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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Annotated Agenda

Wednesday, November 9, 2011--9:30 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order and Introductions** 9:30 a.m.
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair
- 2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**
Board Member changes: welcoming of new Board member Heather Weed Niehoff and thanking Joe Deal for his years of service on the CMAP Board.
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes –October 12, 2011**
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 **Executive Director’s Report**
 - 4.1 Special Conformity Analysis
 - 4.2 LTA Program update
 - 4.3 Other
- 5.0 **Procurements and Contract Approvals**
Contract Approval for Renderings, Illustrations and other Visualizations for Local Technical Assistance Projects
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 6.0 **Committee Reports**
The chair of the Local Coordinating Committee will provide an update on the meeting held prior to the board meeting. Written summaries of the working committees will also be provided.
ACTION REQUESTED: Informational
- 7.0 **State Legislative Update**
Staff will present its report for the veto session thus far.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

8.0 Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Update and Presentation

Staff will update the Board on the progress made on implementing the \$25 million grant from U.S. Department of Energy to launch the regional effort to retrofit our homes and buildings and work towards greater energy efficiency.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

9.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation

This month the Board is asked to discuss and provide strategic direction to the staff regarding water related issues.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Public Comment

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

12.0 Next Meeting

The December Board meeting is CANCELLED—the Board meets next on January 11, 2012. The Regional Coordinating Committee will meet on December 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

13.0 Executive Director Performance Review

(The Board will adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of discussing the executive director’s annual performance review.)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

14.0 Adjournment

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board Members:

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Agenda Item No. 4.2

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees
From: CMAP Staff
Date: November 2, 2011
Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees will be receiving regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 42 local projects have been kicked off, and of these, 21 projects are fully underway. Many of the projects that have been kicked off but are not fully underway are grants which are in the administrative stage; others involving staff assistance are being scheduled to get underway in several months, based on staff availability.

The project status table has been modified slightly to include project start and end dates in the "Timeline" column, rather than just the end dates. This was done to provide a better sense of project duration.

By the end of 2011, LTA projects will start to be completed. A separate section will be added to this document to list completed projects and provide links to the final products.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

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Projects Currently Underway

November 2, 2011

Project	CMAP lead	Expected completion	Assistance type	Status and notes
Addison comprehensive plan (see project website)	Rosa Y. Ortiz	July 2011 - June 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. One-on-one interviews have been conducted with key stakeholders in addition to focus groups. The existing conditions report is underway and is expected to be completed in November. The next public meeting will be taking place November 16.
Algonquin downtown plan	Pete Saunders	TBD	Grant funds	The Village is beginning its RFP process and expects to make a consultant selection by early December.
Alsip comprehensive plan	Trevor Dick / Sam Shenbaga	Feb. 2012 - Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	The comprehensive plan process is expected to begin in February. Formation of a Steering Committee is currently underway. Village staff are beginning a SWOT analysis with department heads and elected and appointed officials in advance of our kickoff.
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	June 2011 - May 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Steering Committee meeting was conducted on October 13 to present existing conditions report. Findings of report approved by Committee. Visioning workshop scheduled for November 19 and outreach efforts are currently underway.
Blue Island comprehensive plan (see project website)	Sam Shenbaga	Apr. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Business breakfast meeting was conducted on October 18 with industrial and retail business owners. Visioning workshop was conducted on October 19. Initial recommendation directions memo being formulated for city staff review. Coordination meeting set up with Chicago Wilderness to develop specific Plan recommendations related to natural environment and to set up anticipated future project.
Bronzeville Alliance retail corridor study	Sef Okoth	Apr.-Dec. 2011	Staff assistance	Underway. Phase 1 of project is led by Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), with CMAP in supporting role. A final report on retail strategies is due to be released in near future, completing Phase 1. Bronzeville Alliance and other community stakeholders (local chambers & IIT) are currently reviewing the Phase 2 scope, schedule, task assignments, and public outreach strategy (to begin in 2012). CMAP met with the Bronzeville Alliance on November 1 to discuss the MOU and strategize on steering committee formulation.
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see project website)	Jason Navota	Apr. 2011 - May 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Existing conditions report is complete. Draft goals and objectives have been received from 5 of 9 subcommittees; others are underway. The second public meeting was held September 24 to review Existing Conditions, vet Village Guiding Principles (Vision Statements), and gather input at nine 'idea stations' for how and where to implement these Principles and issues

