



## MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Coordinating Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: February 6, 2019

Re: Local Capacity Building Program – Input Gathering Presentation (2018.009)

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CMAP is developing a new Local Capacity Building set of services to provide local communities with a set of targeted technical assistance designed to build the capacity of local governments to resolve the increasingly complex issues they face in their communities.

This comprehensive program targets communities hampered by local resource constraints - specifically, the availability of knowledge and skills, staff time, funding, or all three. These “capacity constrained communities” tend to serve vulnerable populations, including people of color and lower-income households, where the effective deployment of public investment and the attraction of private re-investment is essential for residents to thrive. Some communities that have the greatest need for effective planning also have the least capacity to support such activities.

We are in the development of a portfolio of assistance primarily supported by CMAP Local Planning staff to build upon the reputation and foundation of trust established by the LTA program. The program will draw upon the resources and expertise of many others at CMAP, other government agencies, and key external partner organizations, such as non-profits, stormwater agencies, and transportation implementers.

Initially the portfolio is proposed to consist of four new or enhanced components that support capacity building: Comprehensive Professional Development, Plan Implementation Assistance, Coordinated Investment Studies, and a demonstration project for Embedded Staff Planners.

Staff will present the in-progress approach to the Coordinating Committee on February 13, 2019, and will request feedback and advice from the committee that we can use to inform the program approach.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion