



MEMORANDUM

To: Working Committees
From: Drew Williams-Clark
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Re: GO TO 2040 Update Process

Background

GO TO 2040 was adopted by the CMAP Board in October of 2010 and serves as the metropolitan transportation plan for the 7-county Chicago region. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21) was signed into law in 2012, funding surface transportation programs through June of 2014. The law requires that GO TO 2040 be updated by October of 2014. The update involves several projects that were adopted as part of the agency work plan for FY14 by the CMAP board in June. Staff work on these projects has already begun.

Overview

The GO TO 2040 Update will include new elements required by MAP-21 and other necessary updates. Given the long time horizon of GO TO 2040, positive impacts documented in the past two annual Implementation Reports, and the success of the Local Technical Assistance program, staff do not anticipate changing the text plan chapters or recommendations as part of the update. GO TO 2040 indicators will be updated with the most recent data to measure plan performance. The implementation action areas (matrices) at the end of each chapter of GO TO 2040 will also be updated in coordination with the nearer term Plan Implementation Report project. The plan update will include an updated list of fiscally constrained major capital projects. The projects identified in GO TO 2040 will be used as a baseline. These projects, as well as projects that are currently considered fiscally unconstrained, will be re-evaluated in the context of updated financial plan and socioeconomic forecasts. Implementing agencies will also have the ability to suggest new projects to be evaluated and considered. Staff will begin these conversations over the course of the summer.

Process

Staff will provide regular program updates and seek input from the Transportation committee, and other working committees, throughout the life of the project. The Regional Coordinating Committee will also play a key role in advising the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Below is a brief description of each project's process and a rough timeline for interim deliverables. Staff will conduct other outreach activities to engage the counties, Councils of Mayors, project implementers, and other stakeholders throughout the process as appropriate.

Financial Plan

GO TO 2040 includes a fiscal constraint for transportation investments, totaling \$385 Billion in core and reasonably expected revenues over the plan period. This project's objective is to update revenue and expenditure information and the overall fiscal constraint of the plan. Staff anticipates that revenues and expenditures necessary to maintain the region's transportation system will be confirmed by January of 2014. Funding will be allocated by project category, including the relatively small portion of overall expenditures devoted to major capital projects, by March of 2014.

Major Capital Projects

The GO TO 2040 update will include a fiscally constrained list of major capital projects, per federal requirements. The projects identified in GO TO 2040, as adopted in October 2010, will be used as a baseline. These projects, as well as projects that are currently considered fiscally unconstrained, will be re-evaluated in the context of the updated financial plan described above and socioeconomic forecasts updated by staff. Implementing agencies will also have the ability to suggest new projects to be evaluated and considered. Staff anticipates that the universe of major capital projects will be identified by November of 2013. Measures used to evaluate the list of major capital projects will be final by January of 2014. Both fiscally constrained and unconstrained major capital projects will be finalized in April of 2014.

Implementation Actions

The update to GO TO 2040 will not involve rewriting the plan's text. However, it will involve updating the implementation action area tables that describe how the recommendations of GO TO 2040 will be implemented. Staff anticipates that these tables will be updated to reflect current implementation status by January of 2014. Work on this project will take place in coordination with the nearer term GO TO 2040 Implementation Report project.

Indicator Updates

GO TO 2040 includes a set of indicators to track the plan's progress toward implementation. The Year 2 implementation report for GO TO 2040 included updates on several of these indicators, including modifying the way in which the indicator is measured to respond to data availability. This project will build upon that analysis to update the GO TO 2040 indicators, including modifying measures and future targets if appropriate. Staff anticipates that a report on the selection of new indicators in cases where they are necessary, or confirmation of use of initial indicators, will be final by November of 2013. An updated set of indicators and long-term and short-term targets will be completed by March of 2014.

Plan Preparation

The GO TO 2040 update will consist primarily of updated indicators, updated implementation action area tables, and an updated list of fiscally constrained major capital projects. These updated materials will be released for public comment in June 2014. This project involves the preparation of the materials that will be released for public comment by June of 2014.