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Associate Transportation Planner Policy Analyst (ATP520)

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Company/Agency: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Job Category: Associate

Experience Required: 2-5 years of non-intern experience

Salary Range: \$60,137- \$76,073

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is hiring an Associate Transportation Planner or Policy Analyst to carry out initiatives related to traffic safety and other projects to support implementation of the agency's regional plan. CMAP is our region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are now implementing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. These strategies are emphasized through three overarching principles: Inclusive Growth, Resilience and Prioritized Investment. The agency's core values that drive our work product as well as the work environment are to serve with passion; pursue equity; foster collaboration; lead with excellence and drive innovation.

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Position Purpose

This position will be responsible for producing analyses on a variety of transportation topics, contributing to Local Technical Assistance planning efforts, making committee presentations, and developing policy recommendations. In the near term, the position will be responsible for staffing a CMAP task force on traffic safety and conducting supporting research, but over the longer term the position will help to shape other aspects of CMAP's planning, policy, and programming agenda. Work in this area will be expected to connect to CMAP's policies and research on transportation, community development, environment, regional economy, and other topics. The person in this position will also be expected to contribute to analysis for local plans as well as investment decisions in transit, highway, and non-motorized transportation facilities. Finally, work will be expected to clarify the link between the investments in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and safety outcomes. Working

collaboratively with metropolitan planning organization (MPO) member agencies and other CMAP stakeholders and helping forge consensus around transportation priorities are key aspects of this position.

Responsibilities

- Contribute to stakeholder processes to develop planning and policy recommendations
- Contribute to transportation elements of Local Technical Assistance plans
- Conduct literature reviews, best practices research, quantitative analysis, and stakeholder interviews to prepare reports, policy updates, memos and other material to implement and expand on the recommendations of ON TO 2050.
- Make presentations to CMAP committees and interact directly with stakeholders, including transportation professionals and elected officials.
- Represent CMAP on task forces, project studies, and at partner organization meetings.
- Help carry out quantitative analyses of potential transportation strategies and evaluate candidate transportation projects.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- The ability to write and communicate effectively on issues of public policy and transportation planning.
- Ability to contribute to stakeholder processes
- Ability to synthesize multiple points of view.
- Excellent data management skills and the ability to generate and present findings from these data.
- Ability to lead moderately complex research projects and produce reports and issue briefs that are factual, original, compelling, and persuasive.
- Competence with ESRI GIS software, desktop computer databases, and spreadsheet analysis.
- General knowledge of federal surface transportation policy and funding/financing programs as well as a good understanding of the relationship between land use and transportation.

Education and Experience

An undergraduate degree in Public Policy, Planning, Public Administration, or a related field is required; Master's strongly preferred. A minimum of three years of relevant prior work experience in a policy, planning, or analytical role is required. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, with adaptability to other software. Demonstrated skills with databases, spreadsheets, and Arc/GIS geographic information systems.

How to Apply

Please submit cover letter and résumé via the web at www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/careers. Please refer to **Job Code (ATP520)**.

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