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MPO Policy Committee

Annotated Agenda

Thursday, January 14, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 9:30 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes—October 14, 2015**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Agency Reports**
 - 4.1 Executive Director's Report
 - 4.2 CMAP Board Report
 - 4.3 Council of Mayors' Report
- 5.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Staff will provide an update on the process for developing the SFY 2017 UWP. Several recommendations and the proposed timeline for the process are included in the attached memo.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 6.0 Interim Products for Long-Range Plan**

The next long-range plan is scheduled to be adopted in fall 2018. Staff has identified several opportunities in the interceding years for the Board and the MPO Policy Committee to formally vote to approve interim products, as described in the attached memo.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 7.0 Updates on Regionally Significant Projects**

Members of the Committee will be asked to provide brief updates on regionally significant transportation investments that are currently underway or upcoming.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Federal Legislative Framework and Agenda

Staff will present the draft **2016 Federal Legislative Framework and Agenda**, and will also provide an **update** on the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, focusing on the provisions that most directly affect the Chicago region.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

9.0 Alternative Long-Term Funding Options

CMAP's recent funding crisis and the delay in approving a State budget have clearly illustrated the vulnerability of the agency's operating funds. Staff has begun to explore alternative funding options, as described in the attached memos. Committee discussion is requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Public Comment

12.0 Next Meeting – March 10, 2016

13.0 Adjournment

MPO Policy Committee Members:

___Randy Blankenhorn, Chair	___Scott Gryder	___Leanne Redden
___Kay Batey	___Elliott Hartstein	___Rebekah Scheinfeld
___Frank Beal	___R.A. Kwasneski	___Jeffery Schielke
___Greg Bedalov	___Christopher J. Lauzen	___Marisol Simon
___Dorval Carter	___Aaron Lawlor	___Liisa Lawson Stark
___Tom Cuculich	___John McCarthy	___Larry Walsh
___Joseph Gottemoller	___Don Orseno	___John Yonan



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Joint Meeting Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board and MPO Policy Committee DRAFT Minutes

October 14, 2015

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Board and MPO Policy Committee Members Present:

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Randy Blankenhorn, MPO Policy Committee Chair, Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Mike Connelly-representing the CTA, Tom Cuculich-representing DuPage County, Joe Gottemoller-representing McHenry County, Richard Kwasneski-representing PACE, Aaron Lawlor-representing Lake County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John McCarthy-representing Private Providers, John Noak-representing Will County, Don Orseno-representing Metra, Leanne Redden-representing the RTA and a non-voting member of the Board, Rick Reinbold-representing south suburban Cook County, Tom Rickert-representing Kane County, William Rodeghier-representing west Cook County, Rebekah Scheinfeld-representing CDOT, Jeffery Schielke-representing the Council of Mayors, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing Cook County, Peter Skosey-representing the City of Chicago, Lawrence Walsh-representing Will County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, John Yonan-representing Cook County, Rocco Zuccherro-representing Illinois Toll Highway Authority, and non-voting members Marisol Simon-representing the FTA and Catherine (Kay) Batey-representing FHWA,

Staff Present:

Joe Szabo, Jill Leary, Angela Manning-Hardimon, Bob Dean, Tom Garritano, Tom Kotarac, Jesse Elam, Elizabeth Schuh, Ross Patronsky, Kristin Ihnchak, Doug Ferguson and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristen Anderson-Metra, Reggie Arkell-FTA Garland & Heather Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker-Kane County DOT, Elaine Bottomley-WCGL, Chris Byars-FHWA, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County DOT, John

Donovan-FHWA, Jackie Forbes-Kane Kendall Council, Tony Greep-FTA, Scott Hennings-McHenry County DOT, Dan Johnson-Midwest High Speed Rail, Jennifer “Sis” Killen-Cook County Department of Highways, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Jon-Paul Kohler-FHWA, Patrick Knapp-Kane Kendall Council, Dennis Latto-SSMMA, Ashley Lucas-Lake County DOT, Jamy Lyne-Parsons Brinckerhoff, Mike McLaughlin-CTA, Kirsten Mellem-McHenry County DOT, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Brian Pigeon-NWMC, Mark Pitstick-RTA, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-Southwest Council, Paula Trigg-Lake County DOT, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, and Barbara Zubek-Southwest Council

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAQ Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., and asked that Board and MPO Policy Committee members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of CMAQ Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015, meeting of the CMAQ Board as presented was made by President John Noak and seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Approval of MPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015, meeting of the MPO Policy Committee as presented was made by Mayor Jeffery Schielke and seconded by County Executive Larry Walsh. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Executive Director’s Report

Following an update on the state’s budget impasse and its adverse effect on CMAQ’s financial condition by Executive Director Joe Szabo, a fairly lengthy discussion ensued. This resulted in a motion by Tom Cuculich, seconded by Leanne Redden, to draft a joint communication to Springfield suggesting an administrative fix that would allow CMAQ to receive federal funding directly and remain open beyond November 30. Szabo continued with his reporting by stating that, in addition to an administrative fix that had already been discussed, CMAQ would pursue other options and will keep the Board and Policy Committee updated accordingly.

