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CMAP

LOCAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Bob Dean

GO TO 2040 supports the efforts of local governments to improve livability within their communities and to encourage a future pattern of more compact, mixed-use development that focuses growth where transportation infrastructure already exists. The plan recommends that local governments pursue opportunities for development of this type, while recognizing that the interpretation and application of these concepts will vary by community.

AREA 1: REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Program Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Regional technical assistance includes projects that are conducted at a regional level, rather than working with an individual community. Projects in this area have a broad, region-wide audience.

Online Case Study Library

Project Manager: Lindsay Bayley

Team: Project managers of completed LTA projects

Description: This project will collect positive case studies from around the region of local governments advancing GO TO 2040 through plans, ordinances, and other regulations. These are organized in a searchable online format. Work in FY15 will involve maintaining the library and promoting its use.

Products and Key Dates: Maintenance of existing case studies (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Planned brownbags delayed to allow LTA strategic planning sessions and completion of Green Infrastructure Vision data processing.
- Began tracking of PDF downloads; Homegrown Local Housing Strategies ranks highest, followed by Wilmette Road Diet, Berwyn's Completed LTA project, Hadley Valley Forest Preserve, and Harvey Cargo Oriented Development.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue brownbag series at the pace of approximately one per month. Upcoming sessions may include: new ecosystem service valuation study of GIV, mapping of public comments in LTA projects, Complete Streets Toolkit & Homes Toolkit.

- Check visitor hits/ interaction with case study library to assess use and promote the site.

Municipal Survey

Project Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Team: Interns

Description: This project will conduct a biennial survey of municipalities across the region to understand the degree to which policies recommended in GO TO 2040 are implemented at the local level. Survey analysis will also be used to determine local government demand for the development model plans, ordinances and codes as well as educational opportunities. The next survey will be conducted during spring-summer 2014, and the initiation of the survey was already begun in FY14. The FY15 work plan includes analysis and summary of the survey results.

Products and Key Dates: Summary of municipal survey results (fall 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued analysis of muni survey data as needed.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Present data to staff as a resource at a brownbag.

Model Toolkits and Ordinances

Project Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Team: Beck, Ihnchak, Navota, O'Neal, K. Smith, Zwiebach

Description: This project will prepare model planning approaches on topics of interest to local communities and planners. These include ordinances, other regulations, or treatment of other planning issues. Topics addressed in FY15 were identified based on past municipal survey results and committee feedback, and include sustainability plans, conservation design, complete streets, and aging in place. Fair housing was also identified, but the ability to pursue this topic depends on securing outside funding. Four of these (all but fair housing) were initiated in FY14, with completion scheduled in FY15. Once models are produced, CMAP will work with several communities to implement the ordinance locally (covered in more detail in the LTA section). Also in FY15, topics for model toolkits in FY16 will be identified based on the municipal survey and stakeholder input.

Products and Key Dates: Completion of four toolkit or model ordinances on topics of interest. Identification of new model toolkits and ordinances for FY16 (spring 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Posted complete streets white papers and treatments gallery as simple, but interactive pages on the CMAP website.

- Drafted full sustainability planning white paper focused internally to improve local planning efforts.
- Completed a full draft of the aging in place white paper focused internally to improve local planning efforts.
- Revised and posted interjurisdictional housing plans toolkit in February.
- Developed work plan for stormwater data and analytics project.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Post full sustainability planning white paper online and present to local planning staff.
- Finalize aging in place white paper for posting in early FY16.
- Initiate stormwater data and analytics projects.
- Identify new topics for research and development in FY16 based on 2014 municipal survey and staff discussion.

Planning Commissioner Workshops

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Ambriz, Olson

Description: A series of training workshops for Planning Commissioners will be provided, covering issues such as the importance of updating the comprehensive plan, consistency of local ordinances, legal issues in planning, and placing local land use decisions within a regional context. These will be coordinated with APA-IL, COGs, and other relevant groups. Each workshop will be hosted by a single municipal Planning Commission, with invitations to other nearby communities. The workshops will be targeted to communities recently completing CMAP-led technical assistance projects. In FY15, expansion of these types of trainings beyond Planning Commissions to include municipal elected officials or other community members will also be examined, and the effectiveness of the current workshop format will be evaluated.

Products and Key Dates: Eight Planning Commissioner workshops, held throughout year (approximately two per quarter). Evaluate current program effectiveness, and investigate and develop strategy for expanding training workshops beyond Planning Commissioners (fall 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Huntley held a plan commissioner workshop in February. Commissioners from Pingree Grove attended.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to schedule plan commissioner workshops. Proposed upcoming workshops include:
 - Southwest Conference of Mayors (1st week of June)
 - Oswego (April)

- Carol Stream (June)

AREA 2: LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Program Manager: Bob Dean

The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program involves working directly with a community or group of communities on a product that is customized for their use. Projects in this area have a specific audience and are geographically limited. New projects are added to the LTA program each October. The projects that were currently underway or committed (and the project manager for each) at the end of the 1st quarter of FY15 include:

- Algonquin-Carpentersville river corridor study (Daly)
- Arlington Heights bicycle and pedestrian plan (O'Neal)
- Barrington area bicycle and pedestrian plan (Pfingston)
- Bensenville comprehensive plan (Shenbaga)
- Berwyn capital improvements plan (Dean)
- Berwyn parking study (Bayley)
- Berwyn zoning ordinance update (Ihnchak)
- Campton Hills zoning ordinance update (Ihnchak)
- Carol Stream comprehensive plan (Woods)
- Chicago Heights comprehensive plan (Smith)
- Chinatown (Chicago) neighborhood plan (Ostrander)
- Cicero comprehensive plan (Burch)
- Cook County consolidated plan / CEDS (Burch)
- Crete comprehensive plan (Pfingston)
- Crystal Lake transportation plan (Beck)
- Dixmoor planning prioritization report (Gershman)
- DuPage County sustainability plan (Yeung)
- DuPage County/Addison Homes for a Changing Region study (Smith)
- DuPage County/Hanover Park Homes for a Changing Region study (Williams-Clark)
- Elmwood Park zoning ordinance analysis (Ihnchak)
- Franklin Park comprehensive plan (Woods)
- Franklin Park industrial areas plan (Woods)
- Glenview natural resources plan (Daly)
- Governors State University green infrastructure plan (Hudson)
- Harvard comprehensive plan (TBD)
- Joliet corridor study (Ostrander)
- Kane County health impact assessment (Ostrander)
- Kane County transit plan implementation (Dick)
- Lake County IL 53/120 corridor plan (Navota)
- Lake County sustainability plan (Ihnchak)
- Lake County/Round Lake Homes for a Changing Region study (Ostrander)
- Lan-Oak Park District master plan (Dick)
- Lyons comprehensive plan (Okoth)
- Morton Grove comprehensive plan (Woods)
- North Aurora comprehensive plan (Pfingston)

- North Chicago comprehensive plan (Seid)
- Olympia Fields subarea plan (Williams-Clark)
- Oswego-Montgomery-Yorkville shared services study (Yeung)
- Park Forest bicycle and pedestrian plan (Bayley)
- Park Forest zoning ordinance update (Ihnchak)
- Pilsen-Little Village (Chicago) neighborhood plan (Zwiebach)
- Pingree Grove comprehensive plan (Dick)
- Richton Park comprehensive plan (Smith)
- Richton Park zoning ordinance update (Seid)
- Rosemont comprehensive plan (Shenbaga)
- South Elgin zoning ordinance (Seid)
- SSMMA complete streets plan (O'Neal)
- SSMMA workforce development plan (TBD)
- Summit comprehensive plan (Beck)
- UIC multimodal transportation plan (Bayley)
- Waukegan corridor plan (Ostrander)
- West Pullman (Chicago) corridor plan (Panella)
- Westchester zoning ordinance (Ihnchak)
- Winthrop Harbor comprehensive plan (Shenbaga)
- Zion comprehensive plan (Beck)

Program Administration and Monitoring

Project Manager: Drew Williams-Clark

Team: Aleman, Navota, Olson

Description: This work plan item includes overall administration and tracking of progress of the LTA program. The preparation of monthly reports on project progress is a key outcome of this work plan item. It also involves regular updates on project status, quarterly reviews of staff time expectations and contract expenditures, and providing reports on program progress as necessary.

Products and Key Dates: Monthly reports on progress of ongoing and upcoming projects (ongoing). The number of projects at various stages (initiated; 50% complete; 90% complete; 100% complete) will be tracked and reported quarterly.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued to advance projects already begun, with preparation of 10 existing conditions reports (bringing the total to 133), 4 draft plans (bringing the total to 111), and 5 final plans (bringing the total to 99).
- Initiated 5 additional projects. A total of 148 projects had reached this stage by the end of the quarter, including 104 staff-led projects and 44 consultant-led projects.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to advance projects, with preparation of several existing conditions reports, development of 8 additional draft plans, and adoption/completion of 10 final plans.
- Initiate 4 additional staff-led projects and 6 consultant-led projects, preparing other projects for kickoff later in 2015.

Project stage	End FY 11	End FY 12	End FY 13	End FY 14	1Q FY15	2Q FY 15	3Q FY 15	End FY 15
Completed and adopted (100% complete)	0	10	42	78	87	94	99	
Final draft complete (90%)	0	18	48	93	101	107	111	
Existing conditions complete (50%)	0	29	62	106	111	123	133	
Fully initiated	14	47	95	129	135	143	148	

Project Development and Scoping

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Bayley, Beck, Burch, Dick, Ihnchak, Navota, Ostrander, Shenbaga, K. Smith, Williams-Clark

Description: This work plan item includes the annual call for projects, application review, and project selection for the LTA program. These activities include close coordination with the RTA, follow-ups with applicants, and review of project applications with stakeholders and partners. It also includes activities following project selection; many LTA projects require significant further scoping before the most appropriate CMAP role can be determined. This work plan item includes meetings with project sponsors and key local stakeholders, research on relevant past activities in each community, and preparation of a proposed scope of work for CMAP's involvement in each project.

Products and Key Dates: Review of applications submitted and project prioritization (October 2014). Call for projects for following year (May 2015). Ongoing scoping of projects as they are submitted through new calls for projects (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Initiated 5 projects, including 4 staff-led and 1 consultant-led projects.
- Continued to work with other selected applicants on project start-up activities.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Initiate 10 additional projects.
- Continue to work with other selected applicants on project start-up activities.

Management and Review of Staff-Led Projects

Project Manager: Jason Navota

Team: Entire Local Planning division, some involvement from other divisions

Description: Each LTA project is assigned a project manager who is responsible for the timely completion of the project. Project managers are responsible for conducting a large portion of the work required on their projects, as well as identifying needs for additional project support, outreach assistance, and partner coordination (described in the following several work plan items). This work plan item involves preparation and review of interim and final materials, including maintaining a high standard of quality for all documents produced.

Products and Key Dates: Completion of approximately twenty projects using direct staff assistance from CMAP and initiation of a similar number of additional projects (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Completed 4 staff-led projects: Kane County transit plan implementation, Bensenville comprehensive plan, Cook County consolidated plan / CEDS, and Dixmoor planning priorities report.
- Managed staff workloads and project assignments. Adjusted schedules in response to staff changes.
- Tracked time spent on projects, with approximately 8,000 hours spent.
- Hired 4 new staff to fill vacancies.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete approximately 8 staff-led projects.
- Continue to track and manage workloads and adjust assignments and project schedules as necessary.

Management and Review of Consultant-Led Projects

Project Manager: Sam Shenbaga

Team: Olson, Pfingston, Williams-Clark, some involvement from other Local Planning staff

Description: This work plan item provides consultant assistance to local governments to support the preparation of comprehensive plans, sub-area plans and ordinance revisions to implement these plans, with a focus on linking land use and transportation. Activities during the year include development of RFPs, selection of consulting firms for each project, management of contracts, and oversight and evaluation of consultant work.

Products and Key Dates: Completion of approximately ten projects using grants or contracts and initiation of a similar number of additional projects (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Completed the Olympia Fields subarea plan.

- Selected consultant for Roselle comprehensive plan.
- Released RFPs for 6 projects: Huntley zoning update, regional truck permitting plan, Elgin-O'Hare bicycle and pedestrian plan, Governors State University transportation and green infrastructure plan, Pullman transportation access plan, and Villa Park zoning update.
- Provided feedback to consultants at project midpoints for appropriate projects.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete approximately 2 consultant-led projects.
- Select consultant for 6 projects listed above.
- Release RFPs for 2 additional consultant-led projects.
- Continue project administration, monitoring, reporting, and review of draft project documents.

Project Implementation

Project Manager: Trevor Dick

Team: Aleman, Daly, Gershman, Navota, Smith, Vallecillos, Williams-Clark, LTA project managers

Description: Following completion of LTA projects, CMAP remains involved for two years to track project implementation and assist in appropriate ways. Involvement includes discussing implementation progress with the project sponsor on a quarterly basis, identifying appropriate activities for CMAP (such as providing trainings, assisting with grant applications, or reaching out to partner organizations) in the upcoming quarter, and providing regular updates on progress through the Board report. An implementation report on the LTA program which summarizes implementation progress and lessons learned to date will be released in fall 2014. Particular coordination with the Performance-Based Programming division will occur related to aligning infrastructure investment with LTA recommendations.

Products and Key Dates Preparation and release of first formal LTA implementation report (fall 2014). Preparation of implementation updates for Board report (quarterly).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Prepared quarterly implementation updates for April Board.
- Continued development of internal strategies to increase and systematize project implementation. Assigned smaller group of staff to focus on implementation activities.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Prepare quarterly implementation updates for July Board.
- Continue development of internal strategies to increase and systematize project implementation.

Outreach and Communications

Project Manager: Erin Aleman, Tom Garritano

Team: Gershman, Green, Lopez, Plagman, Reisinger, Robinson, K. Smith, Vallecillos

Description: Inclusive public engagement processes will be part of each LTA project undertaken. This work plan item includes the development and implementation of a public engagement process as part of each project. This project also includes media and legislative outreach during and after each LTA project.

Products and Key Dates: Initial Project Outreach Strategy (PROUST) for each project (ongoing). Final report on public engagement results for each local project (ongoing). Communications strategy for each project (ongoing). Legislative outreach for each project (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Developed project outreach strategy documents and completed project outreach appendices as needed.
- Coordinated with legislative team to present LTA project details to key legislators.
- Identified a date for an information session for the next LTA call for projects, working with partners to coordinate the agenda and promotion.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to develop project outreach strategy documents and complete project outreach appendices as needed.
- Continue to coordinate with legislative team and legislator's offices about upcoming public meetings.
- Hold the LTA call for projects info session and respond to other requests for presentations as appropriate.

Data and Mapping Support

Project Manager: Agata Dryla-Gaca

Team: Bayley, Evasic, O'Neal, Pedersen, Prasse, interns

Description: Provide customized data preparation, analysis and mapping support to Local Technical Assistance project managers. Data and analysis staff will be assigned to projects several months before they are initiated based on availability and needed skills. A set of guidelines for preparing standardized LTA data and mapping products will ensure uniform quality control and streamline preparation of data and map products.

Products and Key Dates: Data and map products for each LTA project (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Spatial data, analysis and map products (231) for 19 projects (Pilsen/Little Village, Harvard, Oswego/Montgomery/Yorkville, Winthrop Harbor, North Chicago, Crystal Lake, Round Lake Homes, Arlington Heights BPP, SSMMA/South CoM CS & Trails Plan, IDOT BPUI, Berwyn, UIC, Wicker Park, Hinsdale, Franklin Park, WSCCI COD, DuPage Sustainability, Steger).
- Generated updated “LTA projects by legislative districts/representatives” report.
- Finalized adopted LTA projects’ bicycle recommendations transfer into Bikeway Inventory System.
- Created pre-set Land Use categories’ grouping and symbology for LTA needs.
- Initiated discussing “Land Use Recommendations Inventory” structure and process.
- Revised ECR maps list.
- Held monthly GIS & Mapping for LTA meetings.
- Assisted other GIS users/planners with technical help.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- New and ongoing projects – spatial data, analysis and mapping support and coordination.
- Ongoing transfer of adopted LTA projects’ bicycle recommendations into BIS.
- Continue Land Use Inventory coordination. Finalize Land Use recommendation data storage method and test with projects currently in ECR stage.
- Test modifying Land Use inventories (historical and current) for possible comparisons.
- Explore open data portals to identify additional spatial data availability.

Research and Analysis Technique Development

Project Manager: Drew Williams-Clark

Team: Beck, Burch, Loftus, Navota, Vernon, Yeung, others TBD

Description: This project will explore the use of more advanced analytical techniques as part of LTA projects, both as a way to strengthen individual projects and to test the use of different data sources and techniques which ultimately could be used for other purposes. Initial areas of exploration may include housing demand forecasting, water supply analysis, community resilience in terms of climate change adaptation, and transportation analysis.

Products and Key Dates: Incorporation of new analytical methods into individual LTA projects (ongoing). Reports on successes, challenges, and lessons learned for extrapolation to larger geographies (quarterly).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Revised automated municipal housing market existing conditions model and post on CMAP website.
- Sought funding for external partners to identify subregional housing markets based on shared conditions to improve housing market forecasts in the long run.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Add design elements and refine climate adaptation profile.
- Scope research and analysis technique development project for FY16.

Partner Coordination

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Olson, Shenbaga

Description: The involvement of partner organizations including government, nongovernmental, and philanthropic groups is a central part of CMAP's approach to the LTA program. This work plan item includes identification of appropriate organizations to participate in local projects and coordination of the project processes to involve these organizations, as well as convening partners through working committees, technical assistance providers group, and other formal and informal committees. This project also includes the incorporation of non-traditional topics within LTA projects, such as health, arts and culture, workforce development, and others.

Products and Key Dates: Identification of appropriate partner organizations and roles for each LTA project (ongoing). Presentation of LTA projects to relevant CMAP working committees (ongoing). Regular updates to transit agencies and other relevant stakeholders (monthly). Periodic meetings of the technical assistance providers group (quarterly).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Scheduled an upcoming technical assistance providers meeting for April.
- Further refined project implementation assignments. Working with the team to identify opportunities for successful project implementation activities.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Hold technical assistance providers meeting to discuss future participation and FY16 call for projects.
- Continue to refine project implementation and tracking.

External Resource Development

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Navota, Olson, K. Smith, Williams-Clark, others as relevant to specific topics

Description: To cover a breadth of topics, CMAP will need to have access to funding resources beyond transportation sources. This project involves seeking external resources to support the LTA program and CMAP's work in general, either through competitive applications to public sector (most commonly federal or state) programs or philanthropic organizations, or through cultivation of relationships with potential funders.

Products and Key Dates: Monitoring and evaluation of federal and state grant opportunities (ongoing). Periodic communication with philanthropic groups and other potential funders concerning the value of the LTA program (ongoing). Applications submitted in response to funding opportunities (as needed).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued conversations on funding opportunities with Cook County.
- Continued discussions with HUD concerning the Regional Housing Initiative.
- Submitted first round application for HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition.
- Submitted grant application to support Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Illinois Housing Studies at DePaul to support improvement of Homes for a Changing Region program.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue stormwater funding conversations with Cook County.
- Continue to await funding for the Regional Housing Initiative from HUD.
- Participate in phase 2 efforts for HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition.
- Review NOFAs and other potential grant opportunities as they arise. Coordinate with other departments on opportunities of interest.

Program Coordination and Evaluation

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Aleman, Dick, Dryla-Gaca, Green, Kotarac, Navota, Schuh, Williams-Clark

Description: This involves overall coordination and oversight of the LTA program, including both staff-led projects and those pursued through contracts or grants. This project includes internal coordination with other departments and alignment of the LTA program with agency priorities. In FY15, an element of this project is the preparation of a report evaluating the success of the LTA program to date and recommending program changes as necessary.

Products and Key Dates: Preparation of LTA evaluation report (fall 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Prepared recommendation for local match and discussed with Local Coordinating Committee and Board.
- Restructured biweekly meetings with other departments to discuss individual projects and look for opportunities for internal and external coordination.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Incorporate local match requirements into next year's LTA call for projects.
- Continue to hold biweekly meetings with other departments.

POLICY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Jill Leary

GO TO 2040 addresses broad issues of governance and policy, which are equally as important as physical infrastructure to our region's future. The plan's approach in this area is to support activities that create a favorable policy environment for sustainable prosperity and regional job growth. The primary goal of this core program is to use the agency's vast data resources to generate robust analyses in subject areas aligning with GO TO 2040. Dissemination of this analysis provides the context for strategic coordination on policy with other organizations, including administrative and/or legislative action. This core program reflects agency priorities, ranging from transportation finance to economic innovation to state and local taxation to broader land use issues including housing and natural resource policies. The main activities include research and analysis, steering GO TO 2040 priorities through the agency's committee structure, legislative analysis, and coordination by CMAP staff with other organizations.

AREA 1: Regional Mobility

Federal and State Transportation Policy Analysis

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Hollander, Murdock

Description: The current federal transportation authorization, MAP-21, will expire in September 2014. Despite a number of positive reforms, MAP-21 has not addressed sustainable funding, the need for a robust, multimodal freight program, or a performance-based approach to investment decisions. The State of Illinois faces similar challenges, given declining state resources, episodic state bond programs, and unclear methodologies for project prioritization. This project will continue CMAP's leadership role on these key issues.

Products and Key Dates: CMAP reauthorization principles (Fall 2014); Major Metro reauthorization principles (Fall 2014); ongoing research on federal and state transportation finance issues via issue briefs and the Policy Updates blog (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Policy Updates on the following topics: Governor’s FY2016 budget proposal, CREATE program status check, rail crossing delays in metropolitan Chicago, Administration reauthorization proposal, and Administration FY2016 budget proposal.
- Adoption of 2015 Federal Agenda and continued monitoring of federal policy (see description under Federal Legislative Strategy section).
- Continued consultation with LTA staff on counties truck permitting project, including review of RFPs.
- Consulted with Communications staff on transportation data visualization project.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue monitoring federal and state legislative activity related to transportation.
- Continue consulting with LTA staff on counties truck permitting project.

Regional Freight Policy and Capital Prioritization

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Murdock, Murtha

Description: The Regional Freight Leadership Task Force recommended to the CMAP Board that the agency include robust freight planning as an element of the next regional plan. Working through the Freight Committee, this project will establish a framework for that regional freight planning process. More specifically, this framework will provide policy guidance, identifying the types of projects to be considered in the freight planning process, as well as preferred strategies and work types to be prioritized. This framework will not inventory data needs for the freight planning process, nor will it identify specific projects. This project team will work in close coordination with project managers from the performance-based programming area to align policy, planning, and programming approaches.

