmitchel noted that as discussed by the UWP committee, unlike in past years, IDOT does not have adequate funds available to cover any delayed FTA funds in the UWP program, should FTA funds be delayed. On a motion by Ms. Snorden, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, with a vote of all ayes the Transportation Committee recommended approval of the FY 2016 proposed UWP.

7.0 Early Considerations for the Next Long-Range Plan

Mr. Elam stated that although it seems the GO TO 2040 update was just approved, we are preparing for the next long range plan, which is due in 2018. Since this plan will be a new plan, not an update, collaboration and discussion of major issues is starting now. He continued that the memo included in the packet provides a starting point for collaboration and discussions, based on topics discussed during the last update and during the recent federal certification review. The first topic addresses engagement of CMAP's committees and stakeholders. One recommendation is to hold forums/discussions after TC meetings to provide in-depth input into the long range plan. The committee was supportive of forums but concerned about scheduling, timeframe, and the role of other committees, stakeholders, and subject matter experts.

Mr. Carmitchel indicated that committee engagement was very important and said he felt that the CMAQ Project Selection Committee was a good model of engagement. Mr. Connelly raised a concern that the Planning Liaisons (PLs) meet immediately following the Transportation Committee. Mayor Rockingham expressed concern that holding forums after the Transportation Committee would inhibit the PLs from participating in the forums. Ms. Ostdick said that the PL meeting schedule could potentially be changed. Mr. Loper suggested that subject matter experts could make presentations at the forums. Ms. Snorden stated that monthly forums might be too intensive. Mr. Connelly suggested having quarterly meetings. Ms. Hamilton stated that quarterly may not be enough involvement. Mr. Elam said that the CMAP staff work plan for FY 2016 is currently under development and when that is completed and approved, a schedule for forum meetings will be easier to create. He stated that at the next TC meeting the CMAP FY 2016 work plan will be presented to receive feedback from the committee. Ms. Hamilton noted that there was not a single committee in charge of plan development for GO TO 2040 and but asked whether the proposed approach was similar to the process used for the last plan. Mr. Elam said that each of the working committees were involved in developing recommendations in their own functional areas and that what was called the Planning

Committee was closely involved in developing the regional comprehensive plan; he noted that the Local Coordinating Committee could possibly take a larger role in the upcoming regional plan development cycle.

Mr. Elam continued to the next topic: the financial plan. Mr. Elam stated that this would be discussed further over the next year, but some initial thoughts are welcome. He continued that during the last plan update staff heard concerns regarding the flexibility of funding. The committee will be asked to consider tying the available funding to targets for performance and whether the targets are attainable given the funding available. Mr. Loper stated that the regional freight funding should be considered during plan development. Mr. Kralik stated that staff should research how other MPO's create their financial plans. Ms. Hamilton stated that we should work closely with U.S. DOT on reasonably expected revenues. Mr. Donovan stated that there is flexibility in the process and the process is designed to force the region to make decisions and identify priorities with the goal of having realistic priorities and implementing the region's priorities.

The consideration of performance targets, which are required by MAP-21, is the next topic. Mr. Elam stated that FHWA rule-making is in progress. Following rule-making, state DOTs will set performance targets, followed by MPOs setting targets. Mr. Elam stated the committee should consider setting realistic and financially achievable targets – he noted that the transit ridership targets in GO TO 2040 have been seen as aspirational. Mr. Carmitchel noted that the development of statewide targets could experience some difficulties and since it would be likely that CMAP's targets would be more stringent than the statewide targets, CMAP should not wait on the state to start development. Mr. Skosey noted that the plan update presents an opportunity for CMAP to help guide the statewide targets. Mr. Pitstick indicated that he saw the issue with the transit ridership targets and that the region will need to consider how to balance aspirational goals with realistic targets that can be accomplished with the resources available. Mr. Connelly said that the agencies could develop practical targets for ridership without too much effort. Mr. Skosey referred to some work being undertaken in the Minneapolis area and suggested that the regional benefits of population growth should be highlighted.

