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MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee
From: CMAP staff
Date: March 14, 2013
Re: Metropolitan Planning Area Expansion

The Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary is the boundary in which the federally regulated metropolitan transportation planning process must be carried out.

The MPA must encompass the Census defined urbanized area (UZA) and the contiguous geographic area(s) likely to become urbanized within the next 20 years. The 2010 Census included portions of DeKalb County in northeastern Illinois' UZA. The recommendation is that the MPO Policy Committee approves expanding the MPA to include the Sandwich and Somonauk townships of DeKalb County, as illustrated on the attached map.

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