Szabo also reported that Chief of Staff Jill Leary would be leaving at month’s end, and while she will certainly be missed at CMAQ for all she did to establish the agency as it exists today, in her role at RTA she will be in a good position to help advance GO TO 2040. Both IDOT Secretary Randy Blankenhorn and CMAQ Board Chair Jerry Bennett expressed their gratitude and best wishes as well.

6.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals

Recommended for approval was a contract for activity-based model component estimation and calibration with RSG in the amount of \$124,452 and a contract for an interactive public engagement tool with Envision Sustainability Tools for two years with a one-year option for renewal in a maximum of \$48,000 each fiscal year (the maximum three-year contract would be \$144,000). A motion by County Commissioner Peter Silvestri was seconded by Carolyn Schofield to approve the contract awards as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Committee Reports

Local Coordinating Committee Chair Rita Athas reported that the Committee had met earlier in the morning, that new members were introduced, and that the committee had voted to recommend approval of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Athas also reported that CMAP staff and the city manager of Yorkville had described the results of an interjurisdictional service sharing study involving Oswego, Montgomery, and Yorkville, and the committee had discussed the potential for doing similar work in other communities.

There was no report of the Regional Coordinating Committee, which had also met earlier in the morning. A written summary of the working committees was distributed.

8.0 Council of Mayors Report

Mayor Jeffery Schielke reported that the Council of Mayors had met on September 1, receiving updates on the status of STP-L expenditures for the 2015 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) and on the status of the STP program for FFY 2015. Schielke went on to say that the region did a great job spending the new STP-L funding for FFY 2015 but is only slowly chipping away at the large carryover balance, which is the largest it has ever been. If the councils do not start to reduce the large unobligated balance some innovative techniques will need to be discussed to ensure that all funding is effectively spent, Schielke concluded.

9.0 Naming of Transportation Committee Chair and Vice Chair

IDOT Secretary and MPO Policy Committee Chair Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Policy Committee by-laws and the Memorandum of Understanding between the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board allow for the MPO Policy Committee to select the Chair and Vice Chair of CMAP's Transportation Committee, that the terms traditionally are for two years, and that Mike Connelly of the CTA had been Chair for the past two years. Additionally, Blankenhorn suggested that Sis Killen of Cook County who had been Vice Chair for two years begin a two year term as Chair and Rocco Zuccherro of the Illinois Tollway serve as Vice Chair. A motion by John Yonan naming Jennifer "Sis" Killen as Chair and Rocco Zuccherro as Vice Chair of CMAP's Transportation Committee was seconded by Richard Kwasneski. All in favor, the motion carried.

10.0 Nominating Committee Recommendation for the Office of Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee

Nominating Committee Chair John Yonan reported that the nominating committee, consisting of himself (representing Highway administration), Don Orseno (representing a

public transportation agency), Frank Beal (representing the regional planning agency), Larry Walsh (representing county government), and Rebekah Scheinfeld (representing municipal government), recommended that Lake County Board Chair Aaron Lawlor continue to serve as Vice Chair of the MPO Policy Committee for calendar year 2016. A motion by Richard Kwasneski was seconded by County Executive Larry Walsh to approve the recommendation of the nominating committee. All in favor, the motion carried.

11.0 Approval of GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments

CMAQ staff Ross Patronsky explained the concept of conformity and reported that with the release of an update ozone standard, the region is expected to be in nonattainment. The project changes, Patronsky continued, at this time are typical—adding 2 projects; moving 2 projects forward to later years; and reducing the limits of 1 project. The analysis, released for public comment (of which none were received), showed conformity. Both CMAP's Transportation and Regional Coordinating committees had considered and recommended approval of the analysis and amendments as presented. On behalf of the CMAP Board, a motion by Rita Athas was seconded by Peter Skosey to approve the GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis and TIP Amendments as presented. All in favor, the motion carried. For the MPO Policy Committee, a similar motion made by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by Tom Rickert and with all in favor, the motion carried.

12.0 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP-L)

CMAQ staff Doug Ferguson reported that CMAP's Transportation and Regional Coordinating committees had approved the recommendations of the Project Selection Committee's proposed CMAQ program consisting of 42 projects with a federal dollar amount of \$274 million. The projects, combined with existing programmed projects, result in a five-year program of \$548 million, Ferguson noted. The proposed TAP program consists of 18 projects totaling \$28 million. Once approved by the Board and MPO Policy Committee, the programs will be forwarded to FHWA/FTA for an eligibility determination, and staff will work with sponsors to begin implementing the projects. For the CMAP Board, a motion by Mayor Tom Weisner was seconded by County Commissioner Peter Silvestri to approve the programs as presented. All in favor the motion carried. Likewise, for the MPO Policy Committee, a motion by Don Orseno was seconded by Leanne Redden and with all in favor, the motion carried.

