To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 6, 2019

Re: 2020 State Legislative Agenda and Principles

For your review and discussion, staff has revised the priorities contained in the State Legislative Agenda for 2020. Annual alterations to the agenda reflect policies enacted in the previous state legislative session, and ongoing policy conversations statewide. The agenda will be framed by CMAP’s ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan, which recommends legislative actions that promote inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

The 2020 State Legislative Agenda identifies five priorities and includes a number of recommendations from ON TO 2050:

- Support transparent, performance-based capital programming
- Collect and provide the data needed to support decision making and accountability
- Reform tax policy to strengthen communities
- Implement user fees and regional revenues to sustainably fund the region’s multimodal transportation system
- Allocate funds for all comprehensive regional planning activities

Staff is recommending we pursue these five state priorities, as well as the ON TO 2050 recommendations contained in this memo attachment. CMAP intends to use the agenda to guide and inform policymakers in Springfield, including the Illinois General Assembly, the Governor, and state agency partners. Based on your feedback and direction, we will finalize the agenda for the January meeting and outline a strategy to communicate these priorities.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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The legislative agenda will be framed by CMAP’s ON TO 2050 comprehensive regional plan, which recommends legislative actions that promote inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

- **Support transparent, performance-based capital programming**
  - CMAP supports state legislation and administrative actions to advance performance-based programming and prioritize infrastructure investments using asset management principles.
  - CMAP supports legislation clarifying the eligibility of the Transportation Renewal Fund (35 ILCS 505/8b) to explicitly include transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.

- **Collect and provide the data needed to support decision making and accountability**
  - CMAP supports legislation to increase data sharing and transparency by state and local agencies.
  - CMAP supports legislation to increase data and information sharing at a regional scale by TNCs and other private personal mobility companies that supports local and regional planning and decision making.

- **Reform tax policy to strengthen communities**
  - CMAP supports reforms to the criteria the state uses to direct revenues to local governments in order to reduce wide divergences across municipalities, allow each municipality to support its own desired mix of land uses, and adapt to changing development patterns.
  - CMAP supports broadening the sales tax base to include more services, in such a way that could allow for lower rates.
  - CMAP supports a state program that provides funding to local governments for study and implementation of consolidation and other partnerships.

- **Implement user fees and regional revenues to sustainably fund the region’s multimodal transportation system**
  - CMAP supports a statewide pilot for a per-mile road usage charge that will become necessary due to the long-term insufficiency and inequity of the motor fuel tax.
  - CMAP supports new, sustainable, regionally raised revenues for transportation to make multimodal investments that meet the region’s unique transportation needs.
- **Allocate funds for all comprehensive regional planning activities**
  - CMAP supports dedicated funding for all of CMAP’s comprehensive planning activities mandated by the State, such as climate mitigation, housing, and regional economic growth.
  - CMAP supports new, sustainable revenues to support state and regional water planning by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Water Survey, Illinois Water Inventory Program, and regional partners.