



MEMORANDUM

To: Freight Committee
From: CMAP Staff
Date: November 17, 2014
Re: Work plan for the remainder of FY 2015

Numerous freight initiatives are underway at the federal, state, and local levels. Additionally, CMAP staff introduced various upcoming research efforts at the Freight Committee’s meeting in September, including the freight planning framework and two series of Policy Updates. To help organize the Freight Committee’s work, staff proposes the following agenda for the remainder of FY 2015.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

NOVEMBER 2014 - JANUARY 2015

Freight planning framework	Develop universe of freight policies and programs to be studied. Introduce methodologies to study the identified policies and programs.
Policy updates	Review freight volumes and value entering and exiting the region. Review and contextualize intermodal trends. Review truck routing issues.
Federal and state legislative updates	As needed (state veto session and federal lame duck sessions will convene during this period).
External presentations	Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways Long-Range Transportation Plan
Other items	Detailed review of 2014 Municipal Survey Results. Review past CMAP work on economic development and freight. National Highway System (NHS) updates. Updates on other relevant work at CMAP.

MARCH 2015 - MAY 2015

Freight planning framework	Introduction of programming questions. Introduction of methodologies to study the identified programming questions.
Policy updates	Review truck permitting issues; refer to counties' LTA project as appropriate. Review truck parking and off-hours delivery issues. Discuss general challenges facing the region's freight system.
Federal and state legislative updates	As needed (new General Assembly and new Congress will convene during this period; significant discussion anticipated with MAP-21 reauthorization).
External presentations	None identified.
Other items	Review of MAP-21 rulemaking on freight performance measures. Updates on other relevant work at CMAP.
