



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: September 9, 2016

Re: Critical Urban Freight Corridors Update

Under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, states and larger metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are given the responsibility to designate Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) to supplement the National Highway Freight Network identified by the Federal Highway Administration. This allows the designated routes to become eligible for apportioned and discretionary freight funding programs established in the FAST Act. In Illinois, no more than 168 miles of roadway can be designated as CUFCs across all urbanized areas.

In May, CMAP staff presented an initial proposal for CUFCs to the Transportation Committee. Since then, CMAP staff has presented the Critical Urban Freight Corridor proposal to the MPO Policy Committee and to IDOT Central Office staff. The MPO Policy Committee provided valuable feedback to incorporate into the staff proposal. IDOT Central Office staff identified issues related to an excess of urban area proposals relative to the statewide mileage available to designate. CMAP staff is working through these issues with IDOT to come to an agreement on a 168-mile statewide network.

A map of current Critical Urban Freight Corridor proposal, the result of MPO Policy Committee feedback and now being discussed with IDOT, is attached.

Action Requested: Discussion