Mr. Elam stated that the definition of regionally significant projects is something that likely needs to change, based on feedback from the U.S. DOT during CMAP's certification review. The review suggested that the definition of regionally significant projects should be based on impact, not scope. Mr. Elam suggested that some project categories to consider adding could be Bus Rapid Transit/Arterial Rapid Transit (BRT/ART) or arterial expansion. He stated that we will need to discuss this further and any initial ideas would be welcomed. Mr. Skosey suggested that the definition should not turn on whether capacity is being added, saying that a significant project is not just "new stuff" but "important stuff and expensive stuff." Ms. Hamilton said that it would not be appropriate to identify specific corridors for BRT/ART in the plan. Ms. Snorden said that the transit

agencies should get together themselves to decide what they considered regionally significant.

The committee was generally supportive of working to define impacts to determine regional significance. Mr. Heffron asked what was meant by project impact versus scope. Mr. Elam said that the distinction came from the MPO certification review, but that one alternative definition of a regionally significant project would be a project that would require development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Elam characterized this as a possible approach, but not necessarily a good idea. Ms. Hamilton noted that project sponsors would prefer to prepare an Environmental Assessment, not an EIS. Mr. Donovan indicated that a good regional planning process should inform the development of Purpose and Need under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Mr. Elam introduced the idea of using a benefit/cost analysis to supplement modeling information for evaluating potential projects. Mr. Connelly stated that consideration must be made for evaluating different types of projects against one another rather than merely reducing projects to a benefit/cost ratio. Lastly, Mr. Elam stated that staff, with the assistance of stakeholders, will be drafting strategy papers and would like input on the topics at the May 2015 TC meeting.

Mr. Connelly reminded the committee that this is the beginning of a long process encouraged members to share their ideas with the committee and with staff.

8.0 Local Technical Assistance Program – Upcoming Call for Projects and Local Match Requirements

Mr. Dean reported that the fifth call for LTA projects would be open from May 1st to June 25th, would again be a joint call with the RTA, and will include a new partner in the call, the Cook County Department of Public Health. He mentioned that there will be a new category for stormwater and resilience projects this year. He also stated that the Cook County Department of Public Health will be providing technical assistance for suburban Cook County jurisdictions who would like to create active transportation plans. The most significant change to the program is a local match requirement. From the recently-completed evaluation of the LTA program, it was clear that local commitment to projects is one of the keys to their success. Willingness to provide local match is a good indicator and demonstrates local commitment by communities. The match requirement will be from 5% to 20%, on a sliding scale based on need which is defined by tax base, median household income, and population size. There is also the possibility of waiving the contribution entirely for communities that cannot afford a match but have demonstrated commitment in other ways. In the cases of larger LTA project sponsors like Counties or the City of Chicago, match requirements will be based

on economic and demographic conditions of the area which the project serves, instead of the entire jurisdiction.

In response to a question from Mr. Carmitchel, Mr. Dean stated that the MacArthur Foundation and Cook County Department of Planning and Development through CDBG-DR are providing the funds for the stormwater projects. Mr. Connelly stated that this attempt to strengthen the program and not leave any community behind is logical and good. Ms. Killen stated that the memo mentioned giving credit for overmatching and asked if that would be considered only as a tie breaker. Mr. Dean stated that hasn't been fully thought out yet, as staff wants to spread the funding to as many projects as possible without allowing a situation where wealthier communities could "buy out" the needier communities with overmatch. Mr. Skosey stated that as the LTA program has evolved, it has taken off and is showing great results. Mr. Kralik suggested that overmatch should be looked at in relative terms. If a community that requires a 5% match can provide 10% that would be the same as a community required to provide a 20% match providing 40%. Mr. Smith thanked staff for their work on developing the sliding scale and asked if it would be apparent to applicants what their requirements would be. Mr. Dean stated that some communities may not want the data posted publicly; therefore staff and planning liaisons would have the information to provide on request to individual applicants.

9.0 Service Boards (Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace) – Capital Program Development

CTA, Metra, and Pace presented overviews of their FY 2015 capital programs and FY 2015–2019 programs. Following the presentations, Mr. Pitstick added that these presentations were an extra effort to bring the Transportation Committee more information about the budget process, to inform the decisions that the committee makes annually when approving funding splits and when approving TIP amendments. In response to a question from Mr. Skosey, Mr. Pitstick stated, and Mr. Connelly confirmed, that the RTA works continuously with the service boards to develop budgets, learn what each agency's priorities are, and what other funding sources each agency can bring to the table to meet state of good repair goals.

