



MEMORANDUM

To: UWP Committee

From: Dolores Dowdle
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: January 3, 2013

Re: FY 2014 UWP Call for Projects

The FY 2014 UWP Call for Projects for the CMAP region is issued today with both the Core and Competitive proposals due to CMAP by January 31, 2013.

The following approved priorities for the FY 2014 are aligned with the regional priorities described in the GO TO 2040 Plan.

- *Modernization of the Public Transit System.* GO TO 2040 recommends an enhanced focus on prioritizing planning work for the modernization of the existing transit system. Actions include work on coordinating services and fares, including pursuit of a universal fare payment system, work on traveler information systems, and technological improvements including transit signal priority and ART. Project proposals, especially from the transit agencies, should feature these elements as a primary component.
- *Financial Planning Including Innovative Financing Strategies.* GO TO 2040 also stresses an array of recommendations related to transportation finance, including improved financial planning. Actions include strengthening transit financial oversight, planning for efficiencies that reduce transit operating costs, the identification of funding sources for CREATE, and continued planning/policy work on other important issues of fiscal policy to improve the transportation system.
- *Improving Decision-Making Models and Evaluation Criteria for Project Selection.* GO TO 2040 also emphasizes improving decision-making processes for transportation projects, as well as the overarching importance of prioritization for making investments given constrained funding. This includes constructing improved models for answering the most pressing questions about major projects and designing appropriate and regionally-vetted evaluation criteria for judging projects.

- *Planning Work Toward Implementation of GO TO 2040 Major Capital Projects, Including Supportive Land Use.* The continuation of near-term work to further GO TO 2040's short list of fiscally constrained major capital projects is also a high priority. Potential work includes planning for the inclusion of transit components as part of major highway projects, advancing recommended transit projects through the New Starts program or other discretionary funding programs, and planning for supportive land use around transportation, including active technical assistance to local governments.
- *Local Technical Assistance and the Formation of Collaborative Planning Efforts.* A major emphasis area of GO TO 2040 is providing targeted technical assistance to local governments, information sharing, and formal planning efforts that focus on transportation and other interconnected issues of livability.

The process for review and approval of the FY 2014 UWP programs is as follows:

- Both Core and Competitive proposals are due on January 31, 2013.
- CMAP staff will review the Core proposals and make a proposed program recommendation to the UWP Committee for approval. The proposal review will consider the following: federal requirements; alignment with the proposed priorities in GO TO 2040; the requested level of funding; and if applicable, previous years' expenditure level of Core project.
- If a Core proposal is not approved, it could be requested by the submitting agency to be considered again with the Competitive proposals.
- The Competitive proposals will be scored by the UWP Committee as in years past, based upon the alignment with the regional priorities listed above. Based on the available monies after the Core proposals have been funded, CMAP staff will incorporate the Committee's rankings and make a proposed program recommendation to the UWP Committee that follows the same considerations outlined above in the Core program.
- After approval by the UWP Committee of the FY 2014 program, CMAP will draft contracts for the approved programs according to the following schedule (these dates should be considered with developing proposals):
 - Programs supporting staff and operating costs (normally core proposals) will be for the period of the state FY 2014. All funds will need to be expended by June 30, 2014.
 - Programs supporting consulting contracts will be a period of three years—July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

The apportionment of federal funds for FY 2014 has been estimated for the regional at \$12,398,644 of FHWA Planning (PL) funds and \$4,438,609 of FTA funds, for a total of \$16,837,253. The FY 2013 UWP allocated \$10,591,398 of PL funds, \$4,256,336 of FTA funds, and \$2,499,000 of unallocated FY 2012 PL funds, for a total of \$17,346,734.

The schedule for the approval of the FY 2014 UWP process is as follows:

Call for Proposals

Call for Proposals	January 3, 2013
All Proposals Due (Core and Competitive)	January 31, 2013

Core Elements Selection Process

CMAP review and recommend program	February 14, 2013
UWP Meeting- Adopt Core Program	February 21, 2013

Competitive Elements Selection Process

UWP Meeting- Discuss Competitive Proposals	February 28, 2013
UWP Committee members rank proposals	Due to CMAP March 8, 2013
CMAP prepares committee ranked proposals with funding allocation	March 15, 2013
UWP Meeting - Adopt Competitive Program	March 21, 2013

Committee Approval

Transportation Committee considers approval of FY 2014 UWP to MPO Policy Committee	April 26, 2013
Regional Coordinating Committee considers approval of FY 2014 UWP to CMAP Board	May or June 2013
CMAP Board considers approval of proposed FY 2014 UWP	June 12, 2013
MPO Policy Committee considers approval of proposed FY 2014 UWP	June 13, 2013
UWP Document Released	June 2013