Products and Key Dates: Scope of work (July 2014), draft policy framework (September 2014), revised policy framework (November 2014), draft programming framework (January 2015), revised programming framework (March 2015), final policy and programming framework (May 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Convened Freight Committee in January and March, discussing draft universe of potential work types and operational programs for analysis, research methodologies, and draft work plan items for FY2016.
- Continued interviews of staff at peer MPOs on the development of regional freight plans.
- Internal and external consultation on freight data sources.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Finalize work items for FY2016. Explore convening technical working groups for particular freight topics.
- Convene Freight Committee in May.

Major Capital Projects Implementation

Project Manager: Jill Leary

Team: Bozic, Dean, Elam, Leary, Schmidt, Schuh, Wies

Description: While the primary transportation emphasis of GO TO 2040 is to maintain and modernize, the plan contains a handful of fiscally constrained major capital projects that will maximize regional benefits of mobility and economic development. Staff continues to follow an agency strategic plan (FY14/15) for prioritizing opportunities to add value in project development. CMAP will deploy some resources, in coordination with state, regional, and local agencies and groups, to generate the data, information, policy analysis, and outreach to advance implementation of GO TO 2040's fiscally constrained priority projects. The implementation of congestion pricing will continue to be a major priority of this work.

Products and Key Dates: Monthly internal meetings and project updates (ongoing); other technical assistance and involvement with project planning as stipulated in the strategic plan (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Objectives:

- Quarterly [project status](#) update completed.
- Continued staff work on a number of MCPs.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue work and determine next steps for next fiscal year.

Green Infrastructure Vision

Project Manager: Louise Yeung

Team: Beck, Navota, Elam, consultant contract

Description: Last fiscal year, staff produced a report on recommended policy applications for the Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV), including its potential use for transportation project development, facility planning area review, municipal comprehensive plans, and land conservation. This year, staff will further develop the GIV to support local planning and transportation programming, and will support the effort of partners in Chicago Wilderness to apply the GIV to land conservation decisions and to prepare updates to the analysis behind the GIV. With consultant support, staff will prepare a report estimating the economic value of protecting the landscapes identified in the GIV, which could be used to build support for conservation efforts.

Products and Key Dates: Economic valuation report (January 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- CMAP staff has processed and packaged GIS data to be ready for public download on CMAP's Data Hub: <https://datahub.cmap.illinois.gov/group/green-infrastructure-vision>.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Conduct internal CMAP staff training and Chicago Wilderness member trainings on how to use the ecosystem service valuation data in planning processes.

AREA 2: Regional Economy

Challenges and Opportunities in State and Regional Economic Development Policy

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Murdock, Peterson, Weil

Description: CMAP's two industry cluster drill down reports include a number of recommendations encouraging the reorientation of economic development policies and practices both regionally and statewide. A FY14 Phase 1 report focused on analyzing best practices in state and regional economic development in the United States. The report's summary of best practices include: strategic planning to establish investment priorities, coordinated and streamlined programs, accessible information and evaluation of programs, and an outward facing metropolitan strategy. With these best practices in hand, Phase 2 now focuses on the challenges and opportunities of State of Illinois and metropolitan Chicago's economic development policies and procedures.

Products and Key Dates: Final report (November 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Presented the report to Regional Coordinating Committee.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Present or share report with other interested parties.

Regional Housing and Development Analysis

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Burch, Morck, Murdock, Z. Vernon

Description: GO TO 2040 emphasizes the need to coordinate planning for transportation, land use, and housing. This project will focus on continuing to enhance the agency's understanding of ongoing housing and land use change in the region and education on topics related to the interaction of land use, transportation, and economic competitiveness. In FY15, staff will review

prior analyses under this project and identify data to be updated annually as well as key topics for more in-depth analysis. Annual analyses will continue to cover trends such as building permits, housing diversity, housing tenure changes, and income trends. In-depth topic areas will build on recent policy analysis work and are likely to include demographics of differing housing types, regional industrial and commercial vacancy trends, and the relationship of housing diversity and economic competitiveness. In addition, there will be some integration of the analysis of regional development trends with work under the Regional Tax Policy Analysis project.

Products and Key Dates: Proposal of annual update datasets and expanded topic areas for FY15 (August 2014); Analysis and policy blog updates on the impacts of housing and non-residential development change in the region (quarterly).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Researched and drafted a policy update analyzing housing distribution by tenure and units in structure using the most recent ACS dataset.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Finalize and publish housing diversity policy update.
- Develop retail land use policy update(s) linking CMAP's tax policy work and land use trends.
- Draft a follow-up industrial policy update on industrial land use trends.

Regional Tax Policy Analysis

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Murdock

Description: This project supports CMAP's commitment to state and local tax policy reform through a series of analyses on the key issues affecting transportation, land use, economic development, and equity in northeastern Illinois. This project will also include ongoing outreach to CMAP partners on tax policy issues. The analysis and outreach will be used to develop an approach for defining and contextualizing the region's tax policy reform priorities. Topics are likely to include updated analysis of the effect of property tax classification, exploratory analysis of local revenue reliance compared to tax rates, an integration of tax policy analysis with the land use and development analysis being undertaken in Regional Housing and Development Analysis, and potential replacements for the motor fuel tax.

Products and Key Dates: The project will be executed as a series of four issue briefs or policy updates to be published in October, January, April, and June. Scopes for each piece will be delivered one month in advance (September, December, March, and May).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Presented property tax classification work to Economic Development Committee.
- Completed pamphlet on the state motor fuel tax.

- Completed Policy Update on local revenue reliance and stability.
- Drafted analysis on replacements to the motor fuel tax.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete analysis on replacements to the motor fuel tax.

Freight and Manufacturing Clusters: Regional Policy Analysis

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Morck, Murdock, B. Peterson, Vernon, Weil

Description: In this next fiscal year, CMAP will continue its focus on analyzing the specific infrastructure, workforce, and innovation challenges and opportunities in the freight and manufacturing clusters. Projects will include: 1) next steps on the implementation of the O’Hare Subregional Drill-Down report; 2) analysis of spatial mismatch between jobs and housing, where workers live, and policy implications for infrastructure and operations, affordable housing, and workforce development; 3) supply-chain analysis of key innovative industries inside these clusters to further examine supplier, customer, and support industries; 4) assessments of the current state of “incubators” and “accelerators” in the region, and their relevance to the freight and manufacturing clusters.

Products and Key Dates: Implementation approach to O’Hare subregional drill-down (July 2015); Analysis of data resources for jobs-housing report or blogs (August 2014); Final Jobs-Housing report or blog (December 2014); Incubator Analysis report or blogs (March 2015); Supply-chain analysis (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Freight-manufacturing worker commute analysis:
 - Continue to revise LEHD model outputs.
 - Scoped policy update series.
- Supply-chain analysis projects.
 - Researched supply chain trends nationally and in the CMAP region.
 - Assessed the Freight Analysis Framework dataset to understand potential to identify regional trading partners and commodity movements.
 - Outlined and began drafting Supply Chain Trends document.

4th Quarter Objectives

- Freight-manufacturing worker commute analysis:
 - Finalize analysis and draft policy updates.
- Supply chain analysis:
 - Complete research, interviews, and analysis work.
 - Draft supply chain trends document.

Regional Economic Indicators Analysis

Project Manager: Simone Weil

Team: B. Peterson

Description: CMAP intends to play a greater role in collecting and analyzing data on regional economic indicators to keep our partners and the general public aware of the region's broad economic trends, especially related to our major industry clusters and the workforce and innovation recommendations of GO TO 2040. In FY14, a larger set of primary and kindred indicators were prioritized in the GO TO 2040 Plan Update process. Staff will now focus on updating the data and delivering a set of analyses on why these indicators are important, how they compare to other metro areas, and public/private solutions to reversing downward trends.

Products and Key Dates: The project will be executed as a series of ongoing issue briefs or policy blogs.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued outreach to potential microsite users.
- Scoped, researched, and posted two policy updates.
- Analyzed potential alternative measures to inform next plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Scope, research, and draft two policy updates.
- Update one indicator theme's data.
- Continue outreach to potential microsite users, including EMSI and FAF presentations.
- Finalize scope FY16 Quarters 1&2 policy updates and modifications to indicator data sets.

Regional Equity Analysis

Project Manager: Andrew Williams-Clark

Team: Murdock, K. Smith

Description: CMAP has addressed certain aspects of equity in GO TO 2040 and, more recently, through the LTA program's Fair Housing and Equity Assessment. In a long range comprehensive planning process, it is appropriate for CMAP to revisit equity and define its relevance within a number of focus areas. This project will work to define equity, scan how other regions have incorporated equity into their long range plans, create initial indicators that cut across multiple categories such as transportation, housing, economic development, environmental justice, and tax policy, and identify major policy challenges and opportunities.

Products and Key Dates: Final Report (December 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Drafted memorandum for CMAP working committees describing project scope, MPO scan, and regulations.
- Discussed internal framing language with senior executive staff.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Scope research agenda for FY16 project.
- Discuss alternative project approaches with other regional planning agencies.

AREA 3: CMAP/MPO Committee Support and Legislative Strategy

State Legislative Strategy

Project Manager: Gordon Smith

Team: Allen, Weil, other policy staff

Description: Under this project, staff will monitor legislative activities at the Illinois General Assembly during regular and veto session and actions taken by the Governor, such as vetoes, executive orders, or other relevant announcements that impact our region. Staff will maintain relationships with key staff in the House, Senate, Governor's Office, other constitutional offices and state departments to keep abreast of these activities. Staff will also maintain relationships with CMAP's partners and stakeholders to keep informed with their legislative concerns and initiatives. Staff will provide an analysis of bills of significant interest to CMAP and the status of these bills as they move through the legislative process. Staff will provide written and verbal reports on these activities regularly to executive staff, CMAP board, policy and working committees, and the CAC. Staff will often submit Policy Updates on relevant topics of interest.

Products and Key Dates: State Agenda (October 2014); Monthly Board Report, Final Legislative Report (June 2015), Veto Session Report (TBD), Policy Updates on state legislative issues (ongoing), Factsheets on GO TO 2040 priorities (as needed); Outreach Strategy Outline (as needed); Regional Legislative Briefings (June-July); Congressional Staff Briefings (TBD)

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Met with legislators (15) and two meetings with caucus staff to discuss State Legislative Framework and Agenda, CMAP's transportation and tax policy initiatives, FUND 2040 and other GO TO 2040 implementation activities.
- Had two meetings with Governor's staff, one with Aaron Winters, Dep. CoS for Policy and Brian Oszakiewski, Policy Adviser for Infrastructure and one meeting with Jim Kaitschuk, Legislative Director regarding CMAP State Agenda and FUND 2040.
- Presented FUND 2040 to the TFIC state steering committee.
- Follow-up meeting with the Laborers to set other FUND 2040 meetings at the county council meetings in the region.

- Continue to refine outreach strategy for FUND 2040 campaign and review current legislative outreach activities with lobbyist.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to meet with legislators and staff to discuss 2015 State Legislative Principles and Agenda, CMAP policy initiatives, and other GO TO 2040 implementation activities.
- Continue legislative tracking activities.
- Convene a meeting of the CMAP legislative working group.
- Continue to review legislative outreach strategy for consistency with FUND 2040 campaign.

CMAP Operations Funding and Regional Infrastructure Fund

Project Manager: Jill Leary

Team: Dowdle, Dean, Garritano, Smith, Aleman, Weil

Description: Under this project, staff will develop a sustainable funding plan and implementation strategy that diversifies CMAP’s resources for operating revenues that will match federal funds, allow some expansion of non-transportation activities, enhance the local technical assistance program and provide capital funding for infrastructure projects that have regional benefits. Staff will develop an action plan that leads to the development of legislation enabling these activities for the spring 2015 legislative session. Should support for this approach not be realized, staff will develop alternative means for diversifying CMAP revenues.

Products and Key Dates: Draft implementation strategy for Board review, build coalition of support, draft legislation (July through December 2014). Introduce legislation in the Illinois General Assembly (January-February 2015). Develop and present to Board alternative funding options should legislation not be successful (spring/summer 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Recalibrate campaign/legislative strategies following staff turnover.
- Release “full” FUND 2040 website populated with content from the fund proposal.
- Continue work and legislative strategy development with TaylorUhe.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue work and legislative strategy development with TaylorUhe.

Federal Legislative Strategy

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Leary, Murdock, other relevant staff

Description: Under this project, staff will monitor actions in the U.S. Congress and other relevant federal announcements that impact our region. Specific continuing areas of focus include reauthorization of the transportation legislation as well as the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

Products and Key Dates: Federal Agenda (January 2014); Policy Updates on federal legislative issues (ongoing)

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Completed 2015 Federal Agenda.
- Presented 2015 Federal Agenda to CMAP Board, MPO Policy Committee, and Transportation Committee. Approved by CMAP Board.
- Wrote Policy Update on Administration’s transportation reauthorization proposal and FY2016 budget proposal.
- Continued monitoring of federal policy, including MAP-21 rulemaking and reauthorization, and participation in national policy groups.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue outreach to Illinois congressional delegation and administration officials.
- Continue monitoring federal policy via Policy Updates.

CMAP and MPO Committee Support

Team: Leary (policy committees); Dean, Elam (coordinating committees); Aleman, Berry, Weil (advisory committees); Beck, Dixon, Ostrander, Robinson, K. Smith, Weil (working committees)

Description: CMAP has committees at the policy, coordinating, advisory, and working levels that play integral roles in the agency's planning processes. CMAP provides staff support to these committees. With the adoption of GO TO 2040, committee focus has shifted from the planning process to implementation. While many implementation areas of the plan are led by CMAP, other areas require leadership from other implementers. Moving forward, CMAP’s committees, primarily at the working level, should be used to ensure that CMAP can measure progress toward plan implementation on both staff work and efforts by outside implementers.

Products: Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials (policy, coordinating, advisory, working levels); implement mechanism to collect and share information on GO TO 2040 implementation activities occurring throughout the region (working committee level) – quarterly.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- All committees’ materials were prepared and meetings were held. Working committee summaries prepared on a monthly basis.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Ongoing committee work.

COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE & PLAN DEVELOPMENT

GO TO 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE PROGRAM

Program Management: Drew Williams-Clark

MAP-21 continues the federal requirement that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan must be prepared and updated every 4 years in nonattainment areas. CMAP's Comprehensive Regional Plan, GO TO 2040, serves as the region's metropolitan transportation plan. No new policy changes to the plan are anticipated. The update will include new elements required by MAP-21 and other necessary updates. The final update is due October 2014.

Major Capital Projects

Project Manager: Elam

Team: Beata, Bozic, Heither, Patronsky, Schmidt

Description: The GO TO 2040 update will include a fiscally constrained list of major capital projects, per federal requirements. The projects identified in GO TO 2040, as adopted in October 2010, will be used as a baseline. These projects, as well as projects that are currently considered fiscally unconstrained, will be re-evaluated in the context of the updated financial plan, socioeconomic forecasts, and the four main themes of GO TO 2040 (livability, human capital, efficient governance, and regional mobility). The objective of this project is the refinement of the Major Capital Projects appendix per public comment and the completion of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis appendix for final plan approval.

Products and Key Dates: Major Capital Projects appendix for final plan update (September 2014). Air Quality Conformity Analysis appendix for final plan update (September 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Used lessons learned from plan update outreach to help inform CMAP's strategy for treatment of major capital projects in the next plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to use lessons learned from plan update outreach to help inform CMAP's strategy for treatment of major capital projects in the next plan.

Plan Preparation

Project Manager: Justine Reisinger and other project managers as needed for final appendix revisions (Hollander, Clark, Elam, Beata, Heither).

Team: Garritano, Weiskind

Description: The GO TO 2040 update will consist of a brief summary narrative and a series of appendices. Appendices will include the Financial Plan for Transportation, constrained list of Major Capital Projects, Socioeconomic Validation and Forecasting Method, Implementation Action Areas, Indicator Methodology, Air Quality Conformity Analysis, and Public Engagement Summary. These updated materials will be revised, based on a public comment ending in August. This project involves the preparation and revision of the materials that will be approved by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October.

Products and Key Dates: Revised plan update per public comment (August 2014). Final plan update (September 2014). Final plan update printing (October 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Shared lessons learned summary with 2018 plan project managers.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Review 2014 plan update with 2018 plan team as needed.

Public, Stakeholder, and Committee Engagement

Project Manager: Jessica Gershman

Team: Outreach staff and project managers as needed for summer outreach (Hollander, Clark, Elam, Beata, Heither, Ostdick).

Description: This project will ensure adequate feedback from stakeholders and committees during the plan update process.

Products and Key Dates: Public and stakeholder outreach (July 2014). Draft public engagement and plan update revision summary (August 2014). Public Engagement Summary appendix for the final plan update (September 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Used lessons learned from plan update outreach to help inform CMAP's outreach strategy for the next plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to use lessons learned from plan update outreach to help inform CMAP's outreach strategy for the next plan.

Plan Development Program

Program Management: Management staff

This program will lay the groundwork to develop the successor to GO TO 2040, which is due to be complete in 2018. Limited work on plan development will occur in FY15, but this program will scope priorities and needs to prepare CMAP to begin plan development in earnest in FY16.

AREA 1: Process and Tools Development

Communication Strategy

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Description: While GO TO 2040 was a broad policy-based plan, its successor may sharpen the region's focus on core transportation investments and land use. This project will develop an initial series of short briefing documents and engage stakeholders to shape the focus of the next plan. This project will be completed early in FY15, and the results will be used to communicate the plan's purpose from that point on.

Products and Key Dates: Short description of intent for new plan and how it will differ from GO TO 2040 (November 2014). On-going refinements and additions to the description as needed.

3rd Quarter Progress: Met several times with the comp plan leaders to discuss the anticipated communications needs and strategy, reflected in draft FY16 work plan.

4th Quarter Objectives: Complete FY16 work plan, work with comp plan leaders to articulate a clear overall statement of purpose, begin developing statements of purpose for the identified policy emphases and topic areas.

Review of National Best Practices

Project Manager: Alex Beata

Team: Daly, Murdock

Description: This project will research other major metropolitan areas that have completed plans since GO TO 2040, identifying best practices, particularly in addressing issues that are expected to be a focus in the new plan.

Products and Key Dates: Draft report (January 2015); final report (April 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Reviewed detailed write-ups for each of the thirteen case studies.
- Developed overall takeaways from case studies, including the importance of state and local context, planning process, emphasis areas, and agency structure.
- Coordinated with topic-specific strategy development groups to review their findings for national best practices.

- Drafted final report.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Review and complete final report.

Analytical Tools and Methods

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: Project managers and teams from AREA 2: Topical Planning and Policy Analysis

Description: This project will evaluate the ability of existing analytical tools and methods (including the regional transportation model, forecasting process, and similar methods) to answer research questions posed by new plan. The project will inventory available analysis tools and their strengths/weaknesses, identify methodological gaps and deficiencies, and coordinate tool development and data collection needs. Staff will develop a prioritized list of analytical improvements needed and strategy for making these improvements in future fiscal years. The project will specifically scope new highway and transportation network coding needs.

Products and Key Dates: Multi-year work plan (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Conducted additional discussions with Strategy Development team project managers on analysis tools and methods in their topical areas after reviewing draft white papers; coordinated efforts with Data Resources project and drafted initial list of agency data and analysis tool needs.
- Continued developing an inventory of agency modeling tools (existing and in development) to identify strengths, weaknesses and data needs. Began outlining new highway and transit network coding needs.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- In coordination with Data Resources project, develop multi-year work plan prioritizing agency data resource and analytical tool needs following additional consultation with Strategy Development team leaders.
- Complete inventory of agency modeling tools. Complete identification of new highway and transit network coding needs; coordinate with evolving work in Performance-Based Programming area.

Data Resources

Project Manager: David Clark

Team: Project managers and teams from AREA 2: Topical Planning and Policy Analysis

Description: This project will prepare an assessment of data resources needed to support development of the next regional plan. It will inventory available data resources and their strengths/weaknesses, identify data gaps and deficiencies, and coordinate tool development and data collection needs. The project will also scope new forecast and base year estimate procedures.

Products and Key Dates: Multi-year work plan (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Follow-up meetings held with all strategy development team leaders after review of white paper drafts. In coordination with Analytical Tools and Methods P.M. developed draft list of data and tool needs.
- Completed survey of 12 larger MPO's approach to population forecasting and land use modeling, summary document completed. Results shared with management in meeting held to discuss core principles of next forecast.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- After further consultation with strategy development team leaders and plan coordinators, develop final list of data needs with timetable, level-of-effort and cost estimates.
- Generate scope-of-work and RFP to engage consultant in providing guidance for the in-house development of economic, demographic, and land use forecasting techniques.

Outreach Tools and Methods

Project Manager: Erin Aleman

Team: Outreach staff

Description: The successor to GO TO 2040 will require a major communications and outreach strategy targeting stakeholders in CMAP's committee structure, transportation implementers, the business community, civic organizations, underserved populations, and the public at large. This project will evaluate the ability of existing outreach tools and methods, such as MetroQuest, to meet the agency's goals for outreach for the new plan.

Products and Key Dates: Multi-year work plan (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Held bi-weekly team meetings to discuss effective outreach strategies and new ideas.
- Researched effective engagement efforts from other regional planning initiatives.
- Developed draft outline of proposed engagement process and tools for the next long range plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Further develop white paper on outreach tools and methods.

Process Development

Project Manager: Management staff

Team: Burch, Elam, Ihnchak, Navota, Schuh, Shenbaga, Williams-Clark

Description: Plan development requires a structured, multi-phase process that involves the region directly in prioritizing policies and investment decisions. Some of these phases may include vision development, socioeconomic forecasting, policy and scenario development, and other interim deliverables. This project will develop the overall work plan and resource allocation for the next long range plan.

Products and Key Dates: Multi-year work plan (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Reviewed and coordinate between white paper team leads on different topics.
- Determined project management structure
- Developed drafts for the FY16 work plan and multi-year work plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Finalize FY16 work plan.
- Finalize concepts and milestones in the multi-year work plan.
- Continue coordination between white paper teams leads to outline FY16 data and analysis needs and fill in analysis gaps in preparation for FY16.

