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Transportation Policy Analyst (TPA520)

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Company/Agency: **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning**

Job Category: **Associate**

Experience Required: **2-5 years of non-intern experience**

Salary Range: **\$60,137- \$76,073**

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is hiring an Associate Transportation Policy Analyst who will advance the recommendations of the agency's long-range plan through additional research, writing, analysis, and stakeholder engagement. The position will also support capital programming and local technical assistance projects. CMAP is our region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are now implementing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. These strategies are emphasized through three overarching principles: Inclusive Growth, Resilience and Prioritized Investment. The agency's core values that drive our work product as well as the work environment are to serve with passion; pursue equity; foster collaboration; lead with excellence and drive innovation.

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Position Purpose

The Associate will produce analysis on a variety of transportation topics, make committee presentations, and develop policy recommendations. Immediate initiatives include conducting research and helping lead a CMAP task force to implement ON TO 2050 recommendations on emerging mobility technology, utilizing technical skills and applying policy insight. Longer-term assignments will include analysis to implement other aspects of CMAP's policy and programming agenda, as highlighted in ON TO 2050. Work in this area will connect CMAP's policies and research on transportation, development, environment, regional economy, and other topics. The Associate will also contribute analysis for local plans as well as investment decisions in transit, highway, and non-motorized transportation facilities. The incumbent will help forge consensus around transportation priorities by working collaboratively with metropolitan planning organization (MPO) member agencies and other CMAP stakeholders.

Responsibilities

- Lead stakeholder processes to develop policy recommendations
- Conduct literature reviews, best practices research, quantitative analysis, and stakeholder interviews to prepare reports, policy updates, memos and other material to implement and expand on the recommendations of ON TO 2050.
- Make presentations to CMAP committees and interact directly with stakeholders, including transportation professionals and elected officials.
- Represent CMAP on task forces, project studies, and at partner organization meetings.
- Help carry out quantitative analyses of potential transportation strategies and evaluate candidate transportation projects.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Ability to lead stakeholder processes
- Ability to synthesize multiple points of view.
- Excellent data management skills and the ability to generate and present findings from these data.
- Ability to prepare technical information on issues of public policy and transportation planning and to effectively communicate that information clearly to external and internal audiences orally, in writing, and in presentations.
- Ability to lead moderately complex research projects and produce reports and issue briefs that are factual, original, compelling, and persuasive.
- Competence statistical work, desktop computer databases, and spreadsheet analysis.
- General knowledge of federal surface transportation policy and funding/financing programs as well as a good understanding of the relationship between land use and transportation.

Education and Experience

- An undergraduate degree in Planning, Engineering, Economics, Public Policy, or a directly related field is required; a Master's degree is strongly preferred.
- Two to five years of non-intern experience in a research-driven policy, planning, or analytical role is required.
- Ability to work effectively in an environment using Microsoft Office Suite, with adaptability to other software.

How to Apply

Please submit cover letter and résumé via the web at www.cmap.illinois.gov/about/careers. Please refer to **Job Code (TPA520)**.

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