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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

**Date:** January 2, 2008

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Re:** FY 2009 Unified Work Program

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The Unified Work Program (UWP) Committee is about to undertake its FY 2009 development process. In the past several months the Committee has taken efforts toward improving accountability for funded projects. These efforts have culminated in the first UWP quarterly report for FY 2008 projects, which can be found at [http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/committees/uwp/documents/fy\\_2008\\_q1\\_uwp.pdf](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/committees/uwp/documents/fy_2008_q1_uwp.pdf). These reports describe progress and future objectives toward deliverables. CMAP staff will continue to publish these reports shortly after the close of each quarter.

The UWP Committee also seeks to improve the quality of proposed projects by placing a greater emphasis on strong proposals with clear deliverables. Along these lines, planning staff at CMAP have reached out to other agencies on the UWP Committee regarding their potential to propose work directly related to the regional comprehensive planning process. The intention is to stimulate end-products contributing to more effective and efficient regional planning.

CMAP staff and the UWP Committee would benefit further from any discussion or statements of support by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee regarding either or both of the following matters: 1) ensuring the quality of approved UWP projects by prioritizing proposals which indicate a list of timely deliverables and 2) further prioritization of the competitive element's list of ten regional focus areas.

For your information, the following are the elements of the FY 2009 Unified Work Program Development Process:

Core Program

*Shall consist of the five federally required products of the MPO*

- Long Range Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Unified Work Program
- Public Participation Plan
- Congestion Management Process

Discretionary Program Element (Competitive Selection)

*Shall consist of projects that support the attainment of the Region's Focus Areas.*

- Integration of Transportation and Land Use Planning
- Congestion Relief (Multi-Modal) (Management, Research and Analysis)
- Environmental Impacts of Transportation Decisions
- Development of Comprehensive Regional Plan
- Transportation's Role in Economic and Community Development
- Jobs-Housing-Transportation Planning
- Transportation Issues for Seniors and People with Disabilities
- Financing the Transportation System
- Public Involvement in Transportation and Comprehensive Planning
- Providing Technical Assistance

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