Targeting Infrastructure Investment for Plan Implementation

Project Manager: Bob Dean

Team: Burch, Daly, Elam, Williams-Clark, Zwiebach

Description: GO TO 2040 calls for the development of implementation programs that link transportation, land use, and housing in support of plan goals. This project will investigate the potential for coordinating infrastructure investments from multiple sources to implement local plans that advance the goals of GO TO 2040. This project will be oriented in part toward making recommendations for including in the new plan, but may make shorter-term policy recommendations as well.

Products and Key Dates: Brief summary of approach (July 2014); report on similar programs in other regions (November 2014); summary of existing relevant programs (March 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Scoped approach as part of next long-range plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to address through scoping of planning topics for next long-range plan.

AREA 2: Topical Planning and Policy Analysis

Transportation Strategy Development

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Beata, Bozic, Gershman, Murtha, Ostdick

Description: Examine expected approach to transportation planning and policy in the next long-range plan. Catalogue activities related to transportation that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, such as performance-based planning and programming, congestion pricing campaign, freight policy and funding, modeling advances, and the major capital projects amendment process, and generalize findings from these activities. Consider the next plan's potential approach to regional transportation policy and financial challenges, prioritization schemes, evaluation criteria, targeting infrastructure investment, cost/project type thresholds, and the alignment between planning and programming. Identify whether any transportation modes require special attention to prepare for new plan development. Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate, or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder discussions need to be conducted.

Products and Key Dates: White paper (January 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Drafted initial concepts for a "medium-range investment plan" and utilizing performance measures to constrain a set of projects below the current major capital projects threshold
- Researched other MPOs' approaches to financial plan development (level of detail, matching sources to uses, etc.) and definitions of regional significant projects, and considered the role of developing more "visionary" system funding concepts
- Developed initial list of strategy focus areas for next plan

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete white paper and summarize main points in set of memos to Transportation Committee for consideration in spring.

Land Use Strategy Development

Project Manager: Sam Shenbaga

Team: Dick, Dryla-Gaca, Ihnchak, Ostrander, Schuh

Description: Examine expected approach to land use in the next long-range plan. Determine whether, and in what ways, the new plan should go beyond GO TO 2040. Catalogue activities related to land use that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, primarily including comprehensive and corridor plans conducted through the LTA program, and generalize findings from these activities. Consider more “drilled down” and locally-specific approach versus giving general policy directions. Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate, or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder discussions need to be conducted.

Products and Key Dates: Memo of FY16 land use work plan items.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Created annotated outline summarizing land use team’s research. Discussed major elements at an all-teams meeting.
- Worked with PMs to discuss potential land use work plan items for FY16 and FY17, including further research, analysis, data collection, and consultant assistance.
- Discussed existing spatial analysis capabilities and gaps with relevant CMAP staff and further refined work plan items.
- Submitted work plans to PMs and refined based on follow-up meetings.
- Research tasks for 4th quarter identified and initiated. Internal memos coming out of this research will be used to refine some FY16 work plan items.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Undertake and complete research on place-based approach to land use and create a recommendations memo.
- Discuss memo with PMs and relevant staff, identify data and analysis needs. And refine work plan item for FY16 accordingly.
- Meetings with PMs as needed to further research and FY16 work plan.

Housing Strategy Development

Project Manager: Jonathan Burch

Team: A. Brown, Murdock, K. Smith

Description: Examine expected approach to housing in long-range plan. Determine whether, and in what ways, new plan should go beyond GO TO 2040. Catalogue activities related to housing that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, such as Homes for a Changing Region and quarterly reports on housing conditions, and generalize findings from these activities. Consider whether more specific policy recommendations are appropriate versus broad support for housing choice. Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate, or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder

discussions need to be conducted. Particularly examine housing finance and determine whether CMAP requires enhanced understanding of how this works.

Products and Key Dates: White paper (January 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Created annotated outline summarizing the housing team’s research. Discussed major elements at an all-teams meeting.
- Worked with PMs to develop potential housing work plan items for FY16 and FY17, including further research, analysis, data collection, and consultant assistance.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Research ongoing questions around proposed housing market types to better consider their role in future work plan items.

Economic Strategy Development

Project Manager: Elizabeth Schuh

Team: Daly, Ferguson, Peterson, Plagman

Description: Examine expected approach to economic development in long-range plan. Determine whether, and in what ways, the new plan should go beyond GO TO 2040. Catalogue activities related to economic development that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, such as the freight and manufacturing reports and follow-up activities, and generalize findings from these activities. Address how the findings of these activities can be best reflected in a long-range plan. Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder discussions need to be conducted.

Products and Key Dates: White paper (January 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Met with the Economic Development committee to discuss refined research areas.
- Developed an annotated outline for the final whitepaper.
- Analyzed the potential for completion of a regional CEDS under the new CEDS guidelines published by the EDA.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Prepare for new industry cluster analysis by obtaining data and scoping spatial analysis approach.

Environmental Strategy Development

Project Manager: Jason Navota

Team: Beck, Loftus, Vernon, Yeung

Description: Examine expected approach to natural environment in long-range plan. Determine whether, and in what ways, new plan should go beyond GO TO 2040. Catalogue activities related to the natural environment that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, including GIV improvements, LTA products, and toolkits, and generalize findings from these activities. Determine which issues require further attention and can be linked with other agency priorities (for example, linking transportation systems with resilience considerations). Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate, or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder discussions need to be conducted.

Products and Key Dates: White paper (February 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Project Manager met with Schuh and Ihnchak multiple times to review and refine work plan items.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Unknown at this time, but may involve additional meetings to refine work plan approach, data needs, etc. in preparation for start of FY16 work plan.

Human and Community Development Strategy Development

Project Manager: Drew Williams-Clark

Team: Cruise, Robinson, Weil, Zwiebach

Description: Examine expected approach to human and community development in long-range plan. Determine whether, and in what ways, new plan should go beyond GO TO 2040. Catalogue activities related to human and community development that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, including LTA products and toolkits, and generalize findings from these activities. Determine which issues require further attention and can be linked with other agency priorities. Determine whether current knowledge base and analytical tools are adequate, or whether additional research, analytical methods, or stakeholder discussions need to be conducted.

Products and Key Dates: White paper (January 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Team members presented their findings by topic to the CMAP human and community development working committee as appropriate for discussion.
- Team drafted an annotated outline of findings and recommendations as to how to approach these topics in next regional comprehensive plan.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Based on internal review, the team will meet several times to discuss revisions to the annotated outline.

- Team members will make at least one more presentation to the HCD working committee to discuss the proposed approach.
- Team will draft a white paper detailing findings and making recommendations as to how to approach these topics in the FY16 work plan and beyond as appropriate.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Tom Garritano

CMAP must maintain a high standard of communication with stakeholders, the general public, and news media. Outreach to external media will be coordinated internally and, whenever appropriate, externally with CMAP partners. Communications staff will place special emphasis on building awareness of and support for GO TO 2040 implementation activities.

Local Planning Communications and Outreach Support

Project Manager: Hillary Green

Team: Aleman, Catalan, Garritano, Fassett Smith, Silberhorn, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff.

Description: Communications staff will work with outreach staff to build awareness of GO TO 2040 local implementation activities through the Local Planning Support group. Manage Local Technical Assistance (LTA) media outreach, including liaison with external partners as needed. Prepare communication strategies for individual projects as needed, with involvement of outreach and legislative staff. Oversee production and quality control of local planning print and web materials, including plans, guides, toolkits, and other documents developed through the group (e.g., model plans, ordinances, and codes). Provide general communications support for regional technical assistance products, which are also promoted through a quarterly Muni-Blast e-newsletter.

Products: Support for various planning projects, as needed throughout FY 2015. Quarterly Muni-Blast e-newsletter. Coordination of support for annual LTA call for projects.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Provided ongoing support for LTA promotional materials and final plans, as well as relevant media outreach.
- Promoted various LTA projects through tip sheets.
- Released quarterly Muni-Blast.
- Staffed communications working group of the Regional Trees Initiative.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to provide ongoing support for LTA promotional materials and final plans, as well as relevant media outreach.

- Release quarterly Muni-Blast to promote various local planning resources.
- Staff the communications working group of the Regional Trees Initiative.

Policy Communications and Outreach Support

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Aleman, Catalan, Green, Silberhorn, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff.

Description: Communications staff will work with outreach staff to build awareness of GO TO 2040 policy activities at the regional, state, and federal levels. Manage policy-based media outreach, including liaison with external partners as needed. Prepare communication strategies for individual projects as needed, with involvement of outreach and legislative staff. Oversee production and quality control of policy-based print and web materials, including drill-down reports, issues-driven content, etc.

Products: Support for various policy projects, as needed throughout FY 2015.

3rd Quarter Progress: Finalized MFT literature. Supported staff who wrote Policy Updates on various topics, including FY16 White House budget proposal, CREATE, crossing delays, Governor's FY16 budget, manufacturing skills gap, and state FY15 budget deal. Developed text for submission as op-ed guest columns in newspapers to influence national freight agenda.

4th Quarter Objectives: Roll out freight op-eds timed to the impending expiration of MAP-21. Coordinate with policy staff who are planning materials, including FY16 work plan, etc.

Outreach and Communications Strategy Development and Implementation

Project Manager: Erin Aleman, Tom Garritano

Team: Dixon, Gershman, Green, Lopez, Ostidick, K. Smith, Vallecillos, Weil.

Description: The next comprehensive regional plan's requirements for outreach and communications will likely differ significantly from our GO TO 2040 processes for development and implementation. In preparation for the next full plan update, and in an effort to communicate comprehensively about agency projects and priorities, this team will work across departments to develop and implement an agency-wide outreach strategy. This will begin with the development of a coordinated strategy document for promoting ongoing projects, activities, and identified agency priorities. This strategy will include outreach activities and communication strategies focusing on broad stakeholder groups vital to CMAP's continued implementation of GO TO 2040 and to establishing broad support for the next plan. Targets will include elected officials and local governments, service providers, business community, nonprofit, and philanthropic stakeholders and others identified by the team. It is anticipated that this working group will develop a new or updated outreach and communications strategy document annually.

Products and Key Dates: The first half of the year will be devoted to developing a shared understanding of internal departments' activities and goals, culminating with a coordinated

outreach and communications strategy document. The strategy document will include a timeline of activities and target audiences the team plans to engage during the remainder of the year. Upon completion of the strategy document, the final half of the year will be spent implementing the activities agreed upon.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continue to engage with project managers to discuss project specific outreach. At this time, most of the agency outreach has been focused on FUND 2040.
- Presented to the Great Cities Institute, Metropolitan Planning Council's Sensible Growth Committee, McHenry Council of Mayors, Northwest Municipal Conference, Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Kendall County Mayors and Managers, and the Bike-Ped Task Force on FUND 2040.
- Developed a strategy to reach south suburban mayors to talk broadly about CMAP and LTA project implementation. Meetings began at the end of this quarter.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Coordinate outreach efforts across the agency.
- Continue meeting with interested parties on FUND 2040.
- Continue to meet with south suburban mayors about CMAP and LTA.

External Talks and Partnerships

Project Manager: Aleman, Garritano

Team: Kane, Fassett Smith, Green, Silberhorn, plus other relevant staff.

Description: GO TO 2040 implementation depends on a continually expanding base of engaged stakeholders, including governments, businesses, non-profits, and residents. To identify and engage such targets, communications staff will work with staff in policy and outreach. The executive staff can help with coordination, scheduling, preparation of talking points and other materials, etc. Tasks include finding opportunities for the executive director and other staff to give public talks, especially to audiences that include potential partners targeted strategically for timely CMAP products and priorities. Outreach and policy staff should work together with communications to identify and take on-going advantage of these opportunities.

Products: Various support for external talks and partnering activities, as needed throughout FY 2015.

3rd Quarter Progress: The FUND 2040 aspects of this project have been scaled back since January. Helped Joe Szabo with a number of talks on freight and related topics. Supported Tom Kotarac for MPC roundtable on transportation funding.

4th Quarter Objectives: Continued support as needed for staff in identifying and responding to opportunities for external talks and partnerships. Will be presenting to the Elgin Chamber's Transportation on CMAP and planning in April. Coordinating with the Chicago Council on

Global Affairs' Chicago Forum event, also developing an activity to support the Chicago Community Trusts' On the Table initiative in early May.

Media Relations

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Fassett Smith, Green, Silberhorn

Description: Communications staff will proactively identify opportunities for coverage by traditional and new media, while also responding to media requests. The emphasis is on transparency, including advocacy when appropriate. Monthly tip sheets will be sent to keep reporters apprised of CMAP activities. Press releases and advisories are sent as needed. Maintain a current database of media contacts. Manage staff interactions with media. Maintain up-to-date web archives of news products and media coverage at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/news>.

Products: Various electronic and print materials, as needed throughout FY 2015.

3rd Quarter Progress: Drove coverage in January and February of mobility data visualizations website (Tribune, WTTW, WGN, FOX-32, WBEZ, Next City, Planetizen, Crain's, etc.). Recalibrated media approach for regional infrastructure fund. Conducted media outreach in support of Amtrak honor of Joe Szabo. Prepared materials for Q4 media related to freight, CREATE, and expiration of MAP-21. Significantly upgraded and updated web archive of CMAP news coverage at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/for-media/news-coverage-archive>.

4th Quarter Objectives: Carry out media plan for freight in context of MAP-21 expiration. Provide media support for IL 53/120 Corridor Plan.

Moving Forward, 2014: Implementation Report

Project Manager: Garritano

Team: Weiskind, Catalan, Green, plus other relevant staff.

Description: The annual GO TO 2040 implementation report describes progress qualitatively and quantitatively stakeholders' implementation successes. Precise format is subject to internal discussion but should be graphically consistent with prior posters. This report may serve as a summary of the GO TO 2040 update. Approximately 4,000 units of the report poster should be printed commercially.

Products and Key Dates: Draft for executive review before Thanksgiving, with final to the printer by mid-December. Print copies for the January board meeting.

3rd Quarter Progress: Posted report to CMAP website and provided copies for distribution by staff.

4th Quarter Objectives: n/a

Graphic Design and Publication Management

Project Manager: Adam Weiskind

Team: Catalan, Fassett Smith, Garritano, Green, Silberhorn, plus other relevant staff.

Description: Communications staff will provide graphic design and related publications assistance to CMAP staff when materials meet that threshold as identified by deputies and CMAP executive leadership. This project entails creating information graphics and laying out most primary CMAP documents with InDesign. Also includes overseeing the efforts of non-communications staff who are using InDesign for their own documents where CMAP is in a support role (e.g., for local comprehensive plans and related outreach). Whenever feasible, these materials should be printed in-house, and this project's manager is responsible for determining whether a larger job might require off-site commercial printing.

Products and Key Dates: Various electronic and print materials, as needed throughout FY 2015. Continuously pursue improvements in standardizing CMAP materials, including publications and infographics.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Completed design of LTA Plans – Lan/Oak Park, Morton Grove, Bensenville, Park Forest Bike and Pedestrian Plan, Franklin Park O'Hare Industrial Corridor.
- Completed design for FUND 2040 – report document, infographics, illustrations, website graphics.
- Completed design of Cook County Planning for Progress report.
- Completed design of Complete Streets materials – covers, treatments and facility types.
- Completed design of CMAP policy materials – Adequate Transportation Funding, Federal Agenda, Illinois General Assembly, State Legislative Principles).
- Continued design of promotional materials for LTA events.
- Continued graphic support for CMAP website and microsites.
- Continued development of information graphics for distribution by web and print (i.e., federal fiscal obligations report, policy blog updates, route 53-120 sustainable transportation fund, crash data graphics).
- Continued design support for LTA project staff and community partners in developing new content for print and web distribution.
- Continued design of CMAP publication covers for Homes toolkits, quarterly staff report, etc.
- Continue design and updates of program materials for FLIP (application, event posters and yearbook), Water planning, TIP, CMAQ, STP-L, and more.
- Management/art direction of assistant graphic designer.
- Continued oversight of LTA staff using CMAP plan and poster/postcard templates in creation of CMAP documents.

- Mentoring CMAP LTA staff through Adobe Creative Suite training.
- Continued collaboration with external consultants in developing CMAP identity elements for web and print materials – New CMAP artwork/elements.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Layout and design of LTA Plans – Lyons, UIC, Waukegan, Kane County Transit, Chinatown, Rosemont, Chicago Heights, DuPage County/Addison Homes, Summit.
- Layout and design of CMAP Personnel Handbook.
- Design assistance with Kane County Health Impact Assistance.
- Design assistance with Berwyn zoning ordinance update.
- Continued design of promotional materials for LTA events.
- Continued graphic support for CMAP website and microsites.
- Continued development of CMAP infographics for web and print.
- Assistance with CMAP IT Department in search for new printers and copiers.
- Management/art direction of assistant graphic designer.
- Continued oversight of LTA staff using CMAP plan and poster/postcard templates in creation of CMAP documents.
- Mentoring CMAP LTA staff through Adobe Creative Suite training.
- Continued collaboration with external consultants in developing CMAP identity elements for web and print materials – New CMAP artwork/elements.

Web Content Management

Project Manager: Hillary Green

Team: Fassett Smith, Garritano, Silberhorn, Weiskind, plus other relevant staff.

Description: CMAP communications staff is responsible for helping others at the agency to prepare, post, and maintain their web-based content. Encourage and coordinate efforts of staff to communicate via the web. As part of the responsibility, this project also includes (with the Web Development and Administration project) co-management of CMAP's web consultants. Includes management of social media, including Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and YouTube.

Products and Key Dates: Work with the CMAP staff to keep their web content current, complete, and engaging. Provide tutorial materials for Liferay and Google Analytics, both via written documentation and video.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Coordinated web activities with media outreach for culminating LTA projects. Further enhanced the CMAP web news archive.
- Launched a new version of FUND 2040 website.

- Continued to improve user experience, including development and analysis of monthly and quarterly Google Analytics reports.
- Continued to expand social media presence, including promotion of CMAP mobility data viz.
- Helped policy, planning, and programming staff to develop content.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Launch new Natural Resources section.
- Continue to update web content management training materials.
- Continue to develop Google Analytics reports on a monthly and quarterly basis and implement changes to improve SEO and user experience.
- Coordinate web activities with media outreach for culminating LTA projects. Further enhance the CMAP web news archive.
- Continue to expand social media presence, including targeted social media for FLIP Summer Program.
- Help policy, planning, and programming staff to develop content.

Web Development and Administration

Project Manager: Hillary Green

Team: Catalan, Fassett Smith, Garritano, Silberhorn, plus other relevant staff.

Description: CMAP communications staff is responsible for developing -- and overseeing the development of -- web content using the Liferay content management system and related technologies (java, SQL, etc.). This project also includes (with the Web Content Management project) co-management of CMAP's web consultants, especially pertaining to technical tasks of development, maintenance, and security of the agency's main site. With IT and data staff, help to make technical decisions about and to oversee successful development of any public-facing CMAP systems that are not part of the main agency website (i.e., hosted on data.cmap.illinois.gov or elsewhere). For all web development projects, ensure that they have the ability to extend for mobility, that they follow CMAP's style guides, and that they work continually to improve accessibility and usability. Help the CMAP web communications specialist and other staff with Google Analytics.

Products and Key Dates: On-going day-to-day administration and recurring development.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued to provide supplementary support for the data hub project and TIP database development.
- Continued to coordinate with consultants for design tweaks, development debugging, and hosting optimizations, including front-end enhancement work for the home page and other areas of the website.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to provide supplementary support for the data hub project and help populate with CMAP publications and infographics.
- Continue to coordinate with consultants for design tweaks, development debugging, and hosting optimizations.

Public Data Systems Support

Project Manager: Tom Garritano

Team: Catalan, Green, Weiskind, Heither, Clark, Rogus, Tiedemann, plus other relevant staff.

Description: Communications staff will work with staff from Research and Analysis, IT, and other groups to help make technical decisions about and to oversee successful development of any public-facing CMAP systems that are not part of the main agency website (i.e., hosted on data.cmap.illinois.gov or elsewhere). Initially, emphasis should be on making data available through simple web pages (browse, search, download) rather than development of new interfaces.

Products and Key Dates: Support the established [process](#) for facilitating decisions and for making high-priority content available through the main CMAP website. Facilitate usability design at earliest stage of all projects, before development begins. Convene Google Analytics training for selected CMAP staff. Identify opportunities to improve public access to CMAP data via www.cmap.illinois.gov. Develop a series of data-driven web narratives using GO TO 2040 indicators to reinforce CMAP priorities, starting with Mobility (for completion in December 2014), followed by Livability (June 2015) and Economy (December 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress: Launched the Mobility data visualization web content in January 2015. Made a determination to wait until fall 2015 at the earliest before pursuing additional data visualizations for web. Supported launch of Data Hub, announced to public in March 2015. Supported review of responses to TIP database RFP.

4th Quarter Objectives: Continue assistance to TIP project. Support the Data Hub as it is used internally, followed by eventual external launch. Continue to support the Mobility visualizations' use by staff and the public.

Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP)

Project Manager: Ricardo Lopez

Team: Aleman, Bayley, Daly, Prasse, Rivera

Description: This is a leadership development program for high school students. Selected participants will collaborate with and learn from elected officials and planners who are implementing the GO TO 2040 comprehensive regional plan. The program runs from October 2014 to May 2015 and provides ongoing leadership development, teaching them about past, present, and future regional planning issues from elected officials, community leaders and

CMAP staff. Through multimedia tools, interactive activities and field trips, students go “behind the scenes” to explore our region’s communities. Topics include: transportation, housing, human services, land use, economic development and the environment. In addition to learning how local governments interact to address these important regional needs, students will have opportunities to engage with other students to think about the ways planning could be improved and/or changed. Students will present their resolutions at the end of the sessions to the CMAP Board.

Products and Key Dates: Recruitment strategy with application (March 2014); program curriculum (August 2014); student selection and notification (September 2014); site selection for Final Project (March 2015); monthly meetings and activities (September 2014 – April 2015); Final Project (May 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- On January 27, session three explored planning at the neighborhood level by touring the 26th commercial corridor and meeting with 22nd Ward Alderman Ricardo Muñoz.
- On February 7, session four introduced students to planning at the municipal level to learn how cities like Chicago can use data as a guide to develop and implement good policy.
- On March 7, session five focused at planning at the regional level by looking at transportation policy in the Chicago region. Final project groups were introduced and students began to research and collect information for final projects.
- Finalized 2015 Summer FLIP program application with an online application process.
- Released call for applications for the 2015 FLIP Summer program on March 20.
- Developed outreach approach with promotional materials.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue planning for session 6.
- Continue planning for final presentation event.
- Work with communications staff to develop final presentation event materials, invitation, program, and certificates.
- Work with FLIP interns to document sessions’ summaries and photos.
- Continue work with communications staff to promote the 2015 FLIP Summer program.
- Promote 2015 summer program at CMAP’s working committees and other relevant meetings.
- Continue to promote the 2015 summer program in the CMAP weekly newsletter.
- Hold FLIP information session to recruit CMAP staff.
- Develop 2015 FLIP Summer program curriculum.
- Send acceptance notification letters –June 19, 2015.

