Federal rules require agreement among the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the State and the public transportation operators concerning mutual responsibilities in carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process.

The MPO Policy Committee and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board are the policy bodies of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning for northeastern Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), representing the state of Illinois; the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) as the financial oversight agency for the transit operators; and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), the Commuter Rail Board (Metra), and the Suburban Bus Board (Pace), as operators of publicly owned transit services, each have a voting representative on the MPO Policy Committee.

The specific responsibilities and procedures for carrying out a cooperative process for each fiscal year are delineated by the project and study descriptions in the region’s Unified Work Program document per 23 CFR 450.314(a). Each party agrees that the responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming are as described in the project and study descriptions in the Unified Work Program for Northeastern Illinois. Furthermore, each party agrees that it will participate cooperatively in carrying out transportation planning and programming following the guidance as described in 23 CFR 450.

The parties agree to coordinate and develop a performance based approach to planning per 23 CFR 450.314(h) and jointly agree to cooperatively develop and share information related to Transit Asset Management (49 CFR 625), including the selection of performance targets, reporting performance targets, and the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for northeastern Illinois through the MPO transportation improvement program. After Transit Asset Management plans are finalized, the parties agree to work in good faith and cooperatively to develop mutually agreeable written procedures for data collection and reporting that comply with 23 CFR 450.314(h) and updated as agreed to by the parties.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning 05/18/18 Date

Regional Transportation Authority 5/8/18 Date

Illinois Department of Transportation 5/8/18 Date

Chicago Transit Authority 5/11/18 Date

Metra Date

Pace Date