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Memorandum

To: UWP Committee
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Subject: RTA Reprogramming Request for 2007-2009 UWP Funds

The RTA requests reprogramming of the unobligated 2007 and 2008 UWP funds (80% of \$600,000) originally programmed for the "Cook-DuPage Corridor Systems Alternatives Analysis" project. The reprogrammed funds would be used to complete the "System Assessment" portion of the RTA's 2009 UWP project – "Regional Travel Markets and System Assessment." The purpose of the System Assessment is to gain an understanding of how well the existing RTA transit system serves specific trips and regional travel markets, and to identify potential transit improvements (enhancements and/or expansions) that are most likely to increase transit usage. This remaining portion of the overall project is necessary for the RTA to complete the pending update to its *Moving Beyond Congestion* Strategic Plan.

The 2009 UWP funds allocated to the RTA (80% of \$368,750) were not sufficient to complete even the Market Analysis portion of the project. As a result, the RTA entered into a contract for only the Market Analysis portion by providing an overmatch of \$216,970. At this time, the RTA would like to conduct the System Assessment portion of the project using the unobligated 2007 and 2008 UWP funds.

2007 UWP Project - "Cook-DuPage Corridor Alternatives Analysis" [\$250,000]

Scope - Building on the results of the current Cook-DuPage Corridor Options Feasibility Study, the RTA will undertake a detailed examination of physical, operational, financial, social, and system impacts of feasible options to achieve consensus on a preferred project that will be included in a future Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.

2008 UWP Project - "Cook-DuPage Corridor Alternative Analysis" [\$350,000]

Scope - The RTA will further develop and evaluate alternatives that have been short listed in the Cook-DuPage Options Feasibility study and have been defined by mode, technology, alignment and investment level. The RTA will develop baseline alternatives, refine the evaluation criteria, and develop performance measures to establish demand and impact on the regional transportation system.

2009 UWP Project - "Regional Travel Markets and System Assessment" [\$368,750]

Scope - The RTA will analyze the travel markets in the region; develop a composite picture of the markets and transit strategy; and assess the performance of the transportation system.