- Hold 2015 FLIP Summer program orientation –June 27, 2015.

PERFORMANCE-BASED PROGRAMMING PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Jesse Elam

Performance-based funding is a major transportation policy priority of GO TO 2040, and the “Invest Strategically in Transportation” chapter devotes an implementation action area section to “Finding Cost and Investment Efficiencies.” While the Plan also recommends new or innovative revenue sources, the larger emphasis is on making more cooperative, transparent, and prioritized decisions, using the best evaluation criteria possible. This core program carries out MPO programming functions (CMAQ, Transportation Alternatives) and refines the region’s capacity to evaluate the larger universe of transportation expenditures and needs in northeastern Illinois. It also carries out federal requirements related to performance measurement and the Congestion Management Process.

CMAQ and TAP Program Development

Project Manager: Doug Ferguson

Team: Schmidt, Murtha, Bozic, Patronsky, Frank, Elam

Description: The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program and Transportation Alternatives program are federal fund sources programmed by CMAP. A joint call for projects will be held for these two programs, following the new project scoring processes developed during the FY14 work plan.

Products and Key Dates: Finalize project prioritization methodology (Fall 2014); call for projects (January 2015); committee engagement (spring 2015); staff program released for public comment (July 2015); MPO approval (October 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Released the FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ and FFY 2015-2016 TAP call for projects.
- Conducted an applicant information workshop on January 23rd at Oakton Community College and responded to individual applicant inquiries during the call.
- Processed the received FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ and the FFY2015-2016 TAP applications.
- Began the analysis of FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ and the FFY2015-2016 TAP applications for the evaluation criteria.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete analysis of FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ and the FFY2015-2016 TAP applications and develop project rankings base upon air quality cost benefits and transportation impact criteria.
- Seek input from four modal focus groups, Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Regional Transportation Operations Coalition, Direct Emissions Reduction focus group and Transit focus group.

- Develop staff recommended proposed programs for Project Selection Committee and Transportation Committee consideration.

Local Surface Transportation Program: a Summary of Programming Methods

Project Manager: Doug Ferguson

Team: Menninger, Elam

Description: In the Chicago region, CMAP suballocates federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding through subregional councils of mayors (CoMs). CMAP passes STP funding through to the councils on the basis of total population and tracks their expenditures. Each council handles project selection and tracking differently. This project will catalog the methods used by each council and identify any areas where information resources developed by CMAP could be provided to the councils to aid their programming decisions. This project will also explore performance-based criteria by which to distribute federal funds from a future reauthorization.

Products and Key Dates: Report on STP-L programming methods (September 2014); presentation to councils and CoM Executive Committee (late fall 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued review of draft report.
- Worked with National Bridge Inventory data to generate local bridge condition data by council.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete development of a draft report.

Summary of Transportation Agency Programming Methods

Project Manager: Ostdick, Beata

Team: Menninger, Schmidt, Ferguson, Murtha, Berry, Elam

Description: One critical part of a shift toward performance-based programming is to fully understand the current basis of decision-making by transportation agencies that are part of the MPO. This project will use meetings with stakeholders and other methods to help document the approaches taken by the counties, transit agencies, IDOT, and CDOT to prioritizing transportation projects.

Products and Key Dates: Finalize scope (August 2014); Stakeholder focus group meetings and key person interviews (fall 2014); design and administration of survey (winter 2015); report to CMAP committees on results (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Conducted background research and held interviews for Illinois Tollway and RTA. Attended IDOT programming conference.
- Conducted background research for transit agencies.
- Drafted components of final report for state, county, and transit agencies.
- Began scheduling interviews with municipal agencies.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete background research and interviews for municipal agencies.
- Complete final report.

Sketch Model Development for Programming Analysis

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: Bozic, Frank, Murtha, N. Peterson, Menninger, etc.

Description: The analytical deployment plan and CMAQ process review undertaken in FY14 identified several enhancements needed to adequately analyze projects submitted for CMAP's grant programs. The focus of this work plan item is (1) development of an improved method for estimating bicycle travel demand for the CMAQ air quality analysis, (2) development of a general sketch model for estimating ridership from transit improvements, (3) development of a sketch model for estimating ridership response to vehicle and station improvements in particular, (4) development of a sketch technique for analyzing intersection performance, and (5) development of an approach to predict the change in travel time reliability from highway projects. These sketch models will likely have utility for CMAP's planning work beyond the CMAQ and TAP programs.

Products and Key Dates: Complete scope for transit sketch model (July 2014); Develop scope for bicycle analysis tool (September 2014); develop scope for sketch intersection performance tool (September 2014); complete prototype transit modernization sketch tool (October 2014); complete intersection performance sketch model (December 2014); develop bicycle analysis tool prototype (January 2015); develop general transit sketch tool prototype (February 2015); develop method for estimating change in highway travel time reliability (April 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Bicycles: Began testing application on real CMAQ bike proposals as they are received.
- Transit Ridership: Used resources developed so far to compare to benefits appearing implementer's program submittals.
- Station and Vehicle Improvement: Began testing application on real CMAQ transit modernization proposals as they are received.
- Intersections: Began developing regional model extension to evaluate intersection improvement proposals and strategies.

- Travel Time Reliability: Used existing RTDAP samples to develop a new congestion metric for use in evaluating major capital proposals.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Bicycles: Continue to test application on real CMAQ bike proposals as they are received.
- Transit Ridership: Continue to use resources developed so far to compare to benefits appearing implementer's program submittals.
- Station and Vehicle Improvement: Continue to test application on real CMAQ transit modernization proposals as they are received.
- Intersections: Complete development of regional model extension to evaluate intersection improvement proposals and strategies.
- Travel Time Reliability: Complete development of develop a new congestion metric for use in evaluating major capital proposals.

Performance Monitoring

Project Manager: Tom Murtha

Team: Schmidt, Nicholas, Frank, Rodriguez

Description: This project oversees the diverse efforts undertaken at CMAP to monitor the performance of the transportation system, including ongoing data acquisition, processing, visualization, and updating of the performance measurement pages on the CMAP website. One purpose is for basic performance tracking through a selection of transportation indicators (e.g., carpooling frequency, incident response time, etc.), while another is the continued refinement of the information used to guide project programming (e.g., transit asset condition, speed probe data for congestion, etc.) This project will also coordinate the ITS, signal, and parking databases for the agency as well as the summer data collection program.

Products and Key Dates: Draft list of indicators and measures intended for acquisition and processing in FY14 (July 2014); finalize list (September 2014); carry out data acquisition and processing (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Staff completed assistance on the Communications Department's transportation data visualization site. The focus of third quarter work was the completion of the documentation of sources and methods at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/explore/sources/>.
- Staff continued acquisition and processing of highway speed data from Midwest Software Solutions and HERE, including the processing of truck speeds. Work continued on applying performance measure data to such projects as the HERS-ST capital investment forecasts and CMAQ performance-based programming.

- Work was completed on the annual update of expressway AADT and VMT estimates. An updated expressway atlas graphics set has been completed and is nearly ready for posting.
- Lastly, work was completed on the CMAP safety scans, similar to the popular congestion scans. These are being posted to expressway performance pages linked to <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/roads/cmp/performance-measurement/scans>.
- Freight data acquisition completed internal approval process; requires Board approval.
- IDOT announced the inclusion of pavement performance data in the publicly available IHIS dataset, consistent with CMAP's goals related to transparency. This breakthrough will greatly simplify CMAP's annual data acquisition process.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue performance measure data collection and analysis. Continue preparation of additional datasets for inclusion in the agency's data sharing hub so they are publicly available. Post summaries to the Congestion Management web page as appropriate. Complete acquisition of freight origin-destination data.

Highway Needs Analysis and Improvement of Project Evaluation Methods

Project Manager: Claire Bozic

Team: Brown, Elam, Heither, Murtha, Schmidt, Berry

Description: This project will continue FY14 work done under Modeling and Analytical Deployment for Programming Analysis to develop (a) scoring procedures for a highway deficiency analysis and (b) methods for predicting the benefits of smaller scale highway projects. In addition, this project will also develop a detailed outline for a highway deficiency analysis to begin in FY16, including resolution of the categories of deficiencies to consider, normal maintenance needs versus modernization/expansion, project types and cost thresholds for highway improvements to consider, and contracting needs. It will include an engagement process with highway agencies along with any alterations needed to the UWP process to accommodate closer cooperation with CMAP staff in planning. A proof of concept analysis will be carried out for an example area, likely a county.

Products and Key Dates: Draft outline of highway needs analysis (October 2014); selection of partner county (December 2014); complete proof of concept of highway needs analysis with recommendations on full implementation (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Revised the scripts that generate scores to include the flexibility to score any part of the region's roadway network, including sub-regions such as counties, or subnetworks such as only the expressway system.
- Scored the region's National Highway System roadways using the draft scoring procedures.

- Presented the draft highway network scoring process and the NHS scoring to the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition for their feedback.
- Scored only the DuPage County network, which will serve as a dataset to support the development of a mockup roadway deficiency report.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- We will hold a small meeting of RTOC members to listen to more detailed reactions and input to the proposed network scoring method.
- Develop initial set of “planning priority factors” for highway needs analysis.
- A mockup of the deficiency report should be completed.

Transit Needs Analysis and Improvement of Project Evaluation Methods

Project Manager: Jesse Elam

Team: Menninger, Bozic, Heither, Murtha, Patronsky

Description: This project will continue FY14 work done under Modeling and Analytical Deployment for Programming Analysis to develop scoring procedures for a transit deficiency analysis and methods of evaluating project benefits. This project will also develop a detailed scope of work for a transit deficiency analysis to begin in FY16, including resolution of the categories of needs to consider, normal maintenance needs versus modernization/ expansion, project types and cost thresholds for improvements to consider, and an engagement process with the RTA/service boards.

Products and Key Dates: Draft outline of transit needs analysis (June 2015); complete proof of concept of transit needs analysis with recommendations on full implementation (FY 2016).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Discussed scope of services for transit capacity study in coordination with RTA and with CTA, but project is on hold as commitment from service boards is sought.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue to discuss scope and options for conducting study.

Linking Roadway and Transit Asset Condition to Expenditures

Project Manager: Lindsay Hollander

Team: Schmidt, Murtha, Ostdick, Dobbs, Menninger

Description: A major policy issue for the region is the amount and type of expenditure needed to achieve acceptable roadway and transit asset conditions. This information is critical to help allocate the proper amount of capital funding to each program area (maintenance, modernization, and enhancement) and will help enable connecting the financial plan to the long-range plan’s indicators for system condition. Software expected to be available from

FHWA (Highway Economic Requirements System – State Version) and from the RTA (Capital Optimization Support Tool, a customized version of the Transit Economic Requirements Model) should enable CMAP to do this. Close collaboration with regional partners is expected in this effort.

Products and Key Dates: COST and HERS model fully operational (September 2014); Report on amount of funding required to meet pavement condition targets established in GO TO 2040 (March 2015); report on whether HERS can be used to estimate costs to achieve other highway GO TO 2040 indicators (March 2015); initial draft of transit infrastructure condition targets and financial requirements to meet them (June 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Completed initial memorandum outlining methodology as well as cost estimates for different pavement condition scenarios.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Present work to CMAP’s Transportation Committee.

RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Kermit Wies

GO TO 2040 calls for improved access to information and development of advanced modeling and forecasting tools. This core program’s primary mission is to ensure that CMAP staff and planning partners have access to quality data resources and state-of-the-art analysis tools supported by a well-trained research team that is fully engaged in the technical implementation challenges of the plan.

AREA 1: Regional Information and Data Development

Program Manager: David Clark

This program serves as a primary data resource for regional land use and transportation planning in our region and supports CMAP’s ongoing data exchange and dissemination activities. It provides data and technical support to several ongoing regional planning and policy initiatives including implementation of GO TO 2040. The program benefits CMAP staff and partners who rely on current and reliable data resources to conduct planning analyses.

Regional Inventories

Project Manager: David Clark

Team: A. Brown, Dryla-Gaca, Morck, Drennan, Pedersen, N. Peterson, Chau, Vernon, Interns

Description: Development and maintenance of specialized datasets used in policy analysis, programming decisions and modeling activities. Ongoing tasks include maintaining and updating regional datasets such as: land use inventory, development database, and

employment estimates. New in FY15 are maintenance of the bikeways inventory (BIS), Facilities Planning Area (FPA) geography, and development of a searchable archive of Local Technical Assistance data for staff access.

Products and Key Dates: Land Use Inventory (October, 2014). Employment data (updated 2x/year). Development data (updated quarterly). Bikeways Inventory (updated quarterly beginning September, 2014). Aerial imagery scanning project: (1970 set completed September, 2014; Webmap launch December 2014). Local Technical Assistance Archive (ongoing after January, 2015). Update and document datasets per maintenance schedule and coordinate with Data Library Management and Data Sharing Hub for internal and external access (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Land Use Inventory: Final documentation for 2010 Inventory complete; webpage updated to reflect new data, with links updated to point to CMAP Data Hub. 2013 Update: Kane County 95% complete, production started on DuPage. McHenry and Will through pre-processing and available for production.
- Development Database: Completed region-wide updates of non-residential developments over 10,000 square feet. Performed municipal-wide updates in 18 un-reviewed municipalities. Ongoing region-wide entry of new data.
- Employment: Completed final 2010, 2011 and 2012 estimates by category. Ongoing retrofit of 2000 data to NAICS categories.
- Bikeways Inventory: 25 new or updated plans added to the BIS, primarily CMAP Local Technical Assistance projects. Convened working group to establish framework for an RFP to develop "BIS 2.0." Identified roughly 30 additional plans for communities not currently represented in BIS.
- LTA Archive: See Bikeways Inventory.
- Historic Aerials Archive: With I.T., finalize the design of the Imagery Explorer interface. Brightness issues with 1970 set corrected. Draft webpage completed.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Land Use Inventory (2013 Update): complete Kane Production, begin McHenry, continue DuPage. Finish pre-processing of remaining counties (Cook and Lake).
- Development Database: Complete systematic review of at least 25% of un-reviewed municipalities (44 remaining). Set up review meetings with Joliet and Elgin. Develop intern workflow for summer field data collection project. Develop scope for custom reporting tool RFP.
- Employment: Finish retrofit of 2000 data and preliminary estimates for 2013 and 2014. Begin 2015 estimates if data become available before quarter's end. Initiate survey of municipalities with more than 100 employees to identify municipal worker distribution beyond village halls.
- Bikeways Inventory: Prioritization and acquisition of plans identified in Q2 for potential inclusion. Develop scope for "BIS 2.0" RFP.
- Facility Planning Areas: Boundary updates as they arise (ongoing).

- LTA Archive: Develop recommendations for archiving Land Use data; test using data from projects currently in the Existing Conditions Report phase.
- Historic Aerials Archive: Final edits to page on CMAP website and Imagery Explorer webmap. Publicize. Begin scanning 1980 set.

Data Library Management

Project Manager: Jessica Matthews

Team: Dubernat, Clark, Vernon, Hallas, N. Ferguson

Description: Acquire and catalog new data and archive obsolete datasets. Monitor procurement and licensing of proprietary datasets. Maintain agreement for regional aerial imagery acquisition efforts. Establish protocols for metadata and attribution. Enforce proprietary dissemination and license agreements. Import and catalog Census and other public data products upon release. Document data library practices on SharePoint and ensure that datasets forwarded to the data-sharing hub include sufficient metadata.

Products and Key Dates: Data library architecture and content, procurement documentation, metadata, user documentation, management documentation (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Updated Data Library Catalog (eLibrary) entries.
- Held informal sessions for staff to identify data of interest.
- Handled 4 internal data request : 75% - collaborative and 25%- informational.
- Posted 8 datasets onto the Data Depot such as ACS 5-year, Bikeway Inventory, ACS PUMS, Dun & Bradstreet and Unemployment.
- Secured Cook County Assessor's 2013 tax year data.
- Tabled cost benefit analysis as well as data preservation or share standards.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Share acquired data with staff.
- Update Data Library Catalog (eLibrary) entries as needed.
- Write a Python script to identify modified files on data depot.
- Track data trends and usage.

Data Sharing Hub

Project Manager: Claire Bozic

Team: Matthews, Vernon, Clark, Rogus, Garritano

Description: Maintain CMAP's public data-sharing hub. Major tasks include ensuring that CMAP data products are made available and properly documented for public download.

Suggest and test improvements to the current product. Promote use of the data-sharing hub over use of conventional file transfer protocols for disseminating large data resources. Coordinate promotion and maintenance activities with communications and information technology teams.

Products and Key Dates: Internal testing of data-sharing hub and loading of inaugural datasets (September, 2014). Promotion of data-sharing hub for disseminating CMAP data products (November, 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Generated custom icons with communications staff assistance.
- Uploaded more data to the production site.
- Installed software updates.
- Quietly opened the site to the public.
- Directed some data requestors to retrieve the data from the DSH.
- Added a number of “groups” for associated data (archived model data, current model data, land use inventories, and travel surveys).
- Requested an official link to the hub from the data section of the CMAP website.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- IT to continue with hardware and software support.
- Communications to continue assisting with developing graphics as needed – mainly icons.
- Continue adding datasets and resources (for example historic traffic maps, TIP data).
- Begin directing data requestors to DSH to retrieve data.
- Locate and eliminate data associated with the original data sharing hub. Data files and URLs still exist, and are active. Some are linked to our CMAP website.

External DataRequests

Project Manager: Jon Hallas

Team: Matthews, other staff as needed.

Description: Respond to public requests for static data and information. Major tasks are to respond external requests for data housed at CMAP and to assist in directing requestors to appropriate sources of information such as Census or other agencies. Included are responding to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) requests.

Products and Key Dates: Accessible documentation of external data requests, record of responses and inventory of personnel and level-of-effort required to complete (ongoing).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Responded to one hundred fifty two external requests. Two FOIA requests were received and processed.
- Annual FOIA Officer training was successfully completed.
- The process of uploading summaries of External Requests is being restructured and simplified.
- Dates and general organization of the SDC Annual Conference were distributed to R and A staff.
- Non-responding municipalities were encouraged to participate in the Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) through an announcement in our Weekly Update. Twenty two municipal officials were contracted individually to encourage participation in the BAS.
- Began compiling a summary of information and data requests originated by Metra, CTA or their consultants over the past 3 years, (FY2013, 2014 and 2015).

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue responding to external requests and FOIA requests (ongoing)
- Continue uploading summaries for FY12 – FY14 into SharePoint. Work toward a query method for staff to retrieve requests by name of staff responding, date response was completed, keyword, and summary.
- Provide details on SDC Annual meeting to R & A staff. Gauge interest in viewing presentations as a group and make arrangements accordingly.
- Complete summary of Metra and CTA information/data requests FY2013 - 2015.

AREA 2: Regional Forecasting and Modeling

Program Manager: Craig Heither

This program serves CMAP's longstanding commitment to preparing regional forecasts and modeling analyses to support transportation, land use, and environmental planning. In addition to maintaining standard modeling procedures essential to regional program and plan evaluations, this program implements CMAP's strategic plan for advanced model development in response to priority policy analyses and comprehensive regional planning questions established by GO TO 2040.

Advanced Urban Model Development

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: Heither, Bozic, Rice

Description: Conclude implementation of the current strategic plan for advanced modeling at CMAP. This plan establishes guidelines and priorities for improving the policy responsiveness

of CMAP's forecasting, evaluation and analysis tools over a ten year period. Many of the improvements incorporate advanced agent-based and microsimulation techniques that provide more robust sensitivity to the policy objectives of GO TO 2040. Major tasks in this FY are to provide support to consulting teams in the final year of developing 1) Network Microsimulation Extension to Activity-Based Travel Model and 2) Agent-Based Economic Extension to Mesoscale Freight Model, as well as promote and support use of existing advanced modeling products among partners and GO TO 2040 implementation efforts.

Products and Key Dates: Support congestion pricing, transit modernization and major capital project implementation efforts at CMAP and among partners (ongoing); demonstrate application and sensitivity of Transit Modernization Model (December 2014). Phase 3 deliverables of advanced modeling contracts (June, 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

Advanced modeling contracts: For network microsimulation: Consultant continued development of sub-area demonstration of integrated ABM-DTA and prepare for regional application. Consultant delivered updates of regional DTA application for testing. For freight forecasting: Consultant is completing coupling of PMG forecasting tool with the existing meso-scale freight model and draft user documentation.

4th Quarter Objectives:

Advanced modeling contracts: For network microsimulation: Consultant will complete scope of work and final deliverables. Results scheduled for presentation at TRB Applications conference in May. For freight forecasting: Consultant will complete scope of work and final deliverables. Application is under consideration for further development by AASHTO/TRB as part of SHRP2 implementation.

Survey Research

Project Manager: Kermit Wies

Team: N. Ferguson, Matthews, Vernon, Frank, graphics and outreach support as needed.

Description: Implement strategic plan for survey research at CMAP, which establishes a strategy and management concept for conducting on-going survey research at the agency. Major tasks are to continue populating the Travel Tracker Survey with additional observations. The focus this fiscal year is to enrich the survey database with more responses about nonmotorized travel, which will be used to inform CMAP's performance-based programming evaluation methods. Conduct pilot test among staff and partners.

Products and Key Dates: Scope for Non-Motorized Travel Tracker survey (July, 2014). Retain survey consultant (September, 2014). Survey design and sampling plan (October, 2014). Evaluation of pilot test (January, 2015). Launch full survey (March, 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

Staff continued to build professional capacity in survey research development, administration and management. Recruitment survey and GPS-Smartphone application tested on staff volunteer.

4th Quarter Objective:

Travel and Emissions Modeling

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: Bozic, Rodriguez, N. Peterson, N. Ferguson, A. Brown, Chau, Cruise, Clark

Description: Maintenance and enhancement of existing MPO travel demand models, including incorporation of procedural improvements into production models as well as continuous updates to regional highway and transit network databases. Major tasks are to provide travel demand forecasts for major capital project evaluations and conformity analyses, and on-going small-area traffic forecast assistance to regional partners. Continue evaluating improved methods for representing commercial vehicle movements within the travel demand models.

