



Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report Transportation Committee February 22, 2008

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on February 5, approving advanced funding request of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the North Shore Council in the amount of \$780,740 and the Lake Council of Mayors in the amount of \$6,730,163. The Committee also approved the submittal of two Unified Work Program proposals for the FY2009 cycle: 5% increase in funding for the Planning Liaison program core project request for a matched amount of \$1,343,015; and a 5% increase for a discretionary project for the Planning Liaisons to assist CMAP with comprehensive planning activities throughout the region for a matched amount of \$191,859. The Planning Liaison Scope of Services was also approved.

The Committee was given an update on the STP negotiation meeting held with representatives from the City of Chicago and the Executive Committee STP subcommittee members. Both sides agreed to talk to their leadership about the proposed new STP split formula, which includes 5% off the top to City of Chicago projects of regional significance. The remaining balance would be split 55% to the suburban areas and 45% to the City of Chicago. The Committee approved the funding split, which is subject to concurrence by the City of Chicago. Committee members also determined that a larger share of the state's transportation program should be allocated to northeastern Illinois. They then decided that representatives from the 7 counties be solicited to ask them to request a larger percentage of those funds.

The Committee was informed of meetings held with members to familiarize them on the process of Active Program Management. They were also told of the importance of spending allocated funds to meet the critical transportation needs and to enter federal reauthorization with zero balances so they would not be subject to rescissions, if they were to occur.

Updates were given on the Developments of Regional Importance process, Comprehensive Planning activities, Regional Water Supply planning, Safety Data and the Congestion Reduction Demonstration program.

The next Executive Committee meeting is "On Call".