13.0 Selection of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Projects

Deputy Executive Director for Planning Bob Dean reported that 22 new LTA projects were recommended to be selected, adding that the project list and a description of the selection process were in the meeting materials. Dean noted that a local match was required this year, with the match amount assessed on a sliding scale, with the goal of continuing to encourage the participation of lower-income and smaller communities. Based on the selection results, Dean suggested that the local match structure appeared to have had its intended effect. Dean reported that both the Transportation committee and Local Coordinating Committee had recommended approval of the LTA program. For the CMAP Board, a motion by Rita Athas was seconded by President Rick Reinbold to approve the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program as had been presented. Andrew

Madigan abstained from the vote; the motion carried. For the MPO Policy Committee, a motion by County Executive Larry Walsh was seconded by County Board Chair Joe Gottemoller to approve the program as was presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

14.0 New Plan Development

CMAP staff Elizabeth Schuh and Kristin Ihnchak shared the results of an internal charrette that senior staff had conducted in August. An overview of the broad priorities and vision for the next plan, the topics to be addressed, engagement efforts, and the plan development timeline were given. The next plan is slated to build on the strong foundation of GO TO 2040 while striving for greater specificity, both in the plan's policies and in more geographically detailed recommendations to partners for some topic areas. The broad priorities for the next plan include fostering one thriving region, emphasizing reinvestment and infill, addressing funding constraints and the true costs of projects, creating a more resilient and livable region, promoting inclusive economic growth, and providing clear and focused recommendations as well as measurable objectives. Topics to include in the next plan were evaluated based on whether CMAP or its partners have authority to implement recommendations to the topic area, whether the agency could set realistic objectives on the topic, whether the topic is important to the agency's constituents, whether addressing the topic is important to CMAP's credibility, and whether it would be feasible to implement recommendations that could arise from the topic. Topics were grouped into three categories based on their relationship to GO TO 2040: topics where the GO TO 2040 policy direction is expected to be maintained, topics where the policy direction from the last plan is expected to be refined, and new topics that weren't addressed in GO TO 2040. The timeline for plan development was reviewed, along with major points of public engagement. Comments from the Board and Policy Committee members included whether the plan could provide a venue for marketing potential development sites around the region, and encouraging reinvestment on higher-density infill sites as well as small downtown and historic areas. Strategy papers will examine areas within the region where redevelopment and infill should be encouraged, and strategies to revitalize underinvested areas will also be considered.

Meant to further the discussion of the plan's development, Executive Director Joe Szabo asked three questions of the Board and Policy Committee. First, how can the next plan and its development process advance the recommendation to increase transportation revenues and ensure adequate funding for system maintenance and operations, enhancements, and expansions? The Board and Policy Committee discussed options such as FUND 2040, a gas tax increase, a vehicle miles travelled pilot program, and congestion pricing. Second, how can we most effectively provide guidance for transportation programming based on our regional goals? Discussion included education of the General Assembly and other stakeholders and working closely with transportation programmers. Third, how can project evaluation and selection best advance our broader transportation goals? Following this question, CMAP staff Jesse Elam gave a presentation related to defining proposed projects to include in the next long-range plan, explaining that CMAP currently defines "major capital projects" as capacity additions to the expressway or transit system, generally meaning a rail extension. Elam noted that some guidance had already been provided on which types of projects to include in the next regional plan from the Board's 2014 visioning session and also said that the USDOT made recommendations on project types in its 2014 MPO certification review. Staff had also reviewed how other

large MPOs treat projects and found that none of them defined projects as narrowly as CMAP has in the past. He proposed that the next regional plan specifically list capacity projects on certain types of facilities that cost more than \$100 million or those that cost at least \$250 million regardless of type. Elam suggested that these thresholds are easy to communicate and implement but said that the Board and MPO Policy Committee should be aware that the new definition might eventually entail more plan amendments than the current GO TO 2040. He stated that the amendment process can be streamlined. Members weighed in on such topics as whether smaller projects could be brought in, how many projects meet the thresholds, how certain kinds of transit projects would be treated, whether larger system interchange projects would be considered, how last-mile connections to meet local needs would be examined, and the role of public-private partnerships.

15.0 Other Business

Tom Cuculich noted that IDOT was continuing to bill counties while not paying invoices itself, and asked that this practice be reconsidered. Peter Skosey announced that MPC would host "The Efficiency Advantage" on November 2 and encouraged attendees to sign up on the website.

16.0 Public Comment

Heather Armstrong asked about social services that might be cut, given the state's budget impasse. Dan Johnson of the Midwest High Speed Rail gave an update regarding legislation related to high-speed rail in Illinois. Garland Armstrong, on behalf of Pace ADA, offered assistance to CMAP with communicating the importance of its financial situation.

17.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board meets next on November 18, 2015; the MPO Policy Committee meets next on January 14, 2016.

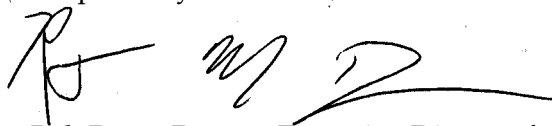
18.0 Closed Session

There was no new information to report on the pending lawsuit; the closed session was not required.