Products and Key Dates: Validated regional travel demand model and documentation (ongoing). Air Quality Conformity analyses (scheduled twice annually). Support major capital project evaluations and other GO TO 2040 initiatives (as prescribed).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Implemented model improvements: continued development of revised time-of-day factors and vehicle occupancy rates to implement with new non-work HOV procedures; began testing new Mode Choice model toll/non-toll vehicle estimation procedures; continued testing regional truck restrictions on the highway network; and began analysis to develop a link-level highway congestion function to produce more realistic level-of-service impacts of network improvements, especially for project-level analyses.
- Continued Meso Freight Model improvements: finalized the refined national freight network; completed modal accessibility review for zones; revised the network skimming procedures to more accurately reflect individual rail carrier networks; conducted testing of new networks within Meso model; and continued analysis of questionable commodity flows.
- Completed approximately thirty-five Small Area Traffic Forecast requests.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Implement travel model improvements: complete implementation of updated time-of-day factors and vehicle occupancy rates; integrate new Mode Choice model toll/non-toll vehicle estimation procedures into production model; complete regional truck restrictions analysis; complete development of link-level highway congestion function; and begin analysis of Mode Choice model zone pair transit cost variation caused by introduction of new/expanded transit service.

- Continue Meso Freight Model improvements: complete testing of new network within Meso model and finalize analysis of questionable commodity flows.
- Continue to complete Small Area Traffic Forecasts in a timely manner.

Transportation Data Analysis

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: Wies, Bozic, Rice, Rodriguez, Clark, A. Brown

Description: Develop and maintain transportation data and analysis methods for planning and policy analysis within CMAP. Major tasks are to support transportation program development and performance analyses. Specific tasks are to develop a tool to analyze bicycle level-of-service metrics and estimate facility demand for the CMAQ project evaluation process. This project also includes development and support of the Transportation Data Archive, incorporates the catalog of CMAP-prepared traffic projections and houses CMAP's annual traffic count data collection activities.

Products and Key Dates: Scope CMAQ bicycle analysis tool (September, 2014). Develop bicycle analysis tool prototype (January, 2015). Develop and introduce new applications for Transportation Data Archive (June, 2015). Populate central data resource and maintain resource documentation (on-going).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Refined GIS procedures and mode choice model for bicycle demand analysis tool; began testing CMAQ project submittals in coordination with CMAQ staff.
- Developed initial set of analysis procedures to use Access to Transit index as a potential metric to inform Major Capital Project evaluations or Plan scenario evaluations; tested scenarios requiring coding of transit service expansion and new transit service.
- Integrated the location of intersection traffic counts conducted by CMAP over the last decade into the Small Area Traffic Forecast Mapping Application; functionality allows for direct download of intersection count spreadsheets.
- Continued development and support of Transportation Data Archive; used archived roadway sensor data to calibrate link-level congestion function in development.
- Continued development of data analysis and visualization prototypes for examining DTA model output; focused on methods to display vehicle trajectories in GIS and to reformat hierarchical output datasets into user-friendly .csv files for further analysis.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Complete evaluation of CMAQ bicycle project submittals using bicycle demand analysis tool; assess analysis tool performance and implement refinements to tools.
- Continue development and support of Transportation Data Archive.
- Continue development of data analysis and visualization prototypes for examining DTA model output.

GO TO 2040 Indicator Tracking

Project Manager: Craig Heither

Team: N. Ferguson, Chau, Cruise

Description: The GO TO 2040 plan update includes an expanded set of indicators to track the plan's progress toward implementation. The major task for the fiscal year is collection and analysis of indicator data in order to update CMAP's database of current plan indicator values. This will support continued analysis of plan implementation progress and development of the Year 4 implementation report.

Products and Key Dates: Indicator data maintenance plan and schedule (September 2014). Maintenance and update of plan indicator values (on-going). Data analysis and support for Year 4 implementation report (November 2014).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Finalized indicator update schedule detailing staff person responsible for each indicator and when the updated data are expected to be available.
- Assembled updated indicator data as releases became available, including venture capital funding, workforce participation, educational attainment and STEM employment (as a replacement for private sector R&D employment).

4th Quarter Objectives:

- Continue assembling updated indicator data as releases became available.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Program Oversight: Management staff

This program develops and actively manages the region's TIP. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee program, track and actively manage the use of local, state, and federal transportation funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the TIP is to establish and implement a short-range transportation program implementing the long-range transportation goals identified in GO TO 2040. Products developed under this work program also assess accomplishment of the TIP, evaluate how it meets the goals of GO TO 2040, and move the region toward performance-based programming.

Federal, state, and local policies and regulations are analyzed to assure CMAP's TIP satisfies these requirements. The region is required by federal law to develop and maintain a fiscally constrained TIP which, together with the fiscally constrained major capital projects in GO TO 2040, conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) demonstrating how the region will attain national ambient air quality standards.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management

Project Manager: Teri Dixon

Team: Berry, Dixon, Dobbs, Kos, Ostdick, Patronsky, Pietrowiak

Description: Work with stakeholders in the region to align the TIP with GO TO 2040. Use robust reporting to influence implementers' project choices and move the region toward performance-based programming. Ensure all local, state and federal requirements are met including fiscal constraint, public involvement, data accuracy, documentation and reporting. Maintain ongoing communication with state and federal agencies to ensure that the region is aware of changes to state and federal requirements and that these agencies understand the programming needs of the region. Manage TIP line item project entry and changes; process TIP change approvals through the Transportation Committee and MPO Policy Committee. Develop an annual obligation report, documenting accomplishment of capital projects in the region.

Products and Key Dates: TIP with updates and amendments (as needed); consultation with local, state and federal agencies (ongoing); analyses of TIP performance with respect to indicators (June 2015); TIP documentation including map, fiscal marks, general public brochures, training materials/courses and web pages (ongoing); comprehensive TIP document update (October 2014); annual obligation analysis report (July 2014, December 2014); fiscal marks (October 2014); update to TIP procedures (March 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

Quadrennial Certification Review. Continuing dialog with U.S. DOT to work toward the completion of implementation regarding recommendations in the Certification Report.

TIP with Updates and Amendments. Regularly reviewed TIP updates and amendment requests from programmers. Assisted programmers with TIP changes. Three TIP amendments were prepared (1/17/15, 3/6/15, and Conformity Amendment).

Comprehensive TIP Document Update. Task accomplished; no action this quarter.

TIP Documentation. The TIP summary brochure was updated to reflect the recently approved TIP. The interactive TIP map was updated to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter. The website was updated with an improved map of the MPA boundary and an explanation of the MPA. Data was assembled identifying areas in the region with people with limited English proficiency; this is required under Title VI regulations and may be particularly useful in the LTA program.

Exports of TIP Data. Regular data exports occurred. No special requests for exports were received.

Analysis of TIP performance with respect to indicators. Discussion of how/whether this product can be addressed in next work plan.

Annual Obligation Analysis Report. Data has been collected throughout the fiscal year on FFY14 and FFY15 obligations. Finalized and published federal fiscal year 13 obligation analysis report.

Consultation with local, state and federal agencies. Worked with stakeholders to receive input into proposed programs and policies through frequent communication.

Update to TIP procedures. No action, currently deferred awaiting development of tools. .

Human Resources. Drafted job posting for TIP internship. Reviewed resumes and selected candidates for interviews.

4th Quarter Objectives:

Quadrennial Certification Review. Continue working on implementation.

TIP with Updates and Amendments. Regular review of TIP updates and amendment requests from programmers and programmer assistance will continue.

Comprehensive TIP Document Update. Product complete.

TIP Documentation. The TIP summary brochure and interactive TIP map will continue be updated to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter. Updates to fiscal marks, training materials, the TIP data, and TIP Programmer Resources will be prepared and updated as needed. Update Title VI section of UWP appendix to reflect improved draft Title VI program.

Exports of TIP Data. Regular data exports will occur. Exports in response to special requests will be executed as needed.

Analysis of TIP performance with respect to indicators. Scoping of work plan for FFY16.

Annual Obligation Analysis Report. Continue collecting FFY14 and FFY15 data. Begin preparing FFY14 obligation analysis report.

Consultation with local, state and federal agencies. Continue work with stakeholders to receive input into proposed programs and policies through frequent communication.

Update to TIP procedures. No action anticipated.

Human Resources. Conducted interviews of TIP intern candidates and prepared candidate selection materials. Prepare work plan and projects for intern. Mentor the intern.

Conformity of Plans and Program

Project Manager: Ross Patronsky

Team: Berry, Bozic, Dobbs, Heither, Kos, Pietrowiak, Wies

Description: Northeastern Illinois has historically not attained national ambient air quality standards for certain pollutants. It is currently classified as a non-attainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard adopted in 2008, and is recommended for non-attainment status for the 2012 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standard. In addition, federal regulations require the region take steps to continue meeting prior ozone and PM_{2.5} standards.

To meet the air quality requirements, the region must implement a transportation program which will help reduce levels of these pollutants or maintain the existing low levels. As part of the transportation planning and programming process, the impact of proposed transportation activities on the region's air quality is evaluated. This evaluation, called a conformity analysis, is submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their review before a long-range regional transportation plan or Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) is approved or amended. The conformity analysis must demonstrate that the emissions resulting from the plan and TIP meet the requirements of (“conform with”) the regulations governing air quality. To ensure the flow of federal transportation funds to the region, state and federal legislative and regulatory changes are tracked and appropriate changes made, informed by the Tier II consultation process.

Products: GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity analyses (as needed, minimum of twice a year in October and March); documentation of conformity process (ongoing); updated data used in conformity analyses (ongoing); support for development of State Implementation Plans (as needed); findings and interagency agreements from consultation process (ongoing, four to six meetings per year); analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers (as needed); mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work (ongoing); Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the Tier II Consultation Team (as needed).

3rd Quarter Progress:

- GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analyses
 - Conformity analysis approved at March 2015 Board & MPO Policy Committee meetings.
- Documentation of conformity process
 - No action required.
- Updated data used in conformity analyses
 - Requested updated continuous count data from IDOT.
 - Discussed updated data needs with LADCO and IEPA.
- Support for development of State Implementation Plans
 - No action required.
- Findings and interagency agreements from consultation process
 - Consultation Team met February 19th; conformity amendment, ozone standard, PM_{2.5} designation discussed.
- Analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers
 - Participated in AMPO/AASHTO discussion of comments on proposed ozone standard. “Unclassifiable” PM_{2.5} designations discussed at Consultation. Region may effectively become in attainment of standard. Discussed at Transportation Committee.
- Mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work
 - Greenhouse gas emission rate table prepared and forwarded to CMAQ project selection staff. PM_{2.5}, VOC and NO_x emission rate tables also prepared.
- Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the Tier II Consultation Team
 - February 19th meeting held.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analyses
 - No action anticipated.
- Documentation of conformity process
 - No action anticipated.
- Updated data used in conformity analyses
 - Run MOVES2014 model on years requested by LADCO.
- Support for development of State Implementation Plans
 - MOVES runs described above are in part to support potential SIP development.
- Findings and interagency agreements from consultation process
 - No action anticipated.
- Analyses of air quality issues for regional decision-makers
 - Attend AMPO Air Quality Work Group meeting.
- Mobile source greenhouse gas emissions estimates to support other agency work
 - Test application of greenhouse gas emissions on municipal-level VMT.
- Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the Tier II Consultation Team
 - No action anticipated.

CMAQ and TAP-L Active Program Development

Project Manager: Kama Dobbs

Team: Berry, Dixon, Ostdick, Patronsky, Pietrowiak

Description: Actively manage programs developed by CMAP to ensure that transportation projects proceed in a timely manner and all available funding is used efficiently. Manage the adopted CMAQ and TAP-L programs as specified in the policies adopted by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Prepare active program management reports to achieve regional expenditure targets.

Products and Key Dates: Review of CMAQ project status (November 2014 and May 2015); accomplishment of CMAQ obligation goal for FFY 2015 (ongoing); CMAQ project cost/scope change request actions (ongoing); updated CMAQ management database (ongoing); review of TAP-L project status (ongoing); TAP project cost/scope change request actions (ongoing); Agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the CMAQ Project Selection Committee (as needed – typically eight meetings per year).

3rd Quarter Progress:

Review of CMAQ project status. Staff monitored individual project status throughout the quarter via correspondence from sponsors, Planning Liaisons, and IDOT. Staff also participated in the

quarterly Partners for Clean Air meeting. Detailed status updates for line items programmed in FFY 2015 were collected in March with the specific goal of determining when federal authorizations were likely. As a result of the updates, a little under \$1 million was removed from the FFY 2015 CMAQ program; \$95,300 was released, and \$873,000 was reprogrammed in FFY 2016.

Accomplishment of CMAQ obligation goal for FFY 2015. Obligations were monitored through regular obligation tracking. Through March 2015, \$87.3 million (54% of the goal) in CMAQ funds had been obligated.

CMAQ Project Cost/Scope Change Request Actions. Staff evaluated and analyzed seventeen project change requests. The PSC also had discussions regarding prioritizing requests for cost increases, reinstatement of deferred line items, and requests to reprogram out year line items in the current year. Staff continually receives phone calls and emails regarding possible schedule, scope, and cost change requests and advises appropriately. Additionally, staff reviewed TIP changes to CMAQ projects to ensure accurate reflection of programming status and funding.

Updated CMAQ management database. A new report, organizing current year line items by targeting letting and federal authorization dates was created for staff and PSC use.

Review of TAP-L project status. There was no action this quarter.

TAP project cost/scope change request actions. There was no action this quarter.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee support. Prepared agendas and supporting materials for February and March committee meetings.

4th Quarter Objectives:

Review of CMAQ project status. Semi-annual status updates will be completed in May. Staff will continue closely monitoring project progress this quarter and working with sponsors to balance programming with available federal funds in the CMAP TIP.

Accomplishment of CMAQ obligation goal for FFY 2015. Tracking of FFY 2015 obligations relative to the obligation goal will continue.

Updated CMAQ management database. Continue as-needed updates to the CMAQ management database to develop queries and reports in response to data requests and for the analysis of project status.

Review of TAP-L project status. Review status of projects with right-of-way to see if they met the March 2015 deadline of concluding right-of-way negotiations.

TAP project cost/scope change request actions. Continue work on developing a process for evaluating cost/scope change request actions as well as consider any sponsor requested changes received.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee support. Prepare agenda and supporting materials and staff June committee meeting.

Local STP Active Program Management and Council of Mayors Support

Project Manager: Holly Ostdick

Team: Berry, Dixon, Dobbs, Pietrowiak

Description: Develop fiscal marks and maintain fiscal constraint in local programs in the TIP. Provide guidance and support for the Council of Mayors (COM) and Planning Liaison program. Ensure communication between CMAP and municipal officials. Staff the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

Products and Key Dates: Fiscal marks (ongoing), program management reports and recommendations (ongoing); locally programmed project status assessments; talking points for CMAP staff participating in COM/COG/TC meetings (ongoing); agendas, meeting minutes, and supporting materials for the Council of Mayors Executive Committee (September 2014, November 2014, January 2015, May 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

Fiscal Marks. No action at this time.

Program Management Reports and Recommendations. Staff continued to track obligations and prepared the First quarter of FFY15 STP-L expenditure report.

Talking Points for CMAP Staff Participating in COM/COG/TC Meetings. Talking points are updated after every weekly email, if relevant. Talking points are also updated as staff makes requests to inform local municipalities of reports, classes or any other relevant information at the agency.

Locally Programmed Project Status Assessments. Staff held coordination meetings with IDOT and each sub-regional council to assess status for all locally programming federally funded projects. We also continued to meet and provide assistance to local program project sponsors.

Outreach with Councils and Local Municipalities. Staff continues to participate in sub-regional Council of Mayors transportation technical meetings to supply technical support to the PLs and municipal engineers and managers. Attended and presented at the Southwest Conference of Mayors STP workshop. Presented advance funding and history of STP PowerPoint presentation to the North Shore and DuPage Councils.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee. Staff prepared materials, collected RSVP's, and staffed one Council of Mayors Executive Committee. The agenda included information on the regionally beneficial City of Chicago programmed project, the CMAP State legislative principles and agenda, as well as the Council of Mayors UWP request for FFY 2016. Had to facilitate advanced funding approval for a request between meetings of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

4th Quarter Objectives:

Fiscal Marks. No action anticipated.

Program Management reports and recommendations. Create a STP-L Expenditure report for the second quarter of FFY 2015.

Locally programmed project status assessments. No activity anticipated next quarter.

Talking points for COM/COG/TC meetings. Continue to update the talking points. Begin working with outreach staff on enhancements. Prepare or consider alternatives for preparing written reports for technical meetings.

Council of Mayors Executive Committee support. Prepare agenda and materials for a May 19, 2015 meeting.

TIP Database Management

Project Manager: Kama Dobbs

Team: Berry, Dixon, Kos, Ostlick, Patronsky, Pietrowiak

Description: Maintain and enhance the TIP database for use by local elected officials, implementers, staff and the public. Maintain and enhance reports, analyses and visualization tools for use by local elected officials, implementers, staff and the public. Provide data on how the project developers in the region invest capital transportation funds and ensure that fiscal constraint requirements are met.

Products and Key Dates: TIP database maintenance to improve data validation and ease of implementer, staff and public use (ongoing); regularly updated documentation and training materials to keep internal and external users, partners and the public informed of the use of the TIP (ongoing); geocoding of TIP projects and associated outputs (shapefile and maps); exports of TIP data for use in public maps, analytic maps, dashboard presentations and other TIP analyses; visualization products; ongoing maintenance and enhancements in response to user needs; review and recommendation for updates to existing database in coordination with following project (April 2015).

3rd Quarter Progress:

TIP Database maintenance. Minor bug resolution for recent improvements to the database function and user interface continued.

Documentation and training materials. There was no action this quarter.

Geocoding of TIP projects. Developed KML files for mapping of TIP projects to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter.

Exports of TIP data. Regular data exports occurred under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management project.

Visualization products. Regular data updates for the TIP map occurred under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management project. No programming or structural changes that can produce visualization products were made this quarter.

Updates to existing database in coordination with Integrated Transportation Planning, Programming and Tracking Database. No activity this quarter.

4th Quarter Objectives:

TIP Database maintenance. Maintenance for minor bugs will continue as needed.

Documentation and training materials. Revisions to training materials for TIP programmers, partner agency users, public users, and staff will continue as needed.

Geocoding of TIP projects. Develop KML files for mapping of TIP projects to reflect TIP amendments made this quarter.

Exports of TIP data. Regular data exports will occur under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management project. Programming and structural changes that can enhance data exports will be conducted as needed.

Visualization products. Regular data updates for the TIP map will occur under the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development and Management project. Programming and structural changes that can produce visualization products will be conducted as needed.

Updates to existing database in coordination with Integrated Transportation Planning, Programming and Tracking Database. Identification of updates to facilitate a transition from the current TIP database to the integrated database will begin.

Integrated Transportation Planning, Programming and Tracking Database Development (New for FY15)

Project Manager: Kama Dobbs

Team: Beata, Berry, Bozic, Clark, Dixon, Dubernat, Elam, Green, Hollander, Kos, Leary, Murtha, Ostdick, Patronsky, Peterson, Pietrowiak, Tiedemann, Williams-Clark

Description: The TIP database must have the capacity to interact with other agency tools and products, such as the Congestion Management Process, the Regional ITS infrastructure and the Regional Transportation Data Archive to meet the agency's needs for performance-based programming. Significant extensions of the data structure and backend logic will be required to incorporate new data and analyze it for project programming. Active program management of the TIP must also be enhanced, in particular increasing the scope and timeliness of reporting on accomplishments.

Specific database requirements will be developed in late FY 2014, in coordination with the results of Regional Transportation Performance Measures: Phase 1 Prioritization and Development, Capital Program Data Transformation, and Transportation Data Analysis projects to be completed in FY 2014. The requirements are anticipated to include capabilities to support more robust project descriptions and cost breakdowns, more detailed obligation and expenditure data, and project-level performance measures. Performance measure data will also be needed for the entire transportation network to support predictive analyses and deficiency analyses.

Products and Key Dates: RFP for consultant services (December 2014); Database schema, including the data to be stored, the relationships between the data, the structure of the user interface and the desired output reports (May 2015). Design and implementation plan (June 2015). Actual database design and implementation will begin in FY 2016.

3rd Quarter Progress:

Staff observed a presentation from a potential vendor. An RFP for development of the integrated database, including mapping and visualization applications, was issued. A pre-bid meeting was held; potential vendors attended. Six responses were received and staff review of the responses began.

4th Quarter Objectives:

Complete consultant selection and contract negotiations and issue notice to proceed to selected consultant.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Program Oversight: Matt Rogus

This program provides for the design, acquisition, deployment and management of computing and telecommunications resources at CMAP. This program also facilitates the electronic exchange of raw data within and between CMAP and other agencies and organizations.

Internal Hardware and Software Management

Project Manager: Matt Rogus

Team: Stromberg, Tiedemann, contract support, intern

Description: CMAP's daily operation depends on a robust and functional computer network for data analysis, work program documentation and employee communications. This project consists of daily management and monitoring of internal computer network performance. It includes the acquisition, licensing, installation and maintenance of all software applications, as well as server hardware systems and other related equipment. It also provides limited user-support to CMAP employees.

Resources: Server and workstation hardware, data storage, desktop software applications.

Products: Agency data products, documentation, and employee communications.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Implemented test VM for ArcGIS 10.3.
- Began researching ArcGIS Pro.
- Procured and implemented new monitors for staff.
- Procured new VM hosts for Chicago data center.

- Procured new desktop computers for staff.
- Procured additional storage devices for long term archive.
- Procured additional storage devices for backup systems in Chicago data center.
- Procured additional storage devices for remote data center.
- Procured additional storage devices for virtual environment.
- Renewed annual support contracts for SAS, and Symantec Backup Exec.
- Developed upgrade plan for Transportation modeling server environment.
- Procured new 10gb switch for remote data center.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- To implement and upgrade VM hosts in Chicago data center.
- To upgrade and implement new VM hosts at remote data center.
- To implement additional storage devices for long term archive.
- To implement additional storage devices for backup systems in Chicago data center.
- To implement additional storage devices for remote data center.
- To implement new 10gb switch at remote data center.
- To implement additional storage devices for backup systems at remote data center.
- To Procure and implement SketchUp Pro 2015 software upgrade for LTA program.
- To Procure and implement new servers for modeling environment.
- Renew annual support contracts for ESRI, INRO, VMware, SnagIT and Microsoft.