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				needing to be addressed. Next public meeting focused on future land use plan alternatives is scheduled for November 17; development of four future land use scenarios underway. Parallel, separately funded Village Center planning process is underway (with CMAP on Steering Committee) with first public meeting held on October 13. These two efforts will be closely coordinated.
Carpentersville "Old Town" Area Action Plan	Trevor Dick	Sept. 2011 - Jan. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. An existing conditions report is being prepared, and key person interviews are being scheduled. A public charrette will be held November 3, and a "professional planners" charrette will be held on November 16 as part of the CMAP Land Use Committee's November meeting. Initial meetings have also been held with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Village Board on October 18 and 22 to obtain their initial goals. Staff are also working on setting up a MetroQuest website for the project.
Chicago "Green and Healthy Neighborhood" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see project website)	Jason Navota	Mar. 2011 - Sept. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. First phase of data collection and mapping complete. Outreach plan and schedule continues to evolve per CMAP and LISC discussion of most effective and efficient community engagement approach. Draft goals and objectives complete. First public community meeting was held October 26 at Teamwork Englewood and a draft Existing Conditions report was shared with participants.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	TBD	Grant funds and staff assistance	The resolution and grant approval are complete. RFP release is expected in November. In addition to grant funds, CMAP will be providing staff assistance related to outreach to nearby suburban municipalities and analysis related to LEED-ND certification. A preliminary list of suburban communities to be reached out to is being developed. A detailed scope, timeline, and task assignment has been drafted (to be reviewed by project partners). Project promotional materials and a site map are being developed.
Developing Communities Project support for CTA Red Line extension	Kendra Smith	Oct. 2011 - Sept. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Project was initiated September 20, with a CMAP internal staff meeting and an introduction meeting with Developing Community Project (DCP) representatives. Staff met with DCP on October 31 to begin selecting the project advisory committee in conjunction with DCP. Loyola University Center for Urban Research & Learning (CURL) has been selected to assist with the Livability Media portion of the project; CMAP is currently processing the contract with CURL.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Pete Saunders	TBD	Grant funds	The Village is beginning its RFP process and expects to make a consultant selection by early December.

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Elburn comprehensive plan	Bob Dean	TBD	Grant funds	Grant approved by CMAP Board in October. Staff is working with the community to enter into the grant agreement and initiate a consultant selection process.
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Banks	TBD	Grant funds	Staff is working with the community to enter into the grant agreement and initiate a consultant selection process.
Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see project website)	Nicole Woods	June 2011 - May 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff conducted a meeting with senior residents on October 3 and is currently completing the existing conditions report.
Evanston water efficiency program	Amy Talbot	Nov. 2011 - June 2012	Staff assistance	Evanston-led research will continue into the fall with a summary document to be produced before official start in November 2011.
Glen Ellyn downtown streetscape and parking study	Lindsay Banks	TBD	Grant funds	The resolution and IGA are complete, and the community is developing the RFP to select a consultant.
Hanover Park corridor study	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	After redefinition of focus of ULI Chicago's Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) on community's Irving Park Road corridor, staff received confirmation from ULI Public Policy Committee, allowing direct planning with ULI to proceed. First meeting for TAP between Hanover Park and ULI (and CMAP) on November 2 in Village Hall.
Hillside comprehensive plan	Lindsay Banks	TBD	Grant funds	The resolution and IGA are complete, and the community is developing the RFP to select a consultant.
Joliet "Old Prison" redevelopment (see project website)	Pete Saunders	July 2011 - Jan. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Underway. Key stakeholder meeting scheduled for mid-November, and ULI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) is tentatively scheduled for mid-January. CMAP is preparing existing conditions report with assistance from ULI.
Kane County local food project	Amy Talbot	TBD	Staff assistance	Developing scope, MOU, and resolution for approval before end of 2011. Extensive CMAP involvement expected to begin in early 2012.
Lake County sustainability plan	Kristin Ihnchak	Feb. 2012 - Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Scope of work is being developed through discussions with the County. Initiation is expected in February 2012. The Delta Institute and Openlands are both on contract to assist with some plan elements.
Lake Zurich comprehensive water resources project	Amy Talbot	Feb.-Nov. 2011	Staff assistance	Underway. Report development continues. Public meeting in Lake Zurich on October 26. Final report to be produced before end of November 2011.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan	Jason Navota / Nora Beck	Nov. 2011 - Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Meetings held with Steering Committee on August 18, September 29, and October 27 to discuss scope, schedule, MOU, resolution, data and mapping, public involvement strategy, and issues and concerns. Data collection, mapping, and initial outreach to begin in November. First Public Meeting scheduled for January 19.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan	Jessica Simoncelli	Aug. 2011 - June 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Survey instrument has been developed to identify barriers to sustainable farming in Lake County, which will be administered to