10.0 State Legislative Update

Mr. Connelly noted the General Assembly has not been in session for two weeks, and therefore there is no action to report.

11.0 Status of the Local Technical Assistance Program and the Major Capital Projects

Mr. Connelly stated that current status reports on the LTA program and the GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects were included in the meeting materials.

12.0 Other Business

None.

13.0 Public Comment

Mr. Garland Armstrong requested follow-up on his prior comments regarding directional signs at O'Hare and Midway Airports for persons with disabilities, including the visually impaired. Mr. Connelly stated that CTA's ADA staff has begun working with both airports to make improvements.

14.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for May 15, 2015.

13.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:17 a.m., made by Mr. Carmitchel, seconded by Mayor Rockingham, carried.

2015 FULL YEAR

Currently Established Shares:	Total	CTA	Metra	Pace
	100%	58%	34%	8%
Section 5307 Urban Area Formula Grants				
UZA 3 Chicago IL - IN	$236,236,713	$124,916,687	$76,140,876	$35,179,152
UZA 130 Chicago IL - WI	$4,188,174	$0	$4,188,174	$0
5307 IL Total	**$240,424,887**	**$124,916,686**	**$80,329,050**	**$35,179,151**
5307 IL Total Adjusted	**$240,424,887**	**$124,916,686**	**$80,329,050**	**$35,179,151**
Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants				
UZA 3 Chicago IL - IN	$13,491,685	$12,115,223	$0	$1,376,461
UZA 130 Chicago IL - WI	$294,603	$0	$0	$294,603
5339 IL Total	**$13,786,288**	**$12,115,223**	**$0**	**$1,671,065**
Section 5337 State of Good Repair Grants				
UZA 3 Chicago IL - IN	$202,092,447	$130,132,156	$71,960,291	$0
UZA 130 Chicago IL - WI	$4,324,077	$0	$4,324,077	$0
5337 IL Total	**$206,416,524**	**$130,132,156**	**$76,284,368**	**$0**
Illinois Full Fiscal Year Funding Total	**$460,627,699**	**$267,164,065**	**$156,613,418**	**$36,850,216**
Illinois Funding Total Adjusted	**$460,627,699**	**$267,164,065**	**$156,613,418**	**$36,850,216**

REGIONAL URBANIZED AREA ALLOCATIONS

Funds		Apportioned Amount for Chicago, IL-IN	%		Apportioned Amount for Round Lake Beach-McHenry-Grayslake, IL-WI	%
5307/5340						
	RTA	157,491,142.02	95.42%	RTA	2,792,115.86	96.15%
	NIRPC	7,561,829.98	4.58%	SEWRPC	111,771.14	3.85%
	Total	165,052,972.00			2,903,887.00	
5337						
	RTA	8,994,456.43	96.75%	RTA	196,402.23	94.58%
	NIRPC	301,923.57	3.25%	SEWRPC	11,245.77	5.42%
	Total	9,296,380.00			207,648.00	
5339						
	RTA	134,728,297.91	94.09%	RTA	2,882,718.00	100.00%
	NIRPC	8,463,891.05	5.91%	SEWRPC	-	0.00%
	Total	143,192,188.96			2,882,718.00	

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MEMORANDUM

To: **Transportation Committee**

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 8, 2015

Re: Status of Transportation Alternative Program – Local

CMAP staff has been actively managing the Transportation Alternatives Program – Local projects. This memo serves as an update on the projects within the program. Currently three of the eight projects have been fully authorized and are constructed, under construction, or will begin construction soon.

The projects had milestones set in the sponsor guidance based on whether they require right of way or not. If a project missed three milestones, it would be considered for removal from the program to allow for obligation of the funding within the timeframe set out during programming. At this time, three projects have missed three or more milestones.

