



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Transportation Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: 9/25/2014

Re: Recommendation to Adopt GO TO 2040 Plan Update

At their October 8 meeting, the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee will be asked to consider adoption of the GO TO 2040 plan update.

Revisions to the full plan update, based on public comments, were discussed at the September meetings of the Board and its committees. Several minor edits were made to the document based on these discussions. These changes include clarifying that the A-2 flyover remains under evaluation as part of the Metra UP West major capital project, updating data on the number of completed CREATE projects, and updating the graph depicting the age of the region's municipal comprehensive plans.

GO TO 2040 was adopted after a four year effort to reach consensus around a series of policies that will guide the region toward a vision of sustainable prosperity through mid-century and beyond. In 2010, the plan's major capital projects were evaluated and selected based on their ability to implement those policies. The fiscally constrained projects remain the same in the final draft plan update. The only exceptions are the three completed projects that have been removed from the fiscal constraint and the two new projects added by amendment in 2013. During the Public Comment process, there was significant discussion about the Illiana. But, no new information has come to light over the past year that is likely to change the positions of either board with respect to the project.

The latest version of the plan update is online at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/2040/update>. Copies will be available for you at your meeting next week and the final version will be sent to the printer following the plan's adoption.

Additionally, two other technical components of the GO TO 2040 plan update require consideration as part of the plan's adoption: an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the conformity determination. A full update to the TIP and associated documentation was undertaken in the spring. The TIP implements the transportation recommendations of the

GO TO 2040 plan update, and provides accountability for the use of federal transportation dollars in the region. The TIP documentation can be found at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/tip>.

The air quality impacts of transportation projects in GO TO 2040 and the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014-2019 TIP were evaluated through a conformity analysis. This analysis found that The GO TO 2040 plan update and the FFY 2014-2019 TIP meets all applicable requirements for conformity to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act. The documentation is available at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/2040/update>.

Concurrent with the GO TO 2040 public outreach, a formal comment period on the TIP and conformity analysis was held from June 13 to August 1. No comments were received on either the FFY 2014-2019 TIP or conformity analysis. There were inquires and discussions about various TIP projects that staff responded to at the public hearing meetings. The TIP Document was updated to further detail the sub-allocation process for federal transit funds. The language on environmental justice was revised to clarify the analyses completed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommendation for adoption of the FFY 2014-2019 TIP, the conformity determination, and the full GO TO 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan update by the MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board.