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Council of Mayors Executive Committee Report to the Transportation Committee July 30, 2010

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on June 29 and approved advanced funding requests for McHenry (\$176,800) and Lake (\$878,900) Council of Mayors, for a total of \$1,055,700. The Committee also approved STP programming marks for FFY 2011 to 2015 to be used until a new transportation bill has been approved by Congress.

Updates on the status of the Surface Transportation Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act transportation projects were provided. It was noted that the Councils are continuing to do a good job in spending funds allotted for the region.

The committee was given an update on the GO TO 2040 Draft Regional Plan. They were informed that the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee released the draft plan for public comment through August 6, and that there will be several meetings held throughout the seven counties. A list of general public meetings was handed out and can be found on the CMAP website. The final plan and a summary of comments received will be discussed at the September meetings of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee. Recommendations from those groups will then be incorporated into the plan. The final plan will be presented to the Planning Coordinating Committee, requesting their approval. A joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting will be held in October, where they will consider adoption of the plan.

Staff informed the committee that \$3.5 million was included in IDOT's FY11 budget for CMAP and it was expected that the Governor will act on the budget soon. Staff then expressed the importance of the municipal survey as it relates to the GO TO 2040 Plan's Indicator Project. The mayors were asked to encourage their staff to complete and return the survey.

The committee chairman asked CMAP staff to look into creating a breakdown of the region by legislative districts. It was stated that the list could be a tool to use when speaking to legislators to help explain the planning process and the role of CMAP. It was pointed out that a good example of a coordinated effort was by Will County and their legislative body in the advancement of the Illiana project. Governors Quinn and Daniels have signed a memorandum of understanding to help move the project forward.

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 28.