Cal-Sag Trail
Two of those projects are the Alsip and Dolton segments of the Cal-Sag Trail, which have not begun phase II engineering at this time. Although phase I engineering was significantly complete when the projects were programmed, further coordination with IDOT's bridge engineer delayed phase I accomplishment. Phase II engineering is anticipated to be kicked off in June of 2015.

Deerfield Road bike path
The second project is Lake County's Deerfield Road bike path from Milwaukee Avenue to the Des Plaines River. The sponsor has indicated their commitment to completing this project by initiating phase II engineering prior to having a commitment of reimbursement from IDOT. However, one parcel of right of way is still being negotiated while the other two parcels are secured.

Both projects, although missing deadlines, are high priorities for not only the sponsors, but also the region. At this time, CMAP does not recommend removing any projects from the program.

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TAP-L Milestones and Accomplishments as of 5/1/15		PHII locally executed agreements submitted		PHII Kick Off		Plats and Legals Approved		Appraisals Completed		ROW Negotiations concluded		Pre-Final Plans submitted to IDOT	
TIP ID	Project Description	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Due Date	Date Accomplished	Due Date	Date Accomplished
01-11-0008	North Branch Trail	n/a	n/a	May 2014	April 2014	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	June 2016	
06-06-0061	Cal-Sag Trail East - Dolton Leg	February 2014	February 2014	May 2014		July 2014		October 2014		April 2015		June 2016	
06-06-0061	Cal-Sag Trail East - Alsip Segment	February 2014	February 2014	May 2014		July 2014		October 2014		April 2015		June 2016	
06-13-0004	Bridgeview Community Multi-Use Path	February 2014	March 2014	May 2014	November 2014	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	June 2015	
10-11-0017	Deerfield Rd from Milwaukee Ave to Des Plaines River	February 2014	April 2014	May 2014	February 2014	July 2014	March 2015	October 2014	In progress	April 2015	In progress	June 2016	
10-12-0002	Robert McClory Bike Path	Project Obligated!!											
10-14-0012	Wilson Rd Underpass	Project Obligated!!											
12-13-0007	Pfeiffer Rd Multi-Use Trail	Project Obligated!!											

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MEMORANDUM

To: **CMAP Transportation Committee**

From: CMAP staff

Date: May 2015

Re: Long-range plan schedule and strategy paper development process

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As discussed at the April 2015 Transportation Committee meeting, development is beginning on the next comprehensive regional plan. The next plan is expected to build upon GO TO 2040's foundation by refining its major recommendations and offering more specific policies and strategies, as well as by identifying limited new policy directions. This memo describes the overall timeline for plan development, suggests a schedule of Transportation Committee (TC) discussions on major issues in plan development in the upcoming year, and proposes a process for preparing background material for the plan in the form of strategy papers.

Overall Timeline

Development of the next plan is a three-year process expected to culminate in approval of the successor to GO TO 2040 in the fall of 2018. In broad strokes, plan development is anticipated to occur as follows:

- **July 2015 – June 2016:** Develop background information through strategy papers (discussed below) and snapshot reports, investigate new policy directions for the planning process, and address major issues such as regionally significant project definition in preparation for plan development.
- **July 2016 – June 2017:** Conduct scenario planning, begin developing financial plan, solicit and begin evaluating regionally significant projects, and continue refinement of plan recommendations. An extensive public engagement process is expected in the summer of 2017.
- **July 2017 – June 2018:** Finalize the chosen scenario and policy recommendations, complete evaluation of regionally significant projects, prepare the plan document, and continue public and stakeholder involvement.
- **July 2018 – October 2018:** Prepare plan for adoption by CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

As with GO TO 2040, development of the region's next comprehensive plan is envisioned to include significant stakeholder and public outreach. In the upcoming year, implementer input is proposed to occur via CMAP committees, topic-specific working groups, and interviews and data requests.

Strategy Papers

Similar to GO TO 2040, it is expected that a series of strategy papers will be developed on transportation, land use, natural resources, and other topics. Each strategy paper will provide agency direction on new topics or explore refinements to existing plan recommendations. These strategy papers will be developed with the assistance of CMAP committees and, where topics cut across multiple topic areas or are outside current committee expertise, working groups composed of topic area experts from CMAP committees and key stakeholders.