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				agricultural stakeholders through fall 2011. Concurrent research on policies that affect food systems is being conducted in partnership with Openlands. Data collection and mapping for the update to the Liberty Prairie Reserve Master Plan has begun.
McHenry County subarea plan	Bob Dean	TBD	Grant funds	Grant approved by CMAP Board in October. Staff is working with the County to enter into the grant agreement. This project will be managed by the County as an extension of their contract with Camiros, a planning consulting firm, to assist with the creation of a Unified Development Ordinance.
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus "Homes for a Changing Region" project in south Cook (see project website)	Drew Williams-Clark	Feb.-Dec. 2011	Staff assistance	Underway. Project led by Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) and Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), with CMAP in supporting role. Data analysis components have been completed as have public workshops. Municipal plans have been revised per internal feedback and will be taken to the towns in December. Sub-regional recommendations have been revised per feedback from the collaborative.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan	Trevor Dick	TBD	Staff assistance	Scope of work is being developed through discussions with Village staff. Project initiation expected in January 2012.
New Lenox corridor plan	Pete Saunders	TBD	Grant funds	Grant approved by CMAP Board in October. Staff is working with the community to enter into the grant agreement and initiate a consultant selection process.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see project website)	Trevor Dick	May 2011 - Mar. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The Plan Commission approved the Existing Conditions Report at their meeting in September. A public visioning charrette was held on October 25. The project team is now working on the Draft Plans and Recommendations. Draft Plans will be presented to the Steering Committee in January 2012.
Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative "Homes for a Changing Region" project in northwest Cook	Drew Williams-Clark	Jan.-Sept. 2012	Staff assistance	Scope of work is being developed through discussions with project sponsor. Project initiation expected in January 2012.
Oak Park water conservation program	Amy Talbot	Aug. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Existing conditions and October public meeting complete. Work on recommendations and additional outreach strategies will occur in November. Residential survey will continue until end of 2011.
Orland Park water conservation ordinance	Hala Ahmed	Nov. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Staff assistance	MOU and resolution are complete, and scope of work and timeline are currently being refined by CMAP and Village staff. Project Steering Committee will meet in November to develop goals and provide guidance

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				for project development. Staff is in discussion regarding outreach strategy and schedules.
Park Forest sustainability plan (see project website)	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2011 - Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Sustainability Assessment (existing conditions report) was presented to Citizens Advisory Committee on October 24. Development of MetroQuest web tool for public involvement is currently underway. MetroQuest will be used as a feature during the second public workshop (to be held November 30) to gauge preferences on potential strategies to implement Plan goals. Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is on contract to assist with some plan elements.
Plainfield downtown transportation plan	Pete Saunders	TBD	Grant funds	Village is beginning its RFP process and expects to make a consultant selection by early December.
Riverside downtown area plan	Trevor Dick	Jan.-Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Discussions with community representatives ongoing. Project initiation expected in January 2012.
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) housing investment prioritization	Nicole Woods	June 2011 - Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Housing Investment Tool was revised based upon feedback from the Project Advisory Committee. It was presented again to the Project Advisory Committee on October 31 for final review and will be presented to the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative on November 10.
Waukegan planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	Oct. 2011 - Jan. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. With resolutions approved and MOU signed by City (and CMAP), CMAP staff began drafting work plan for to carry out approved scope of work, beginning with two items slated for November: 1. Thorough inventory and analysis of all relevant past plans, studies, etc., and 2. Interviews with City staff, Council members, and other relevant stakeholders, including focused outreach to Latino community.
Westchester comprehensive plan	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011 - Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Scope of work is being developed through discussions with project sponsor. Project initiation expected in November 2011.
West Cook