Web Infrastructure Management

Project Manager: Lance Tiedemann

Team: Stromberg, Rogus, contracted support, CMAP project managers of web sites and services

Description: Web infrastructure management consists of procuring, deploying, and administering the hardware, software, and network infrastructure used by web applications and data services hosted at CMAP. Internally, project collaboration and project management have been augmented by several specialized content management systems. Externally, web applications and data services have become critical to the ongoing agency mission of deploying technical analysis content to a broader audience. The web infrastructure management defined by this project supports web applications and data services, such as SharePoint (collaboration), CKAN (data sharing web application), MediaWiki (collaboration), the TIP Website (web application), the TIP Map (data service), GO TO 2040 Case Studies (data service), GIS web mapping, Imagery Explorer (web application) and several others. In addition, this project includes management of web-specific network infrastructure, such as domain name registration and DNS record management.

Resources: Hardware, software, and network infrastructure used by web applications and data services hosted at CMAP.

Products: Web applications, data services, collaboration portals, and project management applications.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Implemented Google Analytics for Datahub/CKAN site.
- Incorporated new icons for organizations and groups on the Datahub/CKAN site.
- Implemented minor enhancements to Aerial imagery application.
- Developed Business case for HR Applicant Tracking System.
- Provided ongoing user support for SharePoint intranet.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- To procure and begin implementing an HR Applicant Tracking System.
- To enhance Google search optimization (SEO) for CKAN site with new tools.
- To continue working with team to implement graphical enhancements for Datahub.
- To continue maintenance of Aerial imagery application.
- To continue implementing ArcGIS Online site.
- To continue assisting with TIP database project: Review RFP submittals.

Information Security

Project Manager: Lance Tiedemann

Team: Rogus, contracted support, CMAP project managers of web sites and services

Description: Information security consists of proactively planning, implementing, and verifying the various tools used to project CMAP infrastructure and data as well as reactively responding to existing threats. This project fulfills these network roles: enhance network assessment processes with invasive testing, automate assessment of local environments, develop additional plans, policies and standards, continue training staff, recommend improvements for increased network and data protection, and implement new tools or services to aid in identifying and reacting to critical conditions (e.g., cyber-attacks, malicious traffic, etc.) This project fulfills these web sites and services roles: enhance website assessment processes with invasive testing, automate assessments of code, develop additional plans, policies and standards, and continue training staff. In addition, this project fulfills the data management role to develop policies and process improvements to ensure that sensitive data is processed and stored under appropriate access controls in compliance with program and regulatory requirements. These roles are fulfilled through the management of security tools, such as SSL certificates, firewall and IPS policies, VPN access, security scanning applications, and monitoring services.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Performed network security audit.
- Procured VPN licensing for remote data center.
- Procured a new wireless controller for the wireless CMAP public network.
- Tested a new security platform for CMAP IT devices.
- Provided ongoing support for VPN.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- To procure and implement a new security platform for CMAP IT devices.
- To integrate the new wireless controller into the CMAP public network.

Office Systems Management

Project Manager: Ben Stromberg

Team: Brown, Kelley, Rivera, intern, plus other relevant staff

Description: Staff productivity depends on robust systems for managing office operations. This project includes technical support of office support systems including telephone, mobile communication, fax, copiers, web conferencing, audio-visual, etc.

Resources: Software applications, telephone system, copiers and printers.

Products: Telephones, internet services, computer peripherals, copiers and printers.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Renewed annual contracts for GoToMeeting and APC power system.
- Procured new color laser printer for graphic designers.
- Developed and Posted RFP for office copiers.
- Completed maintenance contract renewal for data center AC system.
- Created RFP for Phase II AV engineering for main conference room.
- Researched new microphone systems for conference room.

4th Quarter Objectives:

- To implement new color laser printer for graphic designers.
- To procure and implement new office copiers.
- To research, procure and implement print management software.
- To develop detailed system design plan for main conference room AV upgrade project.
- To develop RFP and procure electrical contractor services for main conference room AV upgrade project.

- To develop RFP and procure AV integrator services for main conference room AV upgrade project.
- To procure and implement new AV equipment for main conference room.

User Support

Project Manager: Ben Stromberg

Team: Brown, Kelley, Rivera, intern

Description: Serve as training and instructional resource for internal users. Serve as technical intermediary in resolving IT related problems encountered by CMAP staff.

Products: Documentation of training and instructional resources. Documentation of IT related problems encountered by CMAP staff.

3rd Quarter Progress:

- Continued participating in OneSolution financial software training and implementation.
- Completed 72 helpdesk tickets.
- Implemented One Solution upgrade for test users.
- Implemented new HP monitors for staff.
- Updated all current PC images to include newest version of ArcGIS.

4th Quarter Objectives

- To Implement new desktop computers for staff.
- To continue assisting in OneSolution financial software training and implementation.
- Continue to update user documents for staff as needed.
- Continue to assist staff with PC/phone problems as needed.

City of Chicago

FY 2012 PROJECTS

Union Station Master Plan – Phase III

Purpose: Building off of Phase I and Phase II work, the project will continue planning for a West Loop Trans Ctr and/or alternatives to address future passenger and train capacity needs at Chicago Union Station (CUS). The plans will anticipate leveraging federal interest in improved intercity rail transportation. In Phase I CUS alternatives are being developed; Phase II will developed simulation models (for inside & outside CUS) and analyze real estate issues; Phase III will develop a train ops simulation model to assess capacity of alternative station plans.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: “Phase III” is being conducted together with “Phase II” (utilizing remaining FY2011 UWP funds) and is being called Stage II of the overall master plan study. It began in December 2012 and involves simulation modeling and analysis of possible new CUS configurations, operations, and surface traffic as developed in Stage I. FY2012 funds began being drawn down when FY2011 funds were depleted (Q1 FY14)

The existing condition models for pedestrian behavior and train operations have been reviewed and finalized; disruption conditions and potential future modifications have also been modeled and reviewed. Schematic plans for station concourse area reconfigurations have been designed and refined; proposed layout revisions are being input into ped simulation model. Station area traffic existing conditions model has been developed and is being validated. Revisions to preliminary cost estimates have been prepared. Draft final report chapters are being prepared and reviewed.

Products: Draft final report chapters are being prepared and reviewed for: future conditions model for train operations; schematic plans and renderings for station concourse modifications; station ped simulation model; station area traffic existing conditions and future traffic model; updated preliminary cost estimates for planned improvements.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue reviewing draft final report chapters and prepare final report.

Far South Railroad Relocation Feasibility Study

Purpose: The UP (Villa Grove Sub) freight railroad operates at-grade from 89th to 116th Street, through several densely populated residential neighborhoods. It has 10 street grade x-ings & many unauthorized ped x-ings. Rail traffic is 24 tpd & growing. Project would assess rail line relocation, between 89th & 119th Streets, to the under-utilized but grade-separated CN (along

Cottage Grove) + CRL (between 91st/Holland & 94th/Cottage Grv) rail lines. Would require a new railroad flyover bridge to connect CN and CRL tracks, plus related infrastructure improvements.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: Analysis has been completed; final report preparation has begun with continuing coordination with CTA regarding their parallel Red Line Extension EIS process.

Products: Draft report sections for internal review and discussions with CTA.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Complete draft final report and share with CTA and other railroad stakeholders.

TSM & Signal Interconnect Priority Models

Purpose: Purpose of this project is: a) to conduct a critical and comparative review of the existing Chicago Traffic Signal Modernization (TSM) Priority Model to identify enhancements and any changes required based on the new 2010 Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), and b) develop and apply a Signal Interconnect Priority Model to identify corridors for signal technology and operational improvements that may include interconnects, signal coordination, Transit Signal Priority (TSP). The focus of this project is to develop and test the technical tools and procedures, and assemble the required data and databases to support CDOT planning functions for signal improvements and signal interconnect corridor investments. Once developed and tested, the tools and procedures would be available for use by other agencies as appropriate.

Project Manager: Yadollah Montazery

Progress: None

Products: None

Objectives for the Next Three Months: CDOT is working with IDOT to determine if this project can be extended beyond the June 30 end date.

FY 2013 PROJECTS

Transportation and Programming-Contracts

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: No progress

Products: None

Objectives for the Next Three Months: expend final \$5,192

Chicago Bus Rapid Transit Master Plan

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to identify and prioritize future opportunities for Bus Rapid Transit Improvements in Chicago.

Project Manager: Keith Privett

Progress: Completed initial screening of potential bus routes in cooperation with the CTA

Products: List of screened potential routes

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Conduct 2nd screening of potential bus routes in cooperation with CTA.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Comprehensive Multi-Modal Transportation Plan-Framework Study

Purpose: CDOT is preparing city-wide plans focused on various strategic initiatives, consistent with its "Chicago Forward Action Agenda." These plans include: Streets for Cycling, Streetscapes, Pedestrians, and BRT. CDOT has also recently initiated a geographic district-based approach for community transportation planning. CDOT now intends to create an overall framework for a Comprehensive Transportation Plan that will integrate these city- and district-based plans, objectives, and processes with regional transportation plans, priorities, and goals.

Project Manager: Phil Banea

Progress: CDOT issued a request for proposals and received six proposals total. A proposal and consultant team were chosen. CDOT is underway with the procurement process.

Products: Consultant proposals; draft work plan/cost estimate from the consultant team.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Finalize procurement process; begin work on the study.

FY 2015 PROJECTS

Transportation and Programming

Purpose: To support regional objectives by providing for the strategic participation of the City of Chicago in the region's transportation planning process including the development of the RTP and the TIP, by identifying and developing potential transportation projects and policies and to provide technical analysis and other requested information to agencies, elected officials and the general public. Such policy, funding and planning assistance facilitates the full and effective participation of the City of Chicago in the regional planning process.

Project Manager: Brenda McGruder

Progress: Continue to provide staff oversight and review for the following studies: I-290 Corridor, Rosemont Blue Line Access, Ashland/ North Avenue, the I-90 Rebuilding and Widening Project, Smart Corridors Plan and Design, among others. Prepared for and attended meetings on the following: BNSF Paseo Project, CDOT Multimodal Framework Plan, proposed Planned Developments, and 606 Trail.

Prepared CDOT project status reports for various entities.

Fulton-Randolph Traffic and Curbside Use Study – Met with Aecom and DPD to discuss revisions to traffic and curbside use data collection based on field observations regarding the study area. Aecom proposed shifting some resources to these areas for an accurate assessment of activities, by not doing counts at some intersections previously agreed upon. Aecom will provide list of intersections that will not be counted.

The public involvement process was discussed and consensus reached regarding which group of stakeholders to meet with. Aecom provided list of meeting candidates, which was discussed at DPD's commissioner's meeting on March 25th.

DPD provided information to consultants regarding condo contacts and whether or not the design guidelines committee needs to meet with the consultants.

Chicago-Oak Park Traffic Study - Aldermanic Letter of Support received, which also requests the provision of the 20% local match from the Austin Commercial TIF District. TIF presentation made and funding approved. IDOT has requested that no state funds be expended on North Ave. until further notice.

Truck Route Planning Study - document in draft final form, additional funding is required to finalize report.

BNSF Little Village Paseo Feasibility Study

Started the process of collecting data to understand the existing conditions in the study area. Gathered stakeholder input through a series of meetings. Developed preliminary design options for street/trail crossings, gateways, and the alignment.

Submitted various TIP amendments.

Staff attended numerous meetings including the MPO Policy Committee, CMAP Board, Transportation Committee, CMAQ, UWP, RTOC, PL, and the CMAP construction coordination meeting. Met with CMAP staff to discuss LTA applications.

Products: Task Order Request for Multimodal Framework Plan, map of transit and parking adjacent to 606 trail.

Truck Route Planning Study – draft final report

BNSF Little Village Paseo - Draft memo on existing traffic conditions and crossing recommendations

City's component of the TIP is fiscally constrained.

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

Issue Notice to Proceed for Multimodal Framework Plan.

Truck Route Planning Study - Seeking additional UWP funds to complete study tasks.

BNSF Little Village Paseo - Finalize the memo on existing traffic conditions and crossing recommendations. Develop a final draft of design options for the gateways and alignment for stakeholder/public review.

Fulton-Randolph Traffic and Curbside Use Study – meet with alderman, start stakeholder and community group interviews and continue data collection.

Work with IDOT and CMAP to resolve the differing amounts of STP funding they report that the City has available to program.

CREATE Program Planning Support – Passenger & Commuter Rail

Purpose: Chicago will prepare technical, planning, policy and strategy support services to ensure that the remaining CREATE investments maximizes public benefit. The City will facilitate communications with affected communities, businesses, and related stakeholders.

Project Manager: Jeff Sriver

Progress: Task Order contract documents are being processed.

Products: Start of work is pending execution of contract documents and issuance of NTP.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Execute contract, issue NTP, commence work.

Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

FY 2013 PROJECTS

Pedestrian Modeling for CTA Facilities

Purpose:

This project will study pedestrian movement through proposed station designs to enhance access and egress for customers. Potential choke points will be analyzed and equipment and facilities will be studied to improve efficiency and analyze emergency evacuations. The project will analyze high volume stations like the proposed replacement stations in the Loop. The project will study varying levels of demand, and will be used to help plan for larger than normal crowds that can be expected from special events.

Project Manager: Steve Hands

Progress: Continued integration of passenger information into simulation model. Continued to update data to sync with Passenger and Track data modules. Installed updated model on multiple CTA user workstations.

Products: Updated rail simulation model, improved integration tools, and analysis of passenger movements through system.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue integration of passenger and system information into simulation model. Continue testing and calibration.

Service Change Elasticities

Purpose:

CTA service cuts implemented in 2010 included frequency reduction on 119 bus routes and 7 rail lines; span reduction on 41 bus routes; and elimination of 9 express bus routes. This project will study the ridership impact of these service cuts with respect to bus and rail, peak and off peak, weekday and weekend. Riders' response with respect to different routes will also be studied and documented. Schedule and ridership data from before and after cuts will be used to calculate service elasticities for future service planning and restructuring.

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon/Maulik Vaishnav

Progress: Focused on ridership changes relative to express routes, and comparisons with run time and service delivery changes; also reviewed customer survey data relevant to service change elasticity.

Products: Analyses of ridership changes relevant to factors listed above.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: N/A, grant has been expended.

Update Fare Modeling Capability

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to increase CTA's understanding of customers' sensitivity to fare changes while taking into consideration key factors that may impact price elasticity such as rider type (choice vs. transit dependent), trip type (commute vs. non-commute) and transit type (rail vs. bus); update the current fares model with new elasticities and fare structure; provide CTA with capability to make future modifications to the fares model to allow for quick analysis of the impacts of potential changes to the fare structure.

Project Manager: Sonali Tandon/Maulik Vaishnav

Progress: Staff time spent reviewing use of different fare types post-implementation of Ventra fare system.

Products: Analysis of effects of new fare system on fare type usage.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue analysis of sensitivity for various categories of trips to fare changes.

Forest Park Blue Line Reconstruction and Modernization Planning

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is for the preliminary concept planning and engineering for the reconstruction and modernization of the Forest Park branch of CTA's Blue Line, complementing IDOT planning for I-290 reconstruction.

Project Manager: Janine Farzin / Sonali Tandon

Progress: (As detailed in previous reports, Tasks 2, 3, 4, and 9 were completed.)

Task 5: CTA reviewed several station design prototypes and continues to work with adjacent communities and consultants to refine these plans. Station access report was edited by CTA and returned to consultants to integrate current comments.

Task 6: Final conceptual service pattern recommendations tech memo was completed and accepted by CTA.

Task 7: Travel demand modeling is ongoing. CTA is waiting for requested revisions to the current draft of the tech memo.

Task 8: Final draft of corridor options analysis is being integrated into the tech memo for task 5. However, some additional work is expected to coordinate CTA recommendations with the final IDOT alternative as more information becomes available through the IDOT process.

Products: See progress notes. Final reports for conceptual service patterns is complete. Final report for corridor recommendations is being integrated into the station design report and is in progress.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Continue to finalize project reports for remaining tasks (5 and 7). Refine details for station renderings and Forest Park yard, shop, and terminal site – with possible early coordination for a public meeting in their community. When IDOT I-290 identifies Open House dates, begin to prepare meeting materials for Blue Line Forest Park Branch transit component.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Forest Park Blue Line Reconstruction and Modernization Planning

Purpose: Preliminary concept planning and engineering for the reconstruction and modernization of the Forest Park branch of CTA's Blue Line, complementing IDOT planning for I-290 reconstruction. Funding would augment monies received in FY 2013 UWP process. The project is kicking-off in February 2013.

Project Manager: Janine Farzin / Sonali Tandon

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Furthering Asset Management & Project Determination

Purpose: The goal of implementing a comprehensive asset management plan is to enhance the data, reports and tools available to inform CTA's prioritization of capital investments and preventive maintenance activities, thereby maximizing the benefits from limited available resources and minimizing lifecycle asset costs. Implementation will assure compliance with recent federal mandates (MAP 21), as well as provide a more comprehensive, cross-functional view of CTA's asset portfolio and software systems.

Project Manager: Jennifer Henry

Progress: Task order has been drafted; CTA is confirming when additional guidance from FTA is forthcoming.

Products: N/A

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Conduct and complete procurement, expected by end of Summer 2015, with project kick-off shortly following.

FY 2015 PROJECTS

Program Development

Purpose:

The program facilitates CTA's efforts to coordinate the provision of capital projects for customers in its service area to projects identified within the Chicago area regional five-year Transportation Improvement Program. Major tasks include: Develop CTA's capital programs for inclusion in the five-year regional TIP; Identify and analyze potential capital projects for funding eligibility; Prioritize capital projects for inclusion in the CTA's capital program and the constrained TIP; Monitor capital program of projects progress and adjust as needed for amending or for inclusion into the TIP.

Project Manager: Michael Fitzsimons

Progress:

- Completed grant application project descriptions, budget, and financing plans for FY 2015 FTA, RTA, and State grant applications.
- Completed FY 2015 formula grant program application based on full 2015 transit authorization.
- RTA FY 2015 Bond program of projects descriptions, budgets, and schedules completed for grant application and to be submitted to RTA in June.
- Finalized FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) amendment for CTA and RTA June Board meetings. Amendment will incorporate new funding sources and projects into the capital plan.

Products:

- FY 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) finalized for CTA November and RTA December Board meetings at which the capital program was approved. FY 2015-2019 CIP material prepared to support RTA program.
- FY 2015-2019 CIP programmed into the CMAP Transportation Improvement Plan. All changes captured funding based on the extension of the MAP-21 Federal Authorization program prepared for TIP Transportation Committee meetings in January.
- USDOT TIFIA financing program application and agreement executed for the CTA Blue Line –O’Hare project or “Your New Blue.”
- USDOT TIFIA preliminary financing plan and schedule developed for future railcar procurement.
- RTA Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) program of projects description, budget detail, and schedules completed. Grant application submitted, and approved by RTA Board.
- Develop program scenarios to include new sources of funding into the FY 2015-2019 CIP. Creation of project descriptions, budgets, and schedules for a number of new projects to be added to the CIP. Prepare CIP amendment to the present to CTA and RTA Boards

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

- Develop and complete project scopes, budgets, and schedules for a series of new projects tied to new sources of funding and reconciling the federal program of projects based on the FY 2015 allocation, and apportionments as published in the federal register.
- Continue to refine the financing plan and schedule for the next rail car procurement, and prepare TIFIA financing project application to submit to USDOT.
- Develop amended project descriptions, budget, and financing plans for FY 2015 FTA, RTA, and State grant applications.

Automating Special Transit Services

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to plan for the full automation of the dispatching and assignment of CTA special (supplemental) bus and rail services. The project will plan for an upgrade in scheduling software to fully automate the process of filling extra service and thereby reduce overhead costs.

Project Manager: Heather Ferguson

Progress: CTA has approved the content of the scoping document and has recently received a formal proposal from the vendor, with pricing, for upgrading the scheduling software upgrade. Technology personnel from CTA and the vendor are now engaged in discussions over the infrastructure requirements for the software.

Products:

- 1) Hastus 2015 Gap Analysis Scoping Document
- 2) Vendor proposal for Hastus 2015 version upgrade

Objectives for the Next Three Months: CTA plans to enter into a Purchasing Agreement with the software vendor. We also expect that IT issues will be fully discussed and resolved as to the infrastructure required for the scheduling software.

Cook County

FY 2013 PROJECT

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Purpose: The purpose is to provide for the ongoing development and maintenance of the Cook County 2040 Transportation Plan, which is needed to manage future growth and travel demand. The Transportation Plan is a tool that guides the programming and planning of transportation infrastructure improvements, projects, and services and the allocation of financial resources.

Project Manager: Jennifer Killen, P.E., PTOE, Assistant Superintendent of Transportation and Highways

Progress: Hosted a working Advisory Committee meeting on March 16, 2015 to review and discuss Policy recommendations and Evaluation Criteria Matrices. Created draft chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Products: Draft Plan Chapters 1 -4

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Host an Advisory Committee meeting on June 3, 2015 to review and discuss the draft plan. Provide 45-day public review of the draft plan and host four public open houses.

DuPage County

FY 2015 PROJECT

County Long Range Transportation Planning Program

Purpose: The purpose is to provide the ongoing development and maintenance of the DuPage County 2040 Transportation Plan, which is needed to manage future growth and travel demand. The Transportation Plan is a tool that guides the programming and planning of transportation infrastructure improvements, projects, and services and the allocation of financial resources.

Project Manager: John Loper

Progress: beginning process of selecting consultant selection

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

Lake County

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Route 53/120 Corridor Land Use and Transportation Plan

Purpose: Project proposal calls to work toward the implementation of the GO TO 2040 Major Capital Project, "Central Lake County Corridor: IL 53 North and IL 120 Limited Access", by developing the Corridor Land Use and Transportation Plan to integrate the Illinois Tollway's road project with land use, transportation, economic development and open space through active and collaborative local government participation.

Project Manager: Jason Navota

Progress: In FY15Q3 the contractor continued work and made significant progress on Task 1 Project Management, Task 4 Market Analysis and Recommendations, Task 5 Environmental Conditions Study and Enhancement Alternatives, and Task 6 Land Use and Transportation Analysis. Activities included: coordinate, prepare materials, and participate in the fifth Land Use Committee meeting on February 5 2014; attending a number of coordination meetings with project partners, team members, and committee members (municipalities and other stakeholders); collect and analyze data and other information associated with market, environment, transportation, and land use components of the project; continue to revise open space and natural resource assessment information and results; prepare land use scenarios for Land Use Committee review; continue to refine approach to plan development and plan implementation strategy.

