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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Angela Manning-Hardimon
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: March 1, 2017

Re: Contract Increase for Stormwater Engineering

The CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program is meant to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 by providing resources to local governments. Over 140 projects have been completed through the LTA program, with 46 more underway. Most projects are led by CMAP staff, but some require external assistance to augment CMAP staff expertise.

In September 2015, the CMAP Board approved a contract with four engineering firms to assist with stormwater planning: Conservation Design Forum/Geosyntec; Hey and Associates/Michael Baker; Strand Associates; and Christopher B. Burke Engineering. The contracts were approved for three years (including option years), for a maximum of \$75,000 per year, for a contract value not to exceed \$150,000 combined. Funding support for these contracts is from Cook County Community Development Block Grants-Disaster Resilience (CDBG-DR), in addition to philanthropic funding from the MacArthur Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust, and UWP funds for those projects that directly impact transportation.

CMAP has found great value in the involvement of these contractors in multiple projects, because flooding is among the greatest challenges faced by communities in many parts of the region. While CMAP staff has developed expertise in stormwater planning, the involvement of professional engineers has brought a level of depth and detail to the work that cannot be replicated by our staff. The number of projects that the four contractors have been involved in has exceeded staff's original expectations, and the limit of \$150,000 will shortly be reached.

Staff recommends that the Board increase the contract limit for stormwater engineering support to \$400,000, to be expended during the remainder of the second option year and the final option year of the contract. Support for this project will continue to be from the funding sources listed above (primarily CDBG-DR, with some contributions from MacArthur, the Chicago Community Trust, and UWP), and expenditures will be contingent on the continuation of these grants.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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