19.0 Adjournment

At 11:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn by Mayor Jeffery Schielke was seconded by Tom Cuculich. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dean', is written over a horizontal line.

Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for
Planning

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Approved, with a minor correction to Other Business, by the CMAP Board on November 18, 2015



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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 7, 2016

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, 181 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 119 projects have been completed, 46 are fully underway, and 16 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: Information

Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Algonquin-Carpentersville Fox River corridor plan (see website)	Brian Daly	May 2014-Jan. 2016	Staff assistance	The Village of Algonquin adopted the plan in December. The plan is expected to go before the Village of Carpentersville Board of Trustees in early 2016.
Arlington Heights bicycle-pedestrian plan (see website)	John O'Neal	May 2014-Apr. 2016	Staff assistance	Draft plan underway, with focus on development of recommendations for potential infrastructure improvements.
Aurora downtown plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	May 2015-July 2016	Staff assistance	Existing conditions report drafting underway. Public workshop scheduled for January 21. Metroquest interactive survey will be released at that time.
Beach Park planning priorities report	Ricardo Lopez	Jan.-Oct. 2016	Staff assistance	Scope of services, MOU, and resolution approved by Village Board. Project kick-off meeting with staff in late January.
Bensenville zoning update (see website)	Jake Seid	Oct. 2015-Dec. 2016	Staff assistance	A kick-off meeting with the Steering Committee took place December 7. Stakeholder interviews will take place in January.
Berwyn parking study (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2013-Jan. 2016	Staff assistance	Parking plan formatting still underway. Final version will be sent to the City of Berwyn and steering committee in mid-January.
Berwyn zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013-Mar. 2016	Staff and consultant assistance	CMAP staff submitted a public draft to the City and are scheduling a review meeting with the Steering Committee.
Blue Island capital improvement plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Apr. 2015-Jan. 2016	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working on drafting the report. The draft CIP will be submitted to the Steering Committee for review in January.
Brookfield comprehensive plan	Nora Beck	Jan.-Dec. 2016	Consultant assistance	The Village and CMAP staff have concluded the interview process and are recommending a consultant team for CMAP Board approval in January.
Calumet Park planning priorities report	Sam Shenbaga	May 2015-Mar. 2016	Staff assistance	Plan being drafted.
Campton Hills zoning and subdivision regulations	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2014-Mar. 2016	Consultant assistance	Cameros submitted a revised technical review memo based on discussions with Village staff and CMAP.
Carol Stream comprehensive plan (see website)	John Carlisle	Feb. 2014-Feb. 2016	Staff assistance	The draft plan has been further revised and now will be reviewed by the steering committee at a late January meeting.
Chicago Albany Park neighborhood plan	Brian Daly	Nov. 2015-Mar. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working with the North River Commission to compose a steering committee that will convene in early 2016.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Chicago Pilsen-Little Village neighborhood plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Dec. 2013-June 2016	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working with DPD on scheduling follow up community engagement activities, and assisting DPD in developing the draft land use map.
Chicago Pullman National Historic Park transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	June 2015-Sept. 2016	Consultant assistance	Existing conditions report under review by CMAP and steering committee.
<i>Chicago Riverdale Area Transportation Plan</i>	<i>Tony Manno</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Consultant assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.</i>
Chicago West Pullman neighborhood plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Oct. 2014-Feb. 2016	Consultant assistance	The consultant team has finalized the plan and marketing sheets. The plan is expected to be adopted by Plan Commission in early 2016.
Cicero comprehensive plan (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2014-Jan. 2016	Consultant assistance	CMAP staff reviewed and provided comment on the final draft, including the implementation plan. Plan adoption is anticipated in January.
<i>Cook County unincorporated areas plan</i>	<i>John Carlisle</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.</i>
Crete comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	May 2014-Jan. 2016	Consultant assistance	Plan adoption meeting in January.
Crystal Lake transportation plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Mar. 2014-Apr. 2016	Staff assistance	CMAP staff currently drafting plan and City staff are reviewing components, including network improvement maps, street types, and thoroughfare classification.
DuPage County / Hanover Park Homes for a Changing Region (see website)	Kendra Smith	Nov. 2014-Mar. 2016	Consultant assistance	Community outreach continues for the project, residents and stakeholders can also provide input via the project website , designed by Teska Associates. Glendale Heights will schedule an in person public meeting for mid January. Draft recommendations for West Chicago and Hanover Park are underway.
DuPage County Elgin-O'Hare Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (see website)	John O'Neal	May 2015-Sept. 2016	Consultant assistance	Online outreach/public engagement continues, via website (survey and interactive map). Initial sections of plan (existing conditions report and summary of public outreach to date) have been drafted. CMAP/DuPage County to review these materials during the first half of January.
Elmwood Park zoning assessment	Patrick Day	Nov. 2014-Mar. 2016	Staff assistance	Creation of assessment memo and updated zoning map are currently underway.
Endeleo Institute planning priorities report (see website)	Kendra Smith	Feb. 2015-Feb. 2016	Staff assistance	Draft planning priorities report under internal review. CMAP staff planning for an early February open house.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Franklin Park comprehensive plan (see website)	John Carlisle	Apr. 2015-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	The existing conditions report is being finalized internally, with delivery to the Village and steering committee in early-to-mid January.
Governors State University green infrastructure plan	Holly Hudson	June 2015-May 2016	Consultant assistance	The consultant continued preparation of the stormwater management plan following refinement of the existing conditions stormwater model.
Hampshire planning priorities report	TBD	Feb.-Nov. 2016	Staff assistance	Scoping underway.
Harvard comprehensive plan (see website)	Nora Beck	May 2014-Feb. 2016	Staff assistance	The latest draft Comprehensive Plan is expected to go to the Harvard Planning and Zoning Commission in January.
Homer Glen plan commissioner training	Patrick Day	Feb.-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	Initial training session will occur in early February.
Huntley zoning update	Patrick Day	May 2015-Apr. 2016	Consultant assistance	Draft Recommendations Memo was submitted by CodaMetrics. Review by Village and CMAP underway.
<i>Impact DuPage affordable housing strategy</i>	<i>Jonathan Burch</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.</i>
Joliet Chicago Street plan	Stephen Ostrander	TBD	Consultant assistance	RFP process is on hold while City finalizes adoption of its recently-developed Downtown Plan.
Kendall County industrial market study	Don Hughes	Aug. 2015-Mar. 2016	Staff and consultant assistance	VSKA is finalizing a full draft of the market study. The draft is expected by January 8. The draft will be sent out for county review by early to mid-January. County comments and revisions are expected to be complete by the end of January.
Lake County Route 53/120 land use plan (see CMAP website and project website)	Jason Navota	Nov. 2013-Mar. 2016	Staff and consultant assistance	The land use planning effort is 95% complete. The Land Use Strategy was approved by the Land Use Committee on November 12. Next steps include minor revisions to the plan based on Committee and public feedback, and presenting the plan to municipalities in the first quarter of 2016.
Lake County / Round Lake Homes for a Changing Region (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	July 2014-Mar. 2016	Staff assistance	Draft plan completed, and will next go through review by CMAP staff and the full project team (including MMC, MPC, and the Lake County Community Foundation).
Lemont development review process analysis	Jake Seid	Jan. 2015 - Jan. 2016	Consultant assistance	A final draft of the document is complete. It will be presented to the Village Board on January 11.
<i>Lisle downtown parking plan</i>	<i>Lindsay Bayley</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Staff assistance</i>	<i>Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.</i>

