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March 22, 2020

The Honorable Jeffery Schielke  
Mayor, City of Batavia and  
Chair, CMAP Council of Mayors  
c/o Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Chairman Schielke:

On behalf of the Northwest Municipal Conference and the two Councils of Mayors housed in our organization (Northwest and North Shore), we are pleased to submit the following recommendation regarding FFY2020 STP-L funding for the region.

Thank you for participating in the March 12 meeting with representatives from the region's councils of mayors and CMAP staff to discuss the two funding scenarios to apply to FFY2020, either the remaining \$13.4 million in the region's STP-L funding or \$17.5 million, which includes a one-time infusion from IDOT. While unanimity for either scenario was not reached at the meeting, I reiterate our strong support of CMAP staff's recommendation to apply all of the funding to FFY2020 projects targeting the June letting.

CMAP staff correctly recommended applying the entire \$17.5 million to projects targeting the June letting in order to fund as many projects now, rather than applying the \$4.1 million in IDOT funding to each council's FFY2021 marks. This would allow for completion of an additional three projects in the region (Clarendon Hills, Schaumburg and South Holland), bringing the total to ten. At the time of our meeting, CMAP and regional council staff noted valid concerns with deferring the additional funding, including uncertainty with the federal transportation reauthorization (including higher federal/local funding splits), possible federal rescissions, state budget/capital bill uncertainty and potential for higher bids. Now that Illinois and the world is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more imperative than ever that additional funding support the construction industry, deemed an essential business or operation by Governor Pritzker's COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8, issued March 20, 2020.

Thank you for your support of the region's transportation system and your consideration of our recommendation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Fowler  
Executive Director

Cc: CMAP Council of Mayors Members  
Teri Dixon, CMAP