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SUBALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS TO NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS

FOR TASK FORCE DISCUSSION AND SUGGESTED REFERRAL TO THE WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE

CMAP staff is suggesting a suballocation of transportation enhancement (TE) funds for northeastern Illinois. Suballocation of TE funds to northeastern Illinois would be accomplished through consultation with the state and our MPO partners.

Our primary purpose is to improve funding decisions. CMAP has been directed to improve regional decision-making. We can improve decision-making though our unique access to better information, better local coordination, and improved processes. Suballocations of TE funds to us are an important step to improving future decisions.

We want to get more and better projects to ground-breakings and ribbon-cuttings faster. We can do this through better regional decision-making and more effective involvement by local officials. We will develop a programming process that will have a multi-year component and that will require a project to be "ready to go" before being included in an annual element. We recently started moving in this direction for the CMAQ process, to good reviews.

Public relations for IDOT, regional partners and elected officials will be much improved by the suballocation of TE funds to our area.

Staff suggests that suballocation of TE funds be referred by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force to the Work Program Committee