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To: CMAP Human and Community Development Committee

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Re: **PRELIMINARY JARC/NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

At the upcoming September 12 CMAP Human and Community Development Committee meeting, RTA staff will present the proposed FFY 2011 Program of Projects for the JARC and New Freedom programs. All applications have been available for public viewing on the JARC/NF website at <http://rtachicago.com/jarc-nf/2011-jarc-nf-preliminary-program-of-projects.html>.

The JARC/New Freedom program is federally funded with project sponsors responsible for the local match. No RTA funds are required to support the projects. Project sponsors provide a 50% match for operating projects and a 20% match for capital/mobility management projects.

A five member Selection Review Committee (SRC) made up of staff from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the RTA evaluated the applications. The evaluation process utilized the criterion included in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) that was developed with input from the HSTP Project Advisory Committee. The following projects are recommended for the FFY 2011 Program of Projects.

- **Association for Individual Development (AID) Ride in Kane Phases 7 & 8 (JARC & NF)** - This program, now in its fourth year of operation, coordinates paratransit services in Kane County into a centralized system that optimizes transportation resources for older adults, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals. The sponsors of Phases 7 and 8 include 19 private, non-profit organizations and local units of government.
Estimated Project Budget - \$5,484,186 (\$2,786,170 Federal Share)
- **Hanover Township Volunteer Express (NF)** - Funding for this project will support a volunteer driver program supplementing the services offered by Hanover Township's Dial-A-Bus program. Volunteer drivers utilizing their own vehicles will provide the door-to-door service. Local share will be provided with transportation development credits, formerly known as toll credits.
Estimated Project Budget - \$15,454 (\$15,454 Federal Share)
- **Lake County Northwest Demonstration Project (JARC & NF)** - This project, originally funded in 2008, is an outgrowth of the county's coordinated paratransit plan funded through the RTA's Subregional Planning program. The service provides dial-



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a-ride transportation in four townships to persons with disabilities, the elderly and low-income individuals.

Estimated Project Budget - \$974,408 (\$487,204 Federal Share)

- **City of Naperville Community Based Ride to Work (JARC)** - This project is a continuation of the DuPage County Transportation to Work Program that operates as part of Ride DuPage program. Eligible riders are afforded increased employment opportunities by providing them with transportation to jobs outside of their own town and at times that may extend beyond traditional work hours.

Estimated Project Budget - \$1,038,810 (\$519,405 Federal Share)

- **Pace Phase IV Regional Call Center Project (JARC & NF)** - This is the 4th Phase of the project that originally received 2007 New Freedom Funding. The project enables low-income individuals, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities to access multiple transportation programs through the call center. The call center takes reservations for demand response services and assigns trips to the appropriate provider. *Estimated Project Budget - \$4,728,603 (\$3,782,883 Federal Share)*

- **Will County Mobility Management Program (JARC & NF)** - This program will provide transportation and mobility management services for persons with disabilities, the elderly and low-income individuals residing in eastern Will County townships. The program is an outgrowth of the county's coordinated paratransit plan funded through the RTA's Subregional Planning program.

Estimated Project Budget - \$864,054 (\$488,956 Federal Share)