Within the transportation area, a typical strategy paper would define the strategy, describe its potential benefits and drawbacks, and characterize the opportunity for implementing it (or increasing its use). For reference, the **GO TO 2040 strategy papers** on transportation topics include:

- Alternative Fuels
- Arterial Operations–Access Management
- Arterial Operations – Roundabouts
- Bicycling
- Car-sharing
- Context Sensitivity
- Interregional Transportation
- Pricing and Managed Facilities
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Public Transportation
- Transportation Demand Management
- Transportation Security / Incident Management

The working groups for transportation topics will comprise select members of the TC, other topic area experts from TC members' agencies, and potentially other key stakeholders as appropriate to the topic (although when a group with suitable expertise at CMAP already exists, it will be called upon for the task). Ideally the newly-formed groups would have 10 – 15 members. The working groups would meet as needed for 6 – 12 months to discuss potential directions for CMAP under each topic and review interim memos. Each working group will culminate in the development of a topical strategy paper, at which point the purpose of the group will be reassessed. Staff will also work to develop a technical memo that translates the chosen strategies into scenario planning inputs.

In the upcoming fiscal year starting July 1 (FY 16), staff hopes to develop four strategy papers on transportation topics, with another set to be developed in the following fiscal year. Staff is seeking input from the TC on the topics to be selected and the personnel to be involved. An initial list of potential topics is:

- Asset management
- Alternative transportation system funding concepts
- Transit modernization

- Highway operations / advanced traffic management (note: for this strategy paper, the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition would be the working group)

After initial discussion at the May 2015 TC meeting, staff hopes to finalize the FY 16 list of strategy papers at the July 2015 TC meeting and begin forming working groups that same month.

In addition to the topics specific to TC, other strategy papers proposed for plan development will explore topics that have a connection to transportation. Once the topic areas are finalized, select representatives from the service boards, counties and local jurisdictions, and civic and academic organizations that are also represented on TC may be asked to participate in these working groups based on the needs of the strategy paper in question.

Transportation Committee Engagement in FY 16

The following is a list of milestones for the TC engagement in the development of the next long-range plan over the upcoming fiscal year. As previously discussed, forums would be held on specific topics following certain TC meetings. Please note that this schedule may evolve over time. Again, the focus is on preparatory steps in plan development to be discussed at the following TC meetings:

- July 2015
    - Confirm list of strategy paper topics
    - Initial discussion of options for defining regionally significant projects
- September 2015
    - Recommendation on definition of regionally significant projects
    - Post-TC forum on setting targets for pavement condition indicator
- November 2015
    - Report to TC on use of observed performance data for evaluating transportation system needs
    - Post-TC forum on setting targets, indicator TBD
- January - March 2016
    - Post-TC forums on economic evaluation for highway and transit projects
    - Presentations from other MPOs or other experts on MPO financial planning
    - Report back on strategy papers
- April – June 2016:
    - Report back on strategy papers

Action requested: Discussion

Agenda Item No. 4.1

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 6, 2015

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 162 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 102 projects have been completed, 49 are fully underway, and 11 will get actively underway in the near future.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found in the attached project status table. Projects that appear in this document for the first time, or that were recently completed, are noted and highlighted in italics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Algonquin-Carpentersville Fox River corridor plan (see website)	Brian Daly	May 2014-Aug. 2015	Staff assistance	Village staff and the steering committee have reviewed the draft recommendations memo, which CMAP staff is finalizing. CMAP staff has begun the plan development phase of the project.
Arlington Heights bicycle-pedestrian plan (see website)	John O'Neal	May 2014-Aug. 2015	Staff assistance	All Steering Committee comments, and Village staff responses to Steering Committee comments, incorporated into existing conditions report. Village has approved all revisions, and Steering Committee is currently reviewing. Key recommendations memo approved by Village and Steering Committee.
Aurora downtown plan	*Lindsay Bayley*	*May 2015-July 2016*	*Staff assistance*	*Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.*
Barrington area bikeway feasibility study	Jack Pfingston	June 2014-June 2015	Consultant assistance	Steering Committee met April 22 and decided the public will be given three alternatives to consider in the May public meeting. The preferred route will be determined after input from the public meeting is included.
Berwyn parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2013-Sept. 2015	Staff assistance	Existing Conditions Report draft report sent to Steering Committee. Mid-May Steering Committee meeting planned.
Berwyn zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013-July 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	Staff submitted a draft zoning code for the City's review.
Blue Island capital improvement plan	Evy Zwiebach	Apr.-Dec. 2015	Staff assistance	A Steering Committee meeting to kick off the project was held on April 22. CMAP staff is working with the Steering Committee on developing a "wishlist" of projects, project selection criteria, and financial analysis. The next Steering Committee meeting will take place in June.
Calumet Park planning priorities report	Sam Shenbaga	May 2015-Feb. 2016	Staff assistance	Kick-off meeting with staff scheduled for May 12. Stakeholders currently being identified for interviews in late May. Existing conditions analysis to begin in early May.
Campton Hills zoning and subdivision regulations	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2014-Oct. 2015	Consultant assistance	The project has been put on pause and will be picked back up in May.

