

## UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) Unified Work Program (UWP) for transportation planning for northeastern Illinois programs a total expenditure of \$18,414,697 in planning funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), state and local sources. The program is fiscally constrained, as the new budget totals are within the IDOT estimated funding marks (\$13,732,275 FHWA PL and \$4,682,422 FTA).

The UWP was developed through the UWP Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Voting members represent: Councils of Mayors, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), City of Chicago, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), counties of under one million in population, Pace and Metra. IDOT serves as the chair of the committee who votes in case of ties; non-voting members who participated in the discussions of the UWP Committee represent CMAP staff, FHWA, FTA and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The UWP Committee annually develops the UWP for northeastern Illinois.

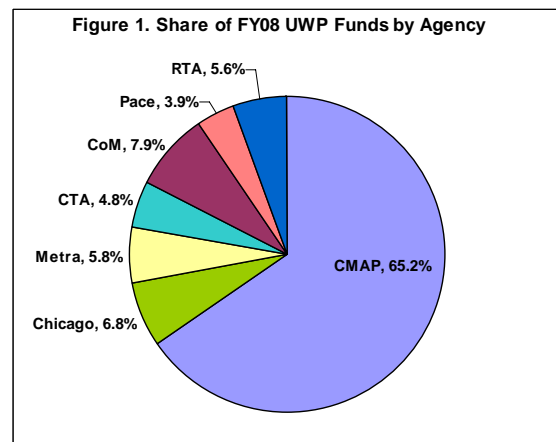
The FY08 UWP is a one year program covering the State of Illinois fiscal year from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The UWP Committee developed the FY08 program based on the UWP funding mark for the metropolitan planning area. Project selection was guided using a three-tiered process: the initial tier funded Core elements, which address the CMAP requirements for meeting federal certification of the metropolitan transportation planning process, the second tier used to address the Supplemental Core elements including submissions from Metra, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Councils of Mayors, City of Chicago and Pace and the third tier, the Competitive Selection process to program the remaining funds that involves all the above mentioned agencies as well as Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The UWP development process is discussed further in Appendix K. The UWP is submitted to the CMAP board and the Transportation Committee, which makes a recommendation to the Policy Committee, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois. Approval by the Policy Committee signifies official MPO endorsement of the UWP.

FY08 UWP funds will be programmed to CMAP, CTA, the City of Chicago, RTA, Metra, Pace, and the Regional Councils of Mayors. The program continues to be focused on the implementation of three major pieces of legislation: the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Projects which support implementation of the Interagency Agreement for Regional Planning in Northeastern Illinois (reaffirmed in 2000) will receive funding. Other projects support ongoing regional transportation planning, programming and implementation efforts.

### **Funding by Agency**

Figure 1 shows the share of FY08 UWP funds programmed to each agency. CMAP is receiving 65.2% of the new FHWA PL and FTA section 5303 funds to collect and analyze transportation data, support required MPO activities and perform transportation studies. Most of CMAP's activities support the implementation of the interagency agreement and to coordinate transportation planning with comprehensive regional planning, land use plans, urban development objectives, and the region's overall social, economic and civil rights goals and objectives. The CTA, RTA, Metra and Pace are receiving 4.8%, 5.6%, 5.8% and 3.9% of the funds, respectively, to perform studies related to their systems, to prepare recommended improvement programs and to plan coordinated service.

The City of Chicago is receiving 6.8% of the funds to perform studies of facilities proposed within its boundaries and gather data. The Regional Councils of Mayors are receiving 7.9% in order to assist local elected officials to participate effectively in the MPO process, as well as to undertake subregional studies.



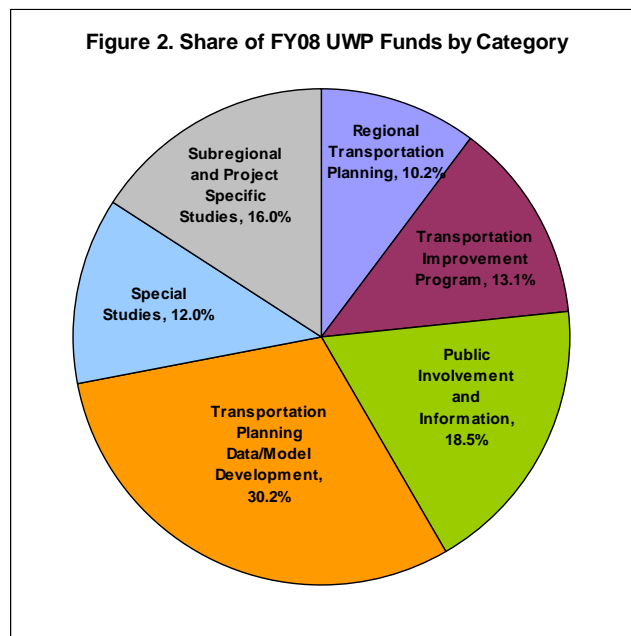
Agency budgets, including the local match, are summarized in the following table:

Agency	Total	FTA	PL
CMAP	\$12,003,482.00	\$982,992.00	\$11,020,490.00
Chicago	\$1,250,000.00		\$1,250,000.00
Metra	\$1,075,000.00	\$1,075,000.00	
CTA	\$875,430.00	\$875,430.00	
CoM	\$1,461,785.00		\$1,461,785.00
Pace	\$724,000.00	\$724,000.00	
RTA	\$1,025,000.00	\$1,025,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,414,697.00</b>	<b>\$4,682,422.00</b>	<b>\$13,732,275.00</b>

Note: Local match included.