Products: Land Use Committee meeting presentation and materials; Land Use Committee meeting minutes; draft land use scenarios including open space and natural resource network maps.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: During FY15Q4 the consultant will: prepare for and conduct the sixth (April) and seventh (TBD) Land Use Committee meetings; coordinate and conduct individual meetings with stakeholders and focus groups to discuss draft corridor plan scenarios; conduct / attend regular project coordination meetings; research land use plan implementation mechanism/strategy; refine draft corridor land use plan scenarios based on stakeholder feedback; refine open space and natural resource areas and priorities; draft plan policies and recommendations; assemble draft land use plan sections.

Will County

FY 2014 PROJECTS

County Long Range Transportation Planning Program

Purpose: The Counties' Core Long-Range Transportation Planning (LRTP) Program provides for the ongoing development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional plans needed to manage future growth and travel demand. The Transportation Plan is a tool that guides the programming and planning of transportation infrastructure improvements, projects, services, and the allocation of financial resources. A rotating planning cycle among the Counties insures that policies, strategies, and projects are reviewed and updated on a periodic basis to meet regional transportation needs.

FY14 - Will County 2040 Transportation Plan

Project Manager: Christina Kupkowski, PE

Progress: The initial Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting was held along with follow-up partner agency interviews. The initial MetroQuest Survey was launched and public outreach began. Our first project Newsletter was created and distributed. We held a second AC meeting to discuss the initial findings from the 1st month of the MetroQuest Survey and the outcomes of the partner agency surveys. Discussions of LRTP Vision and Goals also occurred at this meeting. We started preparations for the initial series of Public Informational Meetings by determining locations and scheduling dates.

Products:

Objectives for the Next Three Months: To complete MetroQuest Survey, compile and start analyzing the data we have received. Hold the initial series of 4 Public Meetings to gather more public opinions. We will also need to determine how the "pop-up" meetings will be utilized.

Regional Council of Mayors

FY 2015 PROJECT

Subregional Transportation Planning, Programming and Management

Purpose: To provide for strategic participation by local officials in the region's transportation process as required by MAP-21, the Regional Planning Act and future legislation. To support the Council of Mayors by providing STP, CMAQ, SRTS, BRR, HPP, ITEP and other program development and monitoring, general liaison services, technical assistance and communication assistance

Project Manager: Council of Mayors

Progress:

Program Development – Surface Transportation and Program Monitoring

Number of Council of Mayors Meetings: 31

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 420

Kickoff Meetings Held: 46

Federal Coordination Meetings Attended: 20

Number of STP Projects Let: 21

Other STP Activities: In addition to monitoring their own STP Program, Liaisons participated in the following activities:

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Met multiple times with CMAP staff to discuss the Continue Active Program Management for federally funded (STP, CMAQ, ITEP etc.) projects;, Complete Streets LTA plan, Continued work on the IL 394 and IL 1 Corridor Study, Continued work on the Southeast Service Corridor feasibility study.

Participated on Will County Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee, met with multiple municipalities to discuss CMAQ applications, IL 53/120 Finance Committee, IL 53/120 Land Use Committee, I-90 Jane Addams Tollway Stakeholder Meeting, IML Public Works Committee meeting, SCM Public Works Committee, GIS Training; Tracking of CNT meetings with all municipalities in WCMC for their Planned Economic Development discussions that coincide with COD/TOD study; worked with CNT regarding the Council's STP expenditures and methodology; monitoring and working on RTA Cicero Connections; monitoring and working on LTA West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry TOD and COD Plan; I-290 IDOT Study; I-90 IDOT Study; WCMC Bike Committee and Continuous Updating of Bike Plan, Attended CMAP's Census Products for Urban Planning workshop, Attended the CMAQ & TAP Workshop, alerted the Council of upcoming Call for LTA Projects, Serve as the technical support staff for the Lake County Coordinated Services Committee (LCCTSC); Manage the NW Demo Dial-a-Ride Service; Coordinate with Pace and RTA regarding the NW Demo service, Fit for Kids Grants Staff Review, ADA Transition Plan Seminar, Fox River Trail Signage Program Update, CMAP Programming Methods Interviews, Kane County DOT Transition Plan planning session, Ride In Kane Program Study – Implementation Strategies refinement with

Steering Committee, Kane County Community Health Assessment Stakeholder Meeting, Kane County Planning Cooperative - Kane County Leaders Summit, Ride In Kane Sponsor quarterly meeting, Kendall County Mayors and Managers quarterly meeting, newsletter prep and distribution, KKCOM new website to go live, Ride in Kane quarterly report to RTA, STP project consultation meetings, IDOT/CMAP Coordination meeting, STP Methodologies Task Force, CMAQ Project Consultations, Cook DuPage Study, WCMC Newsletter, Will County Division of Highway 2040 Transportation Plan

Products:

Surface Transportation Program - each Council maintains an individual program which is regularly monitored, adjusted and reviewed. Information is continuously updated in the TIP database. They also work frequently and regularly with municipal officials, consultants, elected officials and agencies on project monitoring, implementation and completion.

Newsletters/Annual Reports - newsletters and informational emails are sent on a regular basis.

Other Plans/Programs - input on programs and projects is regularly provided to CMAP, IDOT, the municipalities and various agencies.

Other Reports - as needed

Objectives for the Next Three Months:

The Councils will continue much of the above. They will also participate in some of the following. Please note several Councils may participate in same activities even though they are listed only once. See attached individual reports for more information:

Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): Continue coordination with the Southeast Service Transit District; Coordinate with IDOT, CMAP and local public agencies to promote the completion of transportation projects, Continue work on the IL-394 & Rt. 1 Corridor Study: develop and present final reports, participate in Illinois State Freight Advisory Council meetings, continue work on Complete Streets LTA Plan, submit advance funding requests as needed, attend APA National Conference, complete work on methodology review with Northwest Council Technical Committee, monitor possible capital bill in Springfield, monitoring financing options for Route 53/120 expansion, assist communities with LTA project applications, participate in launch of Pace's Pulse Milwaukee Avenue Corridor planning efforts, working closely with suburban chambers of commerce in conjunction with planned development areas as well as the ongoing COD/TOD report and study in cooperation with CNT, provide information to Council regarding TIGER 2015, Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee; Cook DuPage Corridor Study, Continued active program management for WCGL's STP program and federally funded projects in Will County, possibly issue a new call for projects and/or change the STP funding methodology based on the results of the sponsor updates to keep spending the whole mark. Begin a new transportation newsletter at least monthly, possibly bi-weekly, post the job position for a new second PL position at the WCGL.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL REPORTS

Council: Central

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 9

Please List: Board, Transportation, Planning Liaison, Human & Community Development, Bike-Ped

Any other activities or meetings attended: Cook DuPage Corridor Study; WCMC Transportation Committee; Coordination meeting

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 18

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 2

Federal Coordination Meetings: 1

Number of STP Projects Let: 2

Any other activities under STP Program:

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 2

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 9

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 1

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Cook-DuPage Study, Joliet Road Closure Projects

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Cook-DuPage Study; WCMC Newsletter

Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June):

Council Transportation meeting, Elmhurst Governmental Forum, CMAP meetings, IML Public Works, WCMC Drive Down, WCMC Board, Council of Mayors Executive Committee, WCMC Annual Dinner, Cook DuPage Corridor Study

Council: DuPage

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 11

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 7

Please List: MPO Policy Committee; Board of Directors; Transportation Committee; CMAQ Workshop

Any other activities or meetings attended: DuPage County Transportation Committee; Mass Transit Committee; Development Committee; Environmental Committee; Stormwater Committee; Public Works Committee; and Board every other week; Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee; SCARCE tour/workshop; hired to Transportation Planning Manager; County District meeting; City Club; LGDF Forum; MMC Exec Committee.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 112

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 7

Federal Coordination Meetings: 1

Number of STP Projects Let: 5

Any other activities under STP Program: Spring STP Methodologies Task Force; two Transportation Technical Committee meetings held; put together countywide list of FAU Routes to suggest to IDOT to add to system; and approved through Transportation Technical Committee

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 9

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 14

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 8

Other activities or funding sources monitored: ICC, Gen-Op, Other.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Cook-DuPage Technical Committee; Cook-DuPage Policy Committee; STP project consultation meetings (3); IDOT/CMAP/DMMC Coordination meeting; DMMC Strat Plan discussion meetings (2); Spring STP Methodologies Task Force; DMMC Ad Hoc Public Works Directors Working Group; CMAQ Project Consultations.

Upcoming Months--Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June):

DMMC Ad Hoc Public Works Directors Working Group; DMMC Board meetings (3); DMMC Full Conference Meetings (2); DMMC Annual Dinner; DMMC Transportation Policy Committee

meetings (3); DMMC Transportation Technical Committee meeting; DuPage County Transportation Committee, Mass Transit Committee, Development Committee, Environmental Committee, Stormwater Committee, Public Works Committee, and Board every other week; Elgin-O'Hare Western Access Local Advisory Committee; CMAP Transportation Committee; PL Meeting, FHWA Coordination meeting; various IDOT project kickoff meetings; Large Group Springfield Drive Down.

Council: Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: CMAP Board Meeting (Jan, Feb, March); Transportation Committee Meeting (Jan, March); Planning Liaison Meeting (Jan, March); Council of Mayors Executive Committee (Jan); 2015 Chicago and Great Lakes Regional Operations & Construction Coordination Meeting; UWP Committee (Feb); Bike/Ped Task Force Meeting (March); CMAP Freight Committee (Jan, March); CMAP Local Coordinating Committee; CMAP Project Selection Committee (Jan); CMAP Regional Coordinating Committee (March)

Any other activities or meetings attended: IDOT/CMAP/KKCOM Coordination Meeting; Fox River Corridor Plan Visioning Workshop; CMAQ/TAP Training at NWMC; Fox River Trail @ Raymond St Informational Meeting; Oswego Transportation Plan Informational Meeting; Carpentersville HIA Presentation to Village Board; Crabtree to Fox River Trail Corridor Open House; Crabtree to Fox River Trail Steering Committee Meeting; Fox River Trail Signage Program Update: Steering Committee 1; Fit for Kids Grants Staff Review II; Fox River Trail Signage Program Update: Online Map Discussion; Food Hub Feasibility Study; RTA Transit Access Advisory Committee (Jan); I-90 Corridor Update meeting; Greentown Aurora; Kendall County Mayors and Managers meeting (March); Ride In Kane Program Study Steering Committee meeting; Ride In Kane Sponsor Committee and Kane County Paratransit Coordinating Committee meetings (March); Blackberry Township Referendum informational meeting; City of Aurora Transportation Project Open House (March); Illinois Valley Public Transportation Open House – Kendall County (March); Senior issues discussion with State Senator McConnaughay's staff (March)

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 45 (B List included)

Kick-Off Meetings Held: Carpentersville – Main at Washington, Aurora – East New York St, Kane County DOT – Weld at Randall, South Elgin – Concord Ave, Batavia – SRTS Crossing Improvements, Aurora – Edgelawn Bikeway, Aurora – Montgomery Rd Trail, Elgin – Larkin Ave LAFO, Aurora – Aurora Transportation Center campus improvements, Aurora – Indian Trail LAFO;

Federal Coordination Meetings: KCFPD – Fox River Trail at Raymond St, Carpentersville – Main at Washington

Number of STP Projects Let: 1

Any other activities under STP Program: Initial work on developing STP call for projects in 2015

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 25

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 5

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 17

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 15

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of Other Projects Monitored:

Other activities or funding sources monitored:

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Fit for Kids Grants Staff Review; Building a Healthier Community through Policy: HIA and other tools for HIAP training; ESRI Training Webinar: Simplify Field Data Workflows with Collector for ArcGIS; Webinar: Bicycle Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System; Webinar: Bicycle Stress Level Mapping; Webinar: Road Diets; ADA Transition Plan Seminar; Elgin Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Bike Event planning session; several phone conferences with both McHenry and Lake County Paratransit Mobility Managers for their data needs; Provided outreach for KDOT's HSIP Flashing Yellow Arrow program to member communities; prepared and distributed two quarterly KKKCOM newsletters; RTA quarterly report for Ride in Kane activity (Jan and March)

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): STP Call for Projects; KKKCOM Full Council Meeting; Fox River Trail Signage Program Update: St. Charles Focus Group; CMAP Programming Methods Interview with Elgin, Kane County DOT – Fabyan at Kirk Kick-Off Meeting; Kane County DOT Transition Plan planning session; Kane County DOT – HSIP Signal Modernization Kick-Off Meeting; KKKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Meeting; CMAP Transportation Committee; Fox River Trail Signage Program Update: Steering Committee 2; STP Call for Projects Workshop; STP Call for Projects individual sponsor meetings; CMAP Board Meetings; Trail Linking Communities; CMAP transportation Committees; Planning Liaison Meetings; Montgomery – Briar Cliff Rd Kick-Off Meeting; Ride In Kane Program Study – Implementation Strategies refinement with Steering Committee; Kane County Community Health Assessment Stakeholder Meeting; Kane County Planning Cooperative - Kane County Leaders Summit; Ride In Kane Sponsor quarterly meeting; Kendall County Mayors and Mangers quarterly meeting; newsletter prep and distribution; KKKCOM new website to go live, Ride in Kane quarterly report to RTA

Council: Lake

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 2

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 10

Please List: CMAP Board (3); Transportation Committee (2); Exec CoM; CMAQ PSC (2); UWP; Bike-Ped

Any other activities or meetings attended: None

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 47

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 10

Federal Coordination Meetings: 4

Number of STP Projects Let: 2

Any other activities under STP Program:

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 19

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 8

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 6

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: TCSP 1; HSR 2; RECTP 2; GCPF 3

Other activities or funding sources monitored: We have been providing staff support to the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee (a consortium of townships, not-for-profit public assistance organizations and municipalities) to coordinate and facilitate non-traditional transportation services for the disabled, the elderly and low income constituencies in Lake County. In that capacity we have been working to implement demonstration projects in the County federally funded through the RTA.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Emails to LC COM to inform them of the funding sources available and other emails communicating; Serve as the technical support staff for the Lake County Coordinated Services Committee (LCCTSC); Manage the NW Demo Dial-a-Ride Service; Coordinate with Pace and RTA regarding the NW Demo service. Bruce and Ashley have been providing assistance to numerous units of local government relative to ongoing federal projects and technical assistance through pre-application meetings

Upcoming Months-Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): Continued assistance to the LCCTSC and units of local government in Lake County.

Council: McHenry County Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 2

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 10

Please List: MPO Committee (2); CMAP Transportation Committee (1); CMAP Board (3); PL meeting (1); Council of Mayors Executive (1); Economic Development Committee (1); and CMAQ Selection Committee (1 - called in)

Any other activities or meetings attended: IL 53/120 Finance Committee Meeting on 1/20/2015; IDOT & City of Crystal Lake meeting regarding potential TAP project on 1/29/2015; IDOT-CMAP-PL Project Coordination meeting on 2/6/2015; Planners Forum-McHenry County area on 2/17/2015; McHenry County Transportation Committee meetings (typically occurs twice a month); McHenry County's 2015 County Highway and Transit Map committee meetings; McHenry County Wellness Committee meeting on 2/26/2015; McHenry County Design Staff meetings; McHenry County Transit Plan Implementation Task Force (ITF) on 1/14/2015; and Governor Bruce Rauner visit to McHenry County on 3/19/2015.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP-L Projects Monitored: 16

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 0

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP-L Projects Let: 2

Any other activities under STP Program: Requested STP Project Update Reports from local sponsors. Updated the Council's STP scheduled program for FFY 2015-2019 based on before-mentioned reports. Special Status Updates were requested and given by two STP projects.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 4

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 2 (Crystal Lake and Woodstock)

Number of STP-Bridge (formerly HBP) Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored: ITEP, HSIP and Call for CMAQ and TAP Projects - FFY 2016-2020.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Updated Council of Mayors website and posted news and events; IDOT lettings and updated the TIP; Regular emails and correspondence with municipalities about projects; Attended CMAP's Census Products for Urban Planning workshop on 1/6/2015; Attended the CMAQ & TAP Workshop on 1/23/2015; Reviewed and assisted municipalities with CMAQ and TAP Call for Projects applications during the months of January and February; Had Office 2013 computer software training via McHenry County on 2/5/2015; Started attending CMAP's Economic Development Committee; Reviewed and processed the Village of Algonquin's Functional Classification Requests; Alerted the Council of upcoming Call for LTA Projects that should be occurring this May; Provided information to Council regarding FLIP 2015 applications.

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): Provide information to Council regarding TIGER 2015; A Council of Mayors meeting in May, which the Council will be discussing projects listed Council's STP scheduled program for FFY 2015-2019 and the MYB projects during this meeting; Attend the National APA Planning Conference from April 17-21; Listen to TRB Webinar on "Creative Ways to Consider Funding Future Transportation" on April 15th.

Council: North Central

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended:

Please List: CMAP Board–Jan 14, 2015; Water Forum 2050–Jan 15, 2015; CMAP Trans and PL–Jan 16, 2015; Cook DuPage Jan 22, 2015; CMAP CoM Jan 27, 2015; CMAP COG Legislative Meeting–Jan 27, 2015; Cicero LTA Comp Plan–Jan 28, 2015; CMAP PL IDOT Meeting–Feb 6, 2015; CMAP UW–March 5, 2015; CMAP PL and Transportation–March 6, 2015; CMAP Programming–March 11, 2015; CMAP Board–March 11, 2015; CMAP MPO Policy Committee–March 12, 2015; Pension Meeting–March 16, 2015; Eisenhower Flooding Meeting–March 26, 2015

Any other activities or meetings attended:

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 21

Kick-Off Meetings Held: Forest Park Roosevelt Road – Feb 5, 2015; Berkeley McDermott Drive – Feb 9, 2015; Oak Park South Blvd FHWA – Feb 10, 2015

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program:

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 14

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 5

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 6

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 9

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored:

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Regular monitoring and adjusting of the STP Program and TIP for all federally funded and certain state funded projects;

Continue to support GO TO 2040 Plan efforts; Continue Active Program Management for federally funded (STP, CMAQ, ITEP etc.) projects; Cook DuPage Corridor Involvement; TOD/COD study with CNT and rollout; Planned Development Areas work with CNT; I-290 IDOT Study; I-90 IDOT Study; WCMC Bike Committee and Continuous Updating of Bike Plan; Independent GIS Training; Work on monthly Transportation newsletters for WCMC; Tracking of CNT meetings with all municipalities in WCMC for their Planned Economic Development discussions that coincide with COD/TOD study; worked with CNT regarding the Council's STP expenditures and methodology; monitoring and working on RTA Cicero Connections; monitoring and working on LTA West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry TOD and COD Plan; Monitoring and working on LTA Cicero Comprehensive Plan; working with WSCCI LTA Plan. Working with Cook County Bureau of Economic Development on Planning

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): All the above including monitoring I-90 expansion, RTA/CMAP Merger discussion, increased legislative monitoring, working closely with suburban chambers of commerce in conjunction with planned development areas as well as the ongoing COD/TOD report and study in cooperation with CNT; Cicero Connections Study; Movement into Phase II of I-294/I-290/IL-64 Ramp Design

Council: Northwest

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 8

Please List: 1/14 CMAP Board; 1/16 Transportation; 1/16 PL; 1/27 Council of Mayors; 2/11 CMAP Board; 3/6 Transportation; 3/6 PL; 3/11 CMAP Board

Any other activities or meetings attended: 1/20 NWMC Bike/Ped, 1/20 Route 53/120 Finance, 1/21 I-90 Stakeholders, 1/22 NWMC Transportation, 1/23 CMAQ Workshop, 1/29 Cook County Transportation Plan, 2/6 Northwest Council STP Methodology, 2/10 Barrington Bikeway, 2/24 NWMC Bike/Ped, 2/26 NWMC Transportation, 3/16 Cook County Transportation Plan, 3/17 NWMC Bike/Ped

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 47

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 4

Federal Coordination Meetings: 4

Number of STP Projects Let: 4

Any other activities under STP Program: Continued work to update and revise STP methodology

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 16

Number of ITEP Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 11

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 9

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Hosted CMAQ Workshop at Oakton Community College to help municipalities learn about CMAQ Call for Projects.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): See meetings and methodology review work above. Also articles for NWMC Director's Weekly Briefing, three NWMC Transportation Newsletters, maintain @NWMCTrans Twitter feed

Upcoming Months-Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): Continued monitoring of STP and other federally funded projects in Northwest Council, Complete work on methodology review with Northwest Council Technical Committee, monitor possible capital bill in Springfield, monitoring financing options for Route 53/120 expansion, assist communities with LTA project applications, possible work on NWMC application(s) to LTA program, participate in launch of Pace's Pulse Milwaukee Avenue Corridor planning efforts

Council: North Shore

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 1

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 9

Please List: January CMAP Board, Council of Mayors Executive Committee, IDOT/CMAP/PL Coordination meeting, February CMAQ Project Selection Committee, March CMAP Transportation Meeting, March CMAP Board, MPO Policy Committee, March CMAQ Project Selection Committee, CMAP Legislative Group Meeting.

Any other activities or meetings attended: Cook County Long-Range Transportation Plan meeting, NWMC Transportation Committee, NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Accelerate Illinois: Addressing Our Transportation Shortfalls,

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 16

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 3

Federal Coordination Meetings: 2

Number of STP Projects Let: 6

Any other activities under STP Program: Call for Projects closed March 31.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 9

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 8
Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 1
Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 6
Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0
Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0
Number of Other Projects Monitored:
Other activities or funding sources monitored:

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): IL 53/120 Finance Committee, IL 53/120 Land Use Committee, NWMC Transportation Newsletter, I-90 Jane Addams Tollway Stakeholder Meeting, North Shore Council of Mayors STP Call for Projects,

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): The project applications submitted in the most recent call for projects will be evaluated, scored and ranked with initial recommendations to be presented at the next meeting of the North Shore Technical Committee

Council: South

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: Jan. 6 Transportation Committee, Jan. 8 SSMMA Executive Committee, Jan. 15 SSMMA, Feb. 3 Transportation Committee, March 3 Transportation Committee, March 19 SSMMA.