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Lower Salt Creek Watershed-based Plan	Holly Hudson	Jan. 2016-Dec. 2017	Staff assistance	Resolution and MOU have been signed and the project is underway.
McHenry County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016	Staff and consultant assistance	Three open houses were held in December, including one in McHenry County on December 15. The public comment period remains open until January 8. Plan adoption is anticipated on January 19.
Metropolitan Planning Council Great Rivers project	Louise Yeung	Dec. 2015-Dec. 2016	Staff assistance	Scoping completed. Project will be kicked off in January.
Midlothian 147 th Street Corridor Improvements	Tony Manno	TBD	Staff and consultant assistance	Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.
North Chicago comprehensive plan (see website)	Jake Seid	May 2014-Apr. 2016	Staff assistance	Drafting of the Comprehensive Plan was completed in December. The document will be reviewed internally in January prior to staff review.
North Lawndale community plan	Kendra Smith	TBD	Staff assistance	Scoping underway.
O'Hare area truck route coordination	Bob Dean	Nov. 2015-Dec. 2016	Consultant assistance	Consultant proposals are under review, with selection expected at the March Board meeting.
Palos Park trails plan	John O'Neal	TBD	Consultant assistance	Scoping underway.
Park Forest zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-June 2016	Staff and consultant assistance	Another UDO review meeting with staff was held on December 7, and the final staff review meeting will be conducted in January. The Steering Committee also met without the CMAP team on December 8 to discuss comments on the draft.
Regional truck permitting project	Alex Beata	Jan. 2015-June 2016	Consultant assistance	Planning is underway for a January 26 visioning session with the Steering Committee and other stakeholders.
Richmond planning priorities report	TBD	Feb.-Nov. 2016	Staff assistance	Scoping underway.
Richton Park capital improvement plan (see website)	Brian Daly	June 2015-Dec. 2016	Staff assistance	Completion of the CIP has been rescheduled to incorporate results of stormwater management plan (described below).
Richton Park stormwater management plan	Kate Evasic	Jan.-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	Newly added to monthly report. Scoping underway.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Richton Park zoning revisions (see website)	Jake Seid	Nov. 2014-Dec. 2015	Consultant assistance	Newly completed. The Ordinance is complete and was adopted by the Village Board on December 14.
Romeoville comprehensive plan	Brandon Nolin	TBD	Consultant assistance	Scoping underway.
Roselle comprehensive plan (see website)	Dan Olson	Feb. 2015-Apr. 2016	Consultant assistance	Consultant convened meeting with Metra on December 1 to review several key concepts from the plan and incorporate Metra staff input. The fifth Steering Committee meeting was held on December 7. Consultant will be putting together final draft of the comprehensive plan in January, with a final draft expected to be sent to CMAP and the Village in February.
South Elgin zoning update (see website)	Patrick Day	Oct. 2014-Dec. 2016	Staff assistance	Draft Recommendations Memo will undergo internal review in January, with subsequent distribution to Village and Steering Committee.
South Holland comprehensive plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2015-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	Draft Existing Conditions Report completed internal CMAP review. CMAP is currently preparing draft report for review by Village and project steering committee in January.
SSMMA Complete Streets plan (see website)	John O'Neal	July 2014-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	Key recommendations memo has been drafted. Internal review comments are currently being incorporated, including comments of Programming staff on STP recommendations.
Sugar Run Creek area plan (see website)	Brandon Nolin	May 2015-Sept. 2016	Staff assistance	Project paused due to staff changes at CMAP, to be reinitiated in early 2016.
Villa Park zoning ordinance	Patrick Day	July 2015-Oct. 2016	Consultant assistance	Steering Committee will meet to review Module 1 of the draft ordinance on January 19.
West Suburban Chamber of Comm. and Industry cargo-oriented development plan	Evy Zwiebach	June 2014-Jan. 2016	Staff assistance and small contract	ULI's report on the Technical Assistance Panel's findings and recommendations was published in December. Staff continues to work with ULI and the Chamber on planning a "Developers Dialogue" on best practices in industrial development.
Westchester zoning ordinance	Kristin Ihnchak	Nov. 2014-Mar. 2016	Consultant assistance	The consultant conducted another review meeting with CMAP and Village staff on November 30 and is incorporating edits prior to scheduling a Steering Committee meeting.
Winthrop Harbor comprehensive plan (see website)	Sam Shenbaga	Sept. 2014-Mar. 2016	Staff assistance	Planning and Zoning Board reviewing draft plan in sections in January and February.

