



MEMORANDUM

To: **Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 13, 2015

Re: Status of Transportation Alternative Program – Local

As part of active program management for the Transportation Alternatives Program, CMAP staff has been tracking implementation progress on the projects awarded funding. This memo serves as an update on the projects within the program:

- Currently three of the eight projects from the FFY 2013-14 program cycle have been fully authorized and are constructed, under construction, or will begin construction soon, while another project is on schedule to authorize for construction in early 2016.
- One project has been withdrawn.
- Three projects have missed three of the milestones specified in the [sponsor guidance](#), which are based on whether the projects require right of way or not. If a project misses three milestones, it may be considered for removal from the program to allow for obligation of the funding within the timeframe set out during programming.

Missing milestones

Two of the projects missing milestones are the Alsip and Dolton segments of the Cal-Sag Trail. 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 kicked off in May of 2015 and is currently underway. Despite the delay, the projects do appear to be moving forward and the funds are not in danger of lapse.

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, and the funds are not presently in danger of lapsing. However, one parcel of right of way is still being negotiated while the other two parcels are secured.

Withdrawn

In early June of 2015 the Village of Bridgeview notified staff that they would be unable to move forward at this time with the Bridgeview Community Multi-use Path project and withdrew

from the funding program. No TAP funds were expended on the project. The funds from this project were reprogrammed on the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's southern extension of the North Branch Trail project which was handled through the FFY 2015-2017 TAP program development process.

At this time, CMAP observes these remaining projects as making progress towards completion and does not recommend removing any projects from the program. The next project update report will include the 18 recently approved projects that were part of the FFY 2015-2017 cycle. Initiation meetings will be held on December 3, 2015 at IDOT District One offices for the sponsors of these projects.