### **Funding by Program Category**

The FY08 UWP is divided into six major program categories, which were endorsed by the Work Program Committee in 2001. The organization of the UWP is designed to reflect the importance the MPO attaches to different program categories. The program categories are briefly described below and Figure 2 shows the share of FY08 UWP funds going to each category. Each program category is comprised of program components, which are used to delineate specific tasks or functions under the broad category and help group similar projects together. Together, the program components represent the general topical areas that are addressed by projects in the program category.



#### 1. Regional Transportation Planning

The projects in this program category fall under three general topical areas: Comprehensive Plan Development, Analysis of Socioeconomic and Land Use/Transportation Relationships and projects are undertaken to create and update the transportation component of the region's comprehensive plan. The 2030 RTP (*Shared Path 2030*) was adopted by the CATS Policy Committee in October 2003 and made SAFETEA-Lu compliant in June of 2007. The plan is on a four-year plan cycle and the update is expected to be approved in October 2010.

Projects addressing issues related to the Analysis of Socioeconomic and Land Use/Transportation Relationships are done to support transportation planning and programming in the region. Tasks include the preparation of population, household and employment forecasts, and analyses of land use/transportation relationships that are necessary for developing transportation plans.

The Interagency Agreement for Regional Planning in Northeastern Illinois establishes the development of a comprehensive land use plan, and its use to guide transportation planning, as important regional planning goals. This agreement will be updated to reflect the region's new planning structure. Continuing efforts will focus on implementing the plan, especially in linking local land use decisions to regional issues of growth management, transportation and the environment.

The budget for this program category is \$1,876,000, which is 10.2% of the total FY08 UWP budget.

2. Transportation Improvement Program

The projects in this category help to create and maintain a prioritized, fiscally constrained capital improvement program for the northeastern Illinois region, which is consistent with and supportive of regional comprehensive and functional plans and federal rules. The budget for this category is \$2,415,430, which is 13.1% of the total UWP.

3. Public Involvement and Information

The projects in this program category create and employ mechanisms for obtaining input from individuals and groups in the development of UWP funded plans and programs, inform the public about transportation planning activities in the region, and respond to requests for information, reports and data. This category includes support for the Council of Mayors, which is a critical link between regional transportation planning agencies and the general public. The regional agencies continually work to expand and improve their public involvement efforts. Funds allocated to this category total \$3,399,267, or 18.5% of the UWP budget.

4. Transportation Planning Data/Model Development

The projects in this category are focused on the collection, display and dissemination of primary and secondary data related to transportation and demographics. These projects provide the technical tools and basic data for the region's transportation planning and plan implementation efforts. The category specifically does not include analysis or use of the data in other projects. The total funds allocated to this category are \$5,570,000 or 30.2% of FY08 UWP funding.

5. Special Studies

There are three topical areas in this program category: Asset Management, Special Groups, and Environmental Studies. Asset Management focuses on preserving the value of existing assets, such as transit systems and highway facilities, through planning and resource management. Projects addressing Asset Management include those designed to develop operational, demand and information technology strategies to improve the efficiency of the transportation system including the Congestion Management Process.

Special Groups includes projects designed to improve transportation services for protected classes under applicable laws and regulations, and to ensure that the transportation planning process is accessible and responsive to members of minority groups and other protected classes. Environmental Studies projects include technical studies and management efforts to contribute to improving the region's air quality, to provide for regional participation and contribution to statewide air quality planning activities, and to see that environmental issues are properly addressed in the region's transportation plan.

The budget for this program category is \$2,214,000, representing 12.0% of the total UWP budget.

6. Subregional and Project Specific Studies

The projects in this category are concerned with developing transportation plans for areas smaller than the entire region, or performing studies of specific proposed transportation improvements. These efforts support implementation of the regional transportation plan by performing special studies to confirm the need for transit and highway improvements, and provide the basis for more detailed consideration of alternative solutions. The budget for the category is \$2,940,000, or 16.0% of the total UWP.

### **Program Funding Summary Tables**

On the following pages are three tables that summarize the contents of the FY08 UWP.

- Table 1 shows the allocation of all planning funds by program category, recipient agency and funding source. The local match for the federal funds is shown as a separate line item.
- Table 2, the Summary of UWP Projects and Budgets, provides project-by-project detail on the distribution of planning funds. Local match is included in the figures shown, and FTA funds and PL funds are shown as separate line items for each project.
- Table 3 summarizes the distribution of planning funds for each project by the recipient agency, rather than by the UWP program category. These figures also include the local match.

### **UWP Document Layout**

The remainder of the FY08 UWP is divided into the following sections:

- Section II – contains a listing of the major planning products to be produced in FY08, the scheduled completion date of each product, and the lead agency responsible for ensuring the completion of the product on schedule.
- Section III – is the main body of the UWP and provides detailed information on all of the projects funded by the FY08 UWP. It also includes the program category and work element descriptions, and budgets at the program category level. The work element descriptions include all of the anticipated products, as well as the steps needed to produce them and the dates they are due. All detailed budgets include local match, where required.
- Appendices – address the topics of sources of local match, overhead cost plans, civil rights, staffing needs to meet UWP-funded projects, cost allocation plans, object class budgets, audits, comments received on the preliminary UWP, acronyms used in the document, non-UWP funded transportation projects in the region, and the project selection process used to develop the FY08 UWP.