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: Angela Manning-Hardimon
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: January 7, 2016

Re: FY 2017 UWP Process

Unified Work Program (UWP) federal funding is available for transportation planning projects within a metropolitan area. IDOT has not received the allocation for the FY 2017 transportation planning projects, though it is projected that the funds will remain the same as the FY 2016 funds. For the CMAP area, it is therefore anticipated that the federal funding will remain at \$16.7 million and that, with matching funds, the total project cost available for UWP projects will be over \$21 million.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has the primary responsibility for preparing the UWP for its metropolitan area. The federal guidelines state that all planning and implementing agencies must be an integral part of the planning process and participate in the development of the UWP. In the CMAP region, the UWP Committee serves as the project selection body for this process. The committee is chaired by IDOT, who votes in case of a tie. The membership is comprised of a representative from each of the transit service boards (CTA, Metra and Pace), the City of Chicago, RTA, CMAP, a representative from the counties, and a mayor representing the Council of Mayors. In addition, non-voting members are representatives from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The UWP Committee establishes program priorities and selects core and competitive proposals. Final selections are approved by the Transportation Committee and then forwarded to the Regional Coordinating Committee, CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee for approval.

The UWP Committee, with concurrence of the Transportation Committee, Regional Coordinating Committee, CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee, has aligned the following UWP priorities with the regional priorities described in the GO TO 2040 Plan and the 2014 update.

- *Modernization of the Public Transit System.* GO TO 2040 recommends an enhanced focus on prioritizing planning work for the modernization of the existing transit system. Actions include work on coordinating services and fares, including pursuit of a universal fare payment system, work on traveler information systems, and technological improvements including transit signal priority and ART. Project proposals, especially from the transit agencies, should feature these elements as a primary component.
- *Financial Planning Including Innovative Financing Strategies.* GO TO 2040 also stresses an array of recommendations related to transportation finance, including improved financial planning. Actions include strengthening transit financial oversight, planning for efficiencies that reduce transit operating costs, the identification of funding sources for CREATE, and continued planning/policy work on other important issues of fiscal policy to improve the transportation system.
- *Improving Decision-Making Models and Evaluation Criteria for Project Selection.* GO TO 2040 also emphasizes improving decision-making processes for transportation projects, as well as the overarching importance of prioritization for making investments given constrained funding. This includes constructing improved models for answering the most pressing questions about major projects and designing appropriate and regionally-vetted evaluation criteria for judging projects.
- *Planning Work Toward Implementation of GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects, Including Supportive Land Use.* The continuation of near-term work to further GO TO 2040's short list of fiscally constrained major capital projects is also a high priority. Potential work includes planning for the inclusion of transit components as part of major highway projects, advancing recommended transit projects through the New Starts program or other discretionary funding programs, and planning for supportive land use around transportation, including active technical assistance to local governments.
- *Local Technical Assistance and the Formation of Collaborative Planning Efforts.* A major emphasis area of GO TO 2040 is providing targeted technical assistance to local governments, information sharing, and formal planning efforts that focus on transportation and other interconnected issues of livability.