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 12

Please List: Jan. 8 MPO Policy Committee, Jan. 16 Transportation Committee/Planning Liaisons, Jan. 26 Freight Committee, Jan. 27 Council of Mayors Exec. Committee, Feb. 4 Construction Coordination, Jan. 6 IDOT/CMAP/PL coordination, March 5 UWP Committee, March 6 Transportation Committee/Planning Liaisons, March 16 Freight Committee, March 18 Bike-Ped Task Force,

Any other activities or meetings attended:

Staff presented information on major transportation projects to the Southland Chamber Gov't. Affairs Committee and Board of Directors; Published STP information on the SSMMA website; Provided transportation reports at monthly Suburban Public Works Directors Association meetings; Attended SSMMA Legislative Breakfast; Attended CSEDC Quarterly Forum.

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 32
Kick-Off Meetings Held: 2
Federal Coordination Meetings: 3
Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: Prepared advanced funding request for June and July lettings.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 13

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 12

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 3

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 4

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 2

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 2

Other activities or funding sources monitored: 12 state funded projects.

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Met multiple times with CMAP staff to discuss the Complete Streets LTA plan; Continued monitoring of the Homewood Disposal/Park Forest CNG CMAQ project; Continued work on the IL 394 and IL 1 Corridor Study: held steering committee meetings, presented findings at various meetings; Continued work on the Southeast Service Corridor feasibility study; Participated on Will County Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee; Participated in NIRPC TPC meetings; Wrote transportation updates for SSMMA newsletter; Prepared the Council of Mayors UWP Proposal and presented it for approval to the COM Executive Committee and UWP Committee; Met with multiple municipalities to discuss CMAQ applications.

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June): Convene Transportation Committee meeting monthly; Convene Technical Advisory Group meetings as needed; Provide reports at SSMMA meetings; Continue coordination with the Southeast Service Transit District; Act as liaison to Suburban Public Works Directors Association; Coordinate transportation planning and programming activities with SSMMA economic development, housing, watershed and land use planning and GIS Atlas, Coordinate with IDOT, CMAP and local public agencies to promote the completion of transportation projects, Continue work on the IL-394 & Rt. 1 Corridor Study: develop and present final reports. Continue to develop the transportation pages of ssmma.org. Participate in Illinois State Freight Advisory Council meetings. Continue to update TIP as needed. Continue work on Complete Streets LTA Plan. Submit advance funding requests as needed. Attend APA National Conference.

Council: Southwest Conference of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 3

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 10

Please List: CMAP Board, CMAP Transportation Committee, PL meeting, Annual Construction Review, CMAP Freight Committee, CMAP Bike Ped Task Force, CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Any other activities or meetings attended: IDOT/CMAP/PL Coordination meeting, SCM Transportation Committee

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 30

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 2

Federal Coordination Meetings: 0

Number of STP Projects Let: 0

Any other activities under STP Program: STP Workshop, updated STP policy, and updated program.

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 2

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 1

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 0

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 0

Other activities or funding sources monitored:

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): IML Public Works Committee meeting, reviewed CMAQ applications, SCM Public Works Committee

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June):

SCM April Business meeting, Pace meeting with Justice, ComEd Municipal Roundtable, IML Public Works, CMAP Transportation Committee, PL Meeting, Community Planning meeting with RTA, IML Legislative Day, SCM Transportation Committee meeting, Public Works Flagger Training, CMAP Board, CMAP Freight Committee, Council of Mayors Executive committee meeting, SCM Public Works committee meeting, SCM Dinner Meeting, CMAQ Project Selection Committee.

Council: Will County Council of Mayors

Communication and Public Involvement & General Liaison

Number of Council Meetings Held: 2

Number of CMAP Meetings Attended: 13

Please List: CMAP Transportation Committee (2), CMAP Environment and Natural Resources Committee (2), CMAP Land Use Committee, CMAP Freight Committee (2), Unified Work Program Committee, CMAP Human and Community Development Committee, CMAP/IDOT/PL Semi Annual Coordination Meeting, CMAP Board (2), Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Any other activities or meetings attended:

Program Development – Surface Transportation Program

Number of STP Projects Monitored: 36

Kick-Off Meetings Held: 4

Federal Coordination Meetings: 3

Number of STP Projects Let:

Any other activities under STP Program: Programming of project from 2014 call for new projects

Program Monitoring

Number of CMAQ Projects Monitored: 8

Number of TAP/ITEP Projects Monitored: 13

Number of HPP Projects Monitored: 4

Number of SRTS Projects Monitored: 10

Number of HBP Projects Monitored: 15

Number of HSIP Projects Monitored: 7

Number of Other Projects Monitored: 24

Other activities or funding sources monitored: Transportation and Community System and Preservation Funds, General Federal Funding, Private Funding, High Speed Rail Hazard Elimination Funds, Rail-Highway grade Crossing Funds, National Highway Performance Program

Technical Assistance

Activities, meetings or workshops attended that are of benefit to your Council or the Council of Mayors as a whole (include corridor studies/meetings, guideline reviews, methodology review, call for projects, newsletters, informational emails, etc.): Will County Division of Highway 2040 Transportation Plan, Will County Center for Economic Development Global Logistics Council, Will County Board, Will County Board Legislative Committee, Will County Board Public Works and Transportation Committee, Will County Managers Association Monthly Luncheon

Upcoming Months - Activities planned for the next quarter (April, May, June):

Continued active program management for WCGL's STP program and federally funded projects in Will County. Update with project sponsors the WCGL's 5 year STP program. Possibly issue a new call for projects and/or change the STP funding methodology based on the results of the sponsor updates to keep spending the whole mark. Begin a new transportation newsletter at least monthly, possibly bi-weekly. Change the staff on the WCGL's UWP grant to reflect the change in staff at the WCGL. Post the job position for a new second PL position at the WCGL.

Metra

FY 2011 PROJECTS

ORIGIN-DESTINATION SURVEY

Purpose: Update of the 2002, 2006 data on: Metra riders mode of access to and egress from all 240 Metra non-downtown year round stations; locations of homes and non-home destinations; trip purposes; usage of different ticket types concurrently with Metra "Station/Train Boarding and Alighting counts" project.

Project Manager(s): A. Christopher Wilson & Jason Osborn

Progress: Metra and RTA final customer satisfaction reports have been completed.

Products: Final reports.

Objectives for the Next Three Months (3/1-6/30/15): Completion of Methodology Report.

STATION/TRAIN BOARDING AND ALIGHTING COUNT

Purpose: Measure weekday passenger use at the rail station/train level, complementing other regularly collected ridership data which are at more aggregate levels of detail.

Project Manager(s): A. Christopher Wilson & Jason Osborn

Progress: Data collection and summary tables completed. Two reports released. After completion of the reports, Metra ordered from its vendor a recount at one station (which demonstrated that that station's original count was performed correctly).

Products: Two reports.

Objectives for the Next Three Months (3/1-6/30/15): Selected recounts, if needed. More selected station-level recounts, similar to the recount performed in FY2015 Q2, may yet be required for data validation.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Cost-Benefit Analysis of Proposed Metra Expansion Projects

Purpose: Perform cost benefit analysis on x Metra projects to assist in prioritization of projects identified as potential long-term expansion project in Metra's Strategic Plan.

Project Manager(s): David Kralik

Progress: Metra issued an RFP for Strategic Capital Planning Consulting Services in July 2014. Responses were due August 29, 2014 and a recommendation for this contract is slated to come before the Metra Board of Directors in April. The RFP indicated that the initial task under this consulting services contract would be for the Cost Benefit Analysis funded through UWP.

Products: none at this time.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Select consultant, award contract, and initiate work tasks.

FY 2015 PROJECTS

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Purpose: This program helps facilitate Metra's efforts in capital transit planning and administration. Metra is responsible for developing the capital and operating programs necessary to maintain, enhance, and expand commuter rail service in northeastern Illinois. Metra participates in the MPO process accordingly. Core element activities done by Metra include: regional transportation planning efforts; transit planning; private providers coordination; planning with protected populations; safety and security planning; facilitation of communication between local and regional governmental entities.

Project Manager(s): Holly Lown Waters

Progress: 2015 and 2015-2019 capital programs under development. 2014 Capital Program Amendments have been passed by Metra's and RTA's Board in August and September.

Products: 2015 Budget Book. 2015 and 2015-2019 Capital Programs, analysis of capital investment prioritization through use of the RTA's Capital Optimization Support Tool (COST)

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Pass the 2015, 2015-2019 Program and Budget. Program amendments and Budgets revisions. 2014 Program Amendment in November. Analysis of capital amendments through COST will continue throughout the year.

PACE

FY 2012 PROJECTS

RIDESHARE SERVICE PROGRAM

Purpose: The Pace Rideshare Program seeks to support individuals and employers in developing carpools and vanpools in support of regional plan objectives.

Project Manager: Kim Koy

Progress: For 2014, the Pace RideShare Program attracted a total of 2,179 new registered users to the website resulting in year-to-date (YTD) totals of 5,138 people registered. The YTD number of PaceRideShare.com new visitors is 24,042 and 6,935 returning visitors. The new visitor count dropped by 19.3% while the returning visitor count increased by 23.5% compared to 2013.

There were 36,348 matches and 6,723 searches conducted on the website for the year. The 2014 YTD number of registered carpools was 162, a 157% increase compared to 2013.

The 2014 communication activity increased by 152% (2,357 threads) compared to 2013 which had 934 total phone calls and email threads.

On our social media pages, the YTD number of likes and follows increased by 45.3% for Facebook and 47.2% for Twitter when compared to 2013.

Products: No giveaways or products were purchased with these grant funds. Funds were used for a successful fall regional campaign and hosting and technical support of the ridematching website for one year.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: The remaining UWP funds will be utilized for digital online and search campaign.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Elgin/O'Hare Western Bypass Corridor Transit Service Plan

Purpose: To create an incremental transit plan to grow the transit market in relation to economic development and land use development. The Elgin/O'Hare Western Access project is identified in GOTO 2040 as a major capital project under Regional Mobility and part of the recent Federal corridor approval. The market analysis will include detailed information on socioeconomic status, travel patterns, attitudes towards everyday travel, preferences of different type of of travel service, walking shed and land use coordination analysis.

Project Manager: Charlotte O'Donnell

Progress: The scope of work for the Elgin-O'Hare study was refined and revised to incorporate recent findings from the Cook-DuPage stakeholder involvement groups, which selected near, mid and long term alignments in this area for future development. The scope of work will be submitted to Pace's procurement and in the coming months and will be advertised to the public for bids.

Progress: The scope of work for the Elgin-O'Hare study was submitted to Pace's procurement department and in the coming months will be advertised to the public for bids.

Products: Refined scope for the Elgin-O'Hare Transit Service Plan.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Complete the procurement process for the Elgin-O'Hare Transit Service Plan and advertise to the public for bids.

FY 2015 PROJECTS

Rideshare Services Program

Purpose: The Pace Rideshare program supports individuals and employers in the Northeastern Illinois region in forming carpools and vanpools to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips, thereby reducing traffic congestion and air pollution, as well as providing transportation to improve job accessibility. A critical component of the program involves strategic marketing that achieves critical mass to improve the matching potential of the participants.

Project Manager: Kim Koy

Progress: Grant funds for staff time were utilized and designated for: (1) updating the employer module with 680 worksites, renaming 800 worksites by address and removing any duplicate employers; (2) processing 2,724 threads of communication regarding program inquiries, commuter analysis, ways to create new rideshare groups and information on joining existing rideshare group; (3) updating the text and user instructions on the Quick Ridematch web pages; (4) deleting 450 non-active users or users who opted out of the program; (5) promoting 55 rideshare groups seeking other commuters to join; (6) posting routing and stop locations for 50 vanpools; (7) preparing rideshare opportunities (new and existing groups to join) for Earth Day events at employer locations and (8) creating a letter to encourage Vanpool drivers to contact the PaceRideShare Program for assistance with finding riders.

The marketing grant funds were designated for a spring digital search campaign (estimated balance of \$10,162) and radio promotion (estimated costs of \$14,000). The campaign results and billing will be issued in May.

The search campaign included:

- Search
 - Paid search ads
 - Google content network ads – appear during a Google search
 - 1.8 billion impressions (estimated)

The radio promotion included:

- Total Traffic Network (covering entire Chicago market)
 - 16x general market stations (see attached list)
 - 20x spots/wk (100 total – 5 weeks)
 - :15 second length (live reads)
 - Impressions: 826,000

Products: No give-aways or products were purchased with these grant funds.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Staff focus will be on improving ridematching by updating routing and stop locations and times for 75 vanpools; connecting user profiles to worksite locations; enhancing retention of existing rideshare groups by filling open seats and analyzing commuter data to create new rideshare groups.

TIP Development and Modeling

Purpose: To develop a fiscally constrained Pace bus Capital Improvement Program for the Northeastern Illinois region which is consistent with and supportive of the five year regional TIP.

Project Manager: Vicky Tan

Progress: In the third quarter, Pace staff prepared an amendment to Pace’s 2015 Capital Program for approval by the Pace Board and RTA Board. The amendment included items such as the deletion of CMAQ funding for vanpool vehicles because the project was not selected for funding by CMAP and addition of RTA ICE funding and Pace funding for various capital projects. Staff also updated the TIP to include current capital projects in Pace’s 2015-2019 Capital Program.

Products: 1) Amendment #1 for Pace’s 2015 Capital Program. 2) TIP updates

Objectives for the Next Three Months: 1) Prepare amendment #2 for the FY2015 Capital Program to reflect the 2015 apportionments for FTA formula programs published in the Federal Register. 2) Update the TIP Database. 3) Prepare budget call for FY2016 Capital Program.

Pace/CTA North Shore Transit Service Coordination Plan

Purpose: Pace will review Pace and CTA services in the North Shore area, specifically services serving Evanston and Skokie, to reduce duplication of service, optimize routes and schedules, and to ensure efficient allocation of scarce transit resources. The review shall include an

evaluation of route statistics and productivity as well as a review of journey to work data for the study area.

Project Manager: Dan Dembinski

Progress: The project is in the purchasing queue pending concurrence of the scope of work and bid package.

Products: Scope of work and bid package.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: When concurrence is acknowledged the Pace Buyer will forward the Pace Board Package for this project. Upon Pace Board acceptance the Scope will go out to bid and a contractor will be chosen. Kickoff of the project will follow.

Customer Satisfaction Survey for ADA Paratransit and Vanpool

Purpose: Pace will conduct a Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) Study of Pace's Vanpool and ADA Paratransit services. The overarching goal of the study is to provide continued evaluation of service performance through the eyes of Pace customers so transportation needs can be met, loyalty strengthened, and ridership increased.

Project Manager: Richard Yao

Progress: Pace Marketing Research has completed the drafting of RFP, and compiling the vendor list. Currently it is in the process of posting the RFP on Pace website, and sending the invitation to vendors to bid for the project.

Products: Draft RFP, and vendor list.

Objectives for the Next Three Months: Choose the right contractor for the project.

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

FY 2012 PROJECTS

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Purpose: The RTA will provide technical assistance on transit-oriented development implementation to local governments that have completed and adopted transit-oriented development plans through the RTA's Community Planning and Subregional Planning programs (approximately 70). This work will support the CMAP GO TO 2040 Plan's emphasis on providing targeted technical assistance to local governments and will supplement CMAP's technical assistance efforts through the Local Technical Assistance Program.

Project Manager: Tony Manno

Progress: Northbrook is still working on collecting public comments prior to bringing their draft ordinance to the Village Board. The Geneva Downtown Zoning Ordinance Update is still underway and all recommended zoning updates have been incorporated into a draft version of the community-wide zoning code. The steering committee has yet to meet to review the final draft but plan to do so in April or May.

The consultant team of Duncan Associates has been selected for the 2015 TOD Zoning projects (Forest Park, Highwood, Brookfield & Evanston) and the contract is executed. Kick-off meetings have been scheduled for mid-April.

Products: Final Geneva draft ordinance for Plan Commission & City Council approval, final Northbrook draft ordinance for public comment, Plan Commission and Village Board approval.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Adopt new Northbrook and Geneva regulations and complete initial Scope of Work tasks for Forest Park, Highwood, Brookfield & Evanston.

FY 2013 PROJECTS

I-90 Corridor Bus Enhancements Planning

Purpose: The purpose of the project planning is for mid-term and long-term bus enhancements to complement and leverage bus service improvements and managed lane facility planned as part of the I-90 ISTHA reconstruction project. Supporting agencies are Pace and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.

Project Manager: Peter Fahrenwald/ Nicole Nutter

Progress: Additional data was obtained regarding traffic on roadways near the site. Individual meetings were held with agencies to further discuss the project. The final report was prepared and distributed for comments. Most of the discussions revolved around the Executive Summary as the remainder of the report was already vetted with the committee. Some comments were received, discussed and incorporated. The consultant has completed their portion of the work. RTA staff will be taking over the project and incorporation of comments from here.

For the remaining funds not to be used by the Initial Study, work has been done to potentially extend the grant. We intend to use the remaining funds to conduct a financing study. A RFP was released and responses were received. Contract negotiations have yet to happen.

Products: Executive Summary was prepared and revised. Final versions of the subsequent report parts were provided.

Objectives for Next Three Months: The contract with TY Lin for the Station analysis has been completed. A smaller additional analysis is expected to happen in Spring/Summer of 2015 to complete a financing study to better understand the plausibility of various concepts.

RTA Capital Decision Prioritization Tool

Purpose: With some of the nation's oldest transit assets, the RTA transit system has significant reinvestment needs, including an estimated \$24.6 billion over the next ten years to attain a state of good repair (SGR), which is more than three times higher than the projected funding during the same period. In order to improve the decision-making processes and prioritize investments given constrained funding, the RTA is developing the Capital Decision Prioritization Support Tool (the Decision Support Tool) to assist the Service Boards as they annually prepare their respective capital program needs to manage day-to-day operations and obtain a State of Good Repair. The Decision Support Tool will serve to assist the RTA in establishing a process for the evaluation of long range planning items, such as major system enhancement and expansions. The Decision Support Tool will be founded on FTA's existing TERM model and will utilize the Maintain, Enhance and Expand criteria, and scoring process developed by the RTA in coordination with Service Board staff. This proposal is seeking funding for the prioritization process for Enhance and Expand investments. With the requested funding, the consultant will work with the RTA and the Service Boards to develop the rating criteria, scoring methods and data requirements for Enhance and Expand investments. The identified rating criteria will be implemented in the development of the final Decision Support Tool.

Project Manager: Eunice M. Escobar

Progress: The State of Good Repair (Maintain) portion of the Capital Optimization Support Tool (COST) has been completed. The consultant (CH2M Hill) completed the early phase of the Expansion and Enhancement portion of COST with RTA funds. In January the RTA presented to the RTA Board the Capital Asset Condition Assessment 2014 Report. In February of 2015, the RTA and consultants met individually with members of each Service Board, at their respective headquarters to continue the review of the consultant's Scope of Work and tailor remaining

work to the needs of the Service Boards. A team composed of RTA employees from Strategic Planning and Policy, Budget, Performance and Business Analysis and Programming Oversight and Compliance Division along with the Chief Financial Officer met every week to review Service Board comments and draft revised Scope of Work to transmit to consultants. This revised Scope of Work does not have significant impact in the Scope of Work under contract with CH2M Hill. Work completed by the consultant during this quarter is as follows:

- Started work to add 10 more years of prioritization analysis. However, due to potential scope change, this work was suspended until final scope revisions are complete.
- Provided update on Pace's 2014 report appendices.
- RTA and consultant worked in preparation for COST training to take place the end of April at RTA, Metra and Pace headquarters.
- RTA hosted conference calls with Pace to review 2014 report appendices.
- Develop report for the RTA identifying Service Board's assets in worn condition.

Products: Final Decision Support Tool

Objectives for Next Three Months: COST training at RTA, Metra, and Pace. Complete scope of work revisions, complete contract extension, and continue work on COST modifications.

FY 2014 PROJECTS

Community Planning Technical Assistance

Purpose: The Community Planning Program provides planning assistance to local governments to undertake planning activities that integrate transportation (particularly transit) with land use and housing. Projects selected through a competitive application process administered jointly by CMAP and RTA.

Project Manager: Heather Tabbert

Progress: For the Melrose Park Broadway Avenue Corridor Plan: the draft corridor plan was developed, followed by a steering committee meeting, Plan Commission meeting, and public open house to review the draft plan. For the Pace Local Transit Planning for Hoffman Estates, Waukegan & Beach Park, and Woodridge Project: the RTA Task Order RFP scope of work was finalized. For the Kane County Ride-in-Kane Assessment Project: the draft implementation strategies report was created.

Products: For Melrose Park: interim deliverables include the draft corridor plan. For Kane County: interim deliverables include the draft implementation strategies report.

Objectives for Next Three Months: For Melrose Park: the corridor plan will be nearing completion. For Pace: the RTA Task Order RFP will be released, proposals will be reviewed,

and the consultant team will be selected. For Kane County: the draft final report will be prepared.

FY 2015 PROJECTS

Community Planning Program Staff Support

Purpose: The Community Planning Program provides grants and consultant assistance to local governments to undertake planning activities that integrate transportation (particularly transit) with land use and housing. RTA staff performs program and project management activities in support of the program.

Project Manager: Heather Tabbert

Progress: Staff activities this quarter included project management activities for existing Community Planning projects, including attending Steering Committee meetings and public open houses, reviewing draft materials and providing direction and input on the planning process to consultant teams or municipal project sponsors. Staff also spent significant time on individual project procurements for the 2015 Community Planning projects, including finalizing procurement materials, scopes of work, coordination with grantees and reviewing proposals. Staff also spent significant time preparing a CMAQ application for projects selected as part of the RTA's Access to Transit Improvement Program, which implements local recommendations developed through the Community Planning Program.

Products: N/A

Objectives for Next Three Months: Continued program and project management of 2015 Community Planning program and associated projects. Launch 2016 Community Planning Call for Projects.

Stable Funding for Collar Counties Coordinated Paratransit Systems

Purpose: RTA will conduct a study to identify a consistent and stable funding source for paratransit systems operating in the collar counties.

Project Manager: Beata Welsh

Progress: One team of consultants was selected for contract negotiations. The negotiation process is complete. A contract will be finalized during the next quarter.

Products: None at this time.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Execution of the contract and initiate the project tasks.

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Project Manager: Heather Tabbert

Progress: Scopes of work were developed for each of the three projects (The Village of Bartlett TOD Plan, Pace – North Avenue Corridor Study, Village of Worth TOD Plan) and individual project procurements are currently underway. Consultant selection and procurement expected to be completed in 4th Quarter 2015.

Products: Procurement materials.

Objectives for Next Three Months: Complete individual project procurements, complete contracting, obtain consultant selection concurrence and kick-off projects.

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