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CMMC infrastructure prioritization	Martin Menninger	Nov. 2014-May 2015	Staff assistance	The infrastructure subcommittee of the CMMC met on April 24 and unanimously selected the Touhy Avenue Improvements project as the TIGER application that the CMMC would support.
Carol Stream comprehensive plan (see website)	Trevor Dick	Feb. 2014-July 2015	Staff assistance	Staff has completed the recommendations memorandum and has begun the draft plan. Valerie Kretchmer Associates is now undertaking a market analysis of three key redevelopment areas.
Chicago Pilsen-Little Village neighborhood plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Dec. 2013-Sept. 2015	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working with DPD to prepare for community workshops scheduled for June.
Chicago Pullman National Historic Park transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	June 2015-Sept. 2016	Consultant assistance	Six responses to the RFP were received. Staff and partners are reviewing the submissions. Interviews will be held in May. Recommendation for consultant selection will be brought to the Board in June.
Chicago West Pullman neighborhood plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Oct. 2014-Sept. 2015	Consultant assistance	A Steering Committee meeting to discuss the Draft Goals, Objectives, and Projects was held on April 28. The consultant team is working on finalizing the recommendations and concept plans based on Steering Committee feedback.
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan (see website)	*Kendra Smith*	*Apr. 2013-May 2015*	*Staff assistance*	*Newly completed. Chicago Heights City Council adopted plan at their May 4 meeting.*
Chinatown neighborhood plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2013-May 2015	Staff assistance	Final version of plan completed. Began planning for community signing ceremony (targeted for late May).
Cicero comprehensive plan (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2014-Sept. 2015	Consultant assistance	A visioning meeting was held on March 11. The consultant is currently working on the key recommendations memo.
Crete comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	May 2014-Nov. 2015	Consultant assistance	Draft existing conditions report expected in early May, with CMAP and partner review completed by mid-May. Draft will go to the steering committee May 21.
Crystal Lake transportation plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Mar. 2014-Oct. 2015	Staff assistance	The steering committee is currently reviewing the Existing Conditions Report and will be meeting on May 7. The visioning workshop has been scheduled for June 17.
DuPage County/Addison	Kendra Smith	Sept. 2013-May 2015	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working on layout of the final plan for publication.