The FY 2017 UWP process will be as follows:

- The Call for Projects will be made in January and will include both the Core and the Competitive proposals.
- The Core and the Competitive proposals will be presented to the UWP Committee. The UWP Committee will score the Competitive proposals as in years past, based upon the alignment with the regional priorities listed above.
- CMAP staff will conduct an in-depth proposal review and develop a proposed program for the UWP Committee's consideration. The proposed program will incorporate the Committee's rankings of the Competitive proposals.
- The UWP Committee will consider CMAP's analysis; the Committee's ranking of Competitive proposals, and approve the FY 17 UWP program in March.

The schedule for the development and approval of the FY 2017 UWP process is as follows:

Development of Program Priorities and Selection Process

UWP Meeting	October 14, 2015
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Call for Proposals

Call for Proposals	January 4, 2016
All Proposals Due (Core and Competitive)	January 29, 2016

Proposal presentations

UWP Meeting - Presentation of Proposals	February 18, 2016
UWP Committee members rank proposals	Due to CMAP February 26, 2016
CMAP prepares committee ranked proposals with funding allocation	February 29, 2016
UWP Meeting - Adopt FY 2017 Program	March 9, 2016

Committee Approval

Transportation Committee considers approval of FY 2017 UWP to MPO Policy Committee	April 22, 2016
Regional Coordinating Committee approval of FY 2017 UWP to CMAP Board	June 8, 2016
CMAP Board considers approval of proposed FY 2017 UWP	June 8, 2016
MPO Policy Committee considers approval of proposed FY 2017 UWP	June 9, 2016
FY 2017 UWP Document Released	June 30, 2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 6.0

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees
MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 7, 2016

Re: Next comprehensive plan major engagement and voting opportunities

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is in the process of developing its next comprehensive regional plan, which will be the successor of GO TO 2040. This process will involve iterative feedback and engagement with the CMAP Board and committees through a series of opportunities over the next three years. As mentioned in previous [materials](#), the process will also include development of various products, some of which will require broad review and approval by CMAP committees as well as voting by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. This memo reviews major engagement opportunities as well as points at which the Board and MPO Policy Committee, as well as the Transportation committee and the appropriate coordinating committee, will be asked to vote on key deliverables. Essentially, votes on interim products are proposed to be scheduled for the joint October meetings of the Board and MPO Policy Committee from now until the plan's adoption.

Major engagement and voting opportunities

The plan development process will include ongoing collaboration with committees, partners, and stakeholders, and will be punctuated by three major periods of intensive engagement: plan launch activities (winter to summer 2016); scenario planning outreach (2017); and feedback on the draft plan (2018). These major engagement periods are described in greater detail below; each is expected to culminate in a product to be voted on by the Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Interim report on regional priorities – fall 2016

Several engagement opportunities will take place during the first half of 2016 to publicly kick off the development of the next comprehensive plan. The agency will host a public [launch event](#) on February 24 that will introduce the planning process and explore potential plan topics. In the following months, CMAP will partner with organizations to co-host workshops to

increase awareness about the plan's development and collect feedback on broad priorities for the region, and will also hold a series of topical forums to examine specific topics of interest in the planning process. Other engagement opportunities are also under development.

These activities, in addition to ongoing plan development work, will lend insight on the state of the region and its planning challenges, as well as potential opportunities to improve the region's future. CMAP staff will create an interim report on regional priorities that summarizes the key takeaways of these initial engagement activities, along with a vision and broad directions for regional priorities. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on this interim product in October 2016.

Interim product on plan directions – fall 2017

Scenario planning efforts are currently in the early stages, with the bulk of work to develop scenarios and conceptualize the corollary public engagement process expected in FY 17. A series of public outreach events, centered on alternative futures, is anticipated in the summer of 2017. In tandem, CMAP will be creating the financial plan and soliciting ideas for regionally significant projects. Since these activities will largely take place in subsequent phases of the planning process, many details remain to be fleshed out; however, CMAP staff expect to encapsulate the results of the scenario planning process, propose priority expenditure categories for the financial plan, and provide recommended performance measures for regionally significant projects in an interim report to be released in the fall of 2017. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on this interim product in October 2017.

Adoption of full plan – fall 2018

The process to solicit feedback on the draft plan will be fleshed out in future fiscal years but is expected to take place during the summer of 2018. CMAP staff will collect and synthesize comments from the public and stakeholders prior to presenting a full plan to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on the draft plan in October 2018.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 9.1

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 7, 2016

Re: Alternative Long-Term Funding Options: State Legislative Proposals

CMAP's recent funding crisis and the on-going lack of a State of Illinois budget for FY16 have once again illustrated the vulnerability of our agency's operating funds. Following the Board's preliminary discussion of this topic in November, staff has further explored funding alternatives. This memo describes two complementary changes that would require action by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor. The first would involve reinstating and providing continuing appropriations for the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF). The second would give federal planning funds a complementary continuing appropriation, ensuring the federal formula funds matched by the CRPF are provided to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Together, the two proposed changes would ensure that the agency's fiscal health -- and therefore federal funds for infrastructure in the region -- would not be imperiled by future budget impasses.

Background on the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund

In 2007, Public Act [95-0677](#) amended the Regional Planning Act (which had created CMAP) by establishing a Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund (CRPF). The legislation included language pledging to fund the agency's operations and match federal formula funds with state funding. A non-binding directive stated that "additional funding shall be provided to CMAP to support those functions and programs authorized by [the enabling legislation]" (70 ILCS 1707/62).

To support comprehensive planning statewide, the CRPF was funded at \$5 million in FY08 and FY09 from the General Revenue Fund. The legislation distributed 70 percent of the CRPF to CMAP, with other MPOs receiving the balance of funds based on their population. Five percent of the CRPF was reserved for the state's Rural Planning Agencies, which was also distributed by population. CMAP received \$3.5 million in the two years following its enactment. In FY10 the CRPF was not funded by the state, and in FY11 legislation transferred any remaining funds in the state CRPF to the state General Fund, dissolving the CRPF. Since that time, IDOT has provided the funding for CMAP to match federal formula funds from the Road Fund. Because

these funds can be used solely for transportation-related activities, our reliance on them severely constrains CMAP's ability to fulfill its mandate for comprehensive regional planning. CRPF funding, having derived from the General Fund rather than the Road Fund, was more flexible and allowed CMAP to engage in truly comprehensive planning activities including work on housing, regional economic growth, water resource management, community development, and environmental health.

Continuing Appropriation of Funds

Continuing appropriation authority means the Comptroller and Treasurer are authorized by statute to spend funds in the event that the legislature fails to appropriate or appropriates an insufficient amount for a specific purpose. Several funding items currently receive continuing appropriation authority, including funds for debt service, payments to the state retirement system, legislators' salaries, and legislative operating expenses. Staff recommends that the Board support a legislative request to revive the Comprehensive Regional Planning Fund and provide it with continuing appropriation authority. Furthermore, staff recommends that the Board support a legislative request that provides continuing appropriation of federal formula planning funds to the state's MPOs.

Summary

If successful, this strategy has the benefit of solving several core obstacles that hinder CMAP's ability to meet its comprehensive regional planning mandate:

- CRPF funding would enable CMAP to conduct non-transportation planning activities.
- CMAP could match and receive the federal planning funds it is entitled to each year, regardless of state budget troubles.
- The state could satisfy federal requirements to match planning funds and thereby avoid jeopardizing the \$2 billion in federal highway and transit funds that flow to Illinois each year.

This strategy also gives CMAP the ability to work with the other MPOs across the state, ensuring that the request has statewide appeal.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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Agenda Item No. 9.2

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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 7, 2016

Re: Alternative Long-Term Funding Options

As the Policy Committee is aware, CMAP was faced with a cash-flow crisis in fall 2015 due to the absence of a state budget. CMAP has been successful in working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to find a temporary administrative fix, which has provided us the federal portion (80%) of our FHWA planning funds and has allowed the agency's operations to continue.

However, the state match of 20% continues to be withheld due to the state budget impasse. It is not certain when the state's budget situation will be resolved, and even when it is, there is no guarantee that the state will continue to provide the full local match. Beyond its direct implications for CMAP's budget, lack of local match would also jeopardize the agency's ability to use its federal funds.

The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee have long been aware that the agency's extensive reliance on the state for its local match exposes the agency to significant risk. The recent cash-flow crisis was a very clear reminder of this fact. Staff believes that, with the recently averted agency shutdown, it is time to confront the reality that we must reduce our funding reliance on the state. While some financial contribution from the state is necessary and appropriate, it may simply not be realistic to expect past contribution levels to continue.

Staff initiated a conversation with the CMAP Board in November concerning potential options. Since then, staff has investigated how other MPOs are funded, both within Illinois and nationwide, and has developed some alternative directions to reduce reliance on the state for local match. On January 13, staff will present initial findings to the Board. Key findings (summarized in [this longer memo](#)) include:

- CMAP's overall budget is lower than its peers, meaning that CMAP provides its services more efficiently than other comparable regional agencies.

- The low reliance of the agency on local funding is unusual. No other comparable agency, either nationwide or within Illinois, has such a low reliance on local funding. CMAP is unique in relying nearly entirely on the state for its local match.
- Many other comparable agencies are more aggressive at seeking competitive grants. While CMAP should pursue these more actively, these sources are typically not appropriate to provide the required local match for federal transportation funds.
- CMAP's predecessor agencies -- NIPC and CATS -- had significantly larger shares of local funding in their budget than our agency currently does.

As a result of these findings, staff recommends exploring several options. Several of the highest-priority options require legislation, and are described in a separate memo. However, these are not certain to succeed, so staff recommends also pursuing a backup option if the legislative approaches are unsuccessful. Elements of this option include local dues, increased use of fee-for-service arrangements, and a more aggressive approach to seeking external grants.

At the MPO Policy Committee in January, staff will provide further detail on the concepts above and will describe the results of the Board discussion on January 13. Reactions and discussion by MPO Policy Committee members are requested.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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