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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Programming Coordinating Committee

**Date:** October 1, 2008

**From:** Patricia Berry, Principal Planner 

**Re:** CMAQ Program, 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update,  
Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and  
accompanying conformity analysis

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The public comment period for the Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Multi-Year CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement) proposed program closed August 26, 2008. The Transportation Committee unanimously approved the staff responses to the comments and recommended approval of the proposed program. See <http://tinyurl.com/3ocnp2> for a complete packet of materials, including comments and recommended responses, details of the recommended program, and information about three projects for which the Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that funding be withdrawn.

The Programming Coordinating Committee will consider this recommendation at its October 8, 2008 meeting.

CMAP's Transportation Committee released an update to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and a revised conformity analysis in August. The RTP update consists of extensions of proposed projects for additional lanes on I-90 and I-88 and changes to transit services and regional planning assumptions to reflect the "Congestion Reduction Demonstration" agreed to by the City of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. See <http://tinyurl.com/4lzexw> for a complete packet of materials, including the TIP amendment, the conformity analysis results, the three public comments that were received prior to the September 21 deadline, and the responses to those comments.

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With the exception of the congestion reduction demonstration, the Transportation Committee has unanimously recommended approval of the Plan update, the bi-annual TIP Amendments, and the conformity determination. The Transportation Committee unanimously requested that the Policy Committee allow the Transportation Committee to act on the congestion reduction demonstration after RTA Board action in October. The Programming Coordinating Committee will consider this recommendation at its October 8 meeting.

The Board is asked to approve the 2009 multi-year CMAQ program. The Board is also asked to approve the RTP update, the TIP amendment and the associated air quality conformity analysis.

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