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Homes for a Changing Region project (see website)				
DuPage County / Hanover Park Homes for a Changing Region project	Drew Williams-Clark	Nov. 2014-Oct. 2015	Consultant assistance	CMAP staff have received and are reviewing existing conditions reports with consultants. After review, those reports will be distributed to municipal staff in May.
DuPage County Elgin-O'Hare bicycle and pedestrian planning	John O'Neal	May 2015-Sept. 2016	Consultant assistance	Consultant interviews were held April 24. Board approval of consultant selection will be sought at the May 13 meeting.
DuPage County sustainability guide (see website)	Louise Yeung	June 2014-July 2015	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is developing sustainability indicators and baselines for the County campus. The Steering Committee is reviewing the Guide.
Elmwood Park zoning assessment	Patrick Day	Nov. 2014-Aug. 2015	Staff assistance	A Steering Committee meeting to kick off the project was held in February. Stakeholder interviews were completed in April.
Endeleo Institute planning priorities report (see website)	Kendra Smith	Feb.-Oct. 2015	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is currently scheduling and conducting key stakeholder interviews. A project market analysis is underway with Valerie Kretchmer Associates. Community data analysis is ongoing.
Fox Lake planning priorities report	Jack Pfingston	Dec. 2014-June 2015	Staff assistance	Drafting of context portion of the report underway, with recommendations to be incorporated later in May.
Franklin Park comprehensive plan	Jessica Gershman	Apr. 2015-June 2016	Staff assistance	Village Board passed a resolution approving the project scope and MOU on April 6. Internal research and mapping are underway.
Glenview natural resources plan	Brian Daly	May-Dec. 2015	Staff assistance	Scoping underway.
Governors State University green infrastructure plan	Holly Hudson	June 2015-May 2016	Consultant assistance	Eight proposals were received in late March and reviewed and scored by the primary project team (three CMAP, three GSU representatives). The top four consultant teams were interviewed on April 27. Additional deliberations among project team members and negotiations with the top-ranked consultant will occur during May. Board approval of the consultant selection is expected in June.

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Harvard comprehensive plan (see website)	Nora Beck	May 2014-Nov. 2015	Staff assistance	The Steering Committee finalized the existing conditions report at their April meeting. The visioning workshop has been scheduled for May 20.
Huntley zoning update	Patrick Day	May 2015-Apr. 2016	Consultant assistance	Responses to RFP were reviewed in March and interviews were conducted in April. Board approval of consultant selection will be sought at the May 13 meeting.
Kane County health impact assessment (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	July 2014-May 2015	Staff assistance	CMAP staff awaited completion of final component of report by Kane County.
Kendall County industrial market study	*TBD*	*July 2015-Mar. 2016*	*Staff and consultant assistance*	*Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.*
Lake County Route 53/120 land use plan (see CMAP website and project website)	Jason Navota	Nov. 2013-Dec. 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	The land use planning effort is underway and approximately 75% complete. Corridor land use scenarios, including open space and natural resource networks, have been developed and are being discussed individually with municipalities. The Plan outline and a Plan implementation strategy are being researched and developed. The Land Use Committee met for the sixth time on April 16, and the next meeting is tbd.
Lake County / Round Lake Homes for a Changing Region project (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	July 2014-Oct. 2015	Staff assistance	Draft key recommendations memo completed internal review by project team (CMAP, MPC, MMC, and Lake County Community Foundation) and following revision, memo forwarded to project steering committee. Began scheduling of meetings to discuss memo (one meeting with municipal members and another with members from non-profits and Lake County government, to be followed by another with all members).
Lemont development review process analysis	Jake Seid	Jan.-June 2015	Consultant assistance	Internal interviews of staff were completed in April. External interviews will be completed by mid-May. Upon completion, consultant will begin analyzing techniques for streamlining the development review process.
Lyons comprehensive plan (see website)	Jason Navota	July 2013-May 2015	Staff assistance	Final plan has been formatted and is ready for public hearing and adoption, which are anticipated for May.

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McHenry County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan.-Sept. 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	A meeting of the three-county steering committee was held in April. Another McHenry County steering committee meeting is planned for early May. A preliminary summary of existing economic conditions and key questions has been completed and will guide upcoming discussions.
North Aurora comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Jan. 2014-June 2015	Consultant assistance	Steering Committee met to discuss draft plan April 8. Draft will go before the Plan Commission May 8, with Board adoption expected by early June.
North Chicago comprehensive plan (see website)	Jake Seid	May 2014-Oct. 2015	Staff assistance	Existing conditions report was presented to Steering Committee on March 31. A series of community visioning sessions will be scheduled in May and June to help address ongoing public outreach issues.
O'Hare area truck route coordination	*Jessica Gershman*	*TBD*	*Consultant assistance*	*Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.*
Oswego-Montgomery-Yorkville shared services study (see website)	Louise Yeung	May 2014-July 2015	Staff assistance	Municipal staff participated in a shared service roundtable that included a presentation from the Village of Glenview about the Municipal Partnering Initiative and discussions about implementing shared services in Oswego, Montgomery, and Yorkville.
Park Forest zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-Aug. 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	Staff drafted sections of the UDO and expects to complete a draft ordinance for internal review in May.
Pingree Grove comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2014-Aug. 2015	Consultant Assistance	Received and reviewed the preliminary plan recommendations memo. Draft plan expected in June.
Regional truck permitting project	Jessica Gershman	Jan. 2015-June 2016	Consultant assistance	Consultant interviews occurred on April 24. Board approval of consultant selection will be sought at the May 13 meeting.
Richton Park zoning revisions	Jake Seid	Nov. 2014-Sept. 2015	Consultant assistance	Consultant provided an outline of the proposed Ordinance and is in the process of drafting new Ordinance language.
Roselle comprehensive plan	Dan Olson	Feb. 2015-Mar. 2016	Consultant assistance	Project kickoff and first Steering Committee meeting held April 13. Data collection and stakeholder interviews underway.
Rosemont comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2013-June 2015	Staff assistance	Steering Committee meeting held on April 2. Comments received and edits completed. Public comment period underway. Web survey launched in early April, posters of Plan recommendations put up in several Village locations, senior citizens workshop scheduled for May 6.

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South Elgin zoning update	Patrick Day	Oct. 2014-May 2016	Staff assistance	Stakeholder interviews began in March and will conclude in late April. Existing conditions review has begun.
South Holland comprehensive plan	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2015-July 2016	Staff assistance	Village approved project scope and MOU, and formed project steering committee. CMAP staff prepared project website, began preparing full outreach strategy and planning for the existing conditions report.
SSMMA Calumet Green Manufacturing Partnership	Brian Daly	May 2014-May 2015	Staff and consultant assistance	CMAP has reviewed the Chicago Jobs Council's revised drafts of its existing conditions report and sustainability matrix and is awaiting the revised version.
SSMMA Complete Streets plan	John O'Neal	July 2014-Sept. 2015	Staff assistance	Outline for 'limited' ECR finalized and draft version of ECR currently in production. Focus group meeting with cycling groups in south suburbs being planned for May.
Steger planning priorities report (website)	Jonathan Burch	Feb.- Oct. 2015	Staff assistance	Efforts to date have focused on community outreach, conducting interviews and a focus group. Research on key economic development and infrastructure topics is underway.
Summit comprehensive plan (see website)	*Nora Beck*	*Dec. 2013-Apr. 2015*	*Staff assistance*	*Village Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan on April 6, 2015.*
UIC multimodal transportation plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	June 2013-May 2015	Staff assistance	Final plan approved by Steering Committee on February 3 and is being formatted. No update.
Villa Park zoning ordinance	Patrick Day	July 2015-Oct. 2016	Consultant assistance	Responses to RFP were reviewed in April, and finalists selected for interviews in May. Board approval of consultant selection is expected in June.
Waukegan subarea plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2012-May 2015	Staff assistance	No update (CMAP staff awaited City's decision on timing of final presentation of plan to City Council for approval).
West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry cargo-oriented development plan	Evy Zwiebach	June 2014-Sept. 2015	Staff assistance and small contract	No update.
Westchester zoning ordinance	Kristin Ihnchak	Nov. 2014-Oct. 2015	Consultant assistance	CMAP and Village staff provided feedback on the draft concepts report (recommendations memo), and a steering committee meeting is being scheduled.

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Will County Preston Heights neighborhood plan	Trevor Dick	May 2015-May 2016	Staff assistance	The County is in the process of adopting the MOU/Scope of Work. A kick-off meeting with the Steering Committee is tentatively being scheduled in May.
Winthrop Harbor comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Sept. 2014-Sept. 2015	Staff assistance	Steering Committee meeting held on April 20 to go over existing conditions report. Comments received and edits underway. Public Visioning workshop scheduled for May 7 and meeting with State Representative, IDNR, and Lake County FPD scheduled for May 11.
Zion comprehensive plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Feb. 2014-June 2015	Consultant assistance	Draft plan under review by CMAP, and will be provided to steering committee following review.

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