Proposed Process
for addressing
Developments of Regional Importance
(DRI)

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Background

- The Illinois Legislature enabled CMAP to develop a process for reviewing DRI
- The CMAP Board delegated this task to the Programming Coordinating Committee
- Committee developed Tiered Review Process
  - Also concluded that there is no universally accepted set of physical characteristics that signifies a DRI
- Committee agreed to identify DRI through existing CMAP mechanisms

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How is a DRI is referred to the CMAP Board?

- **CMAP staff identifies specific Federal or State actions with regional planning implications, or**
- **A county, municipality, or CMAP Coordinating Committee formally requests a DRI review, or**
- **The CMAP Board independently initiates a DRI review.**

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The CMAP Board's DRI Review Process

- **Tier 1**: Is the proposal subject to an established regional planning process?
- **Tier 2**: Does the proposal include certain characteristics?
- **Tier 3**: Will the proposal have measurable regional impacts ?

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Tier 1: Is the proposal subject to an established regional planning process?

- **If Yes**: Then this is a Tier 1 DRI
- **If No**: Then proceed to Tier 2

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Tier 2: Does the proposal significantly:

- Affect important features of the natural environment,
- Change prevailing development density,
- Affect operations on a regional transportation facility,
- Change existing land use patterns,
- Affect the function or performance of a planned public investment ?

If No: Then this is a Tier II DRI
If Yes: Then proceed to Tier 3

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Tier 3:
Will the proposal have measurable regional impacts ?

- **If Yes**: recommend that the project sponsor conduct a regional impact analysis.
- **If No**: conclude that the proposal has no significant regional impact.

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Regional Impact Analysis

- CMAP Staff will prepare an Outline
  - A project "literature-review"
  - Statements of the likely regional impacts
  - An initial search for data resources
  - Impact assessments to be performed
- Proposal Sponsor will conduct the Analysis

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Process Review Timeline

- June/July–Working Committee Feedback
- August–Programming Committee refines
- September–Stakeholder outreach
- October–Programming Committee refines
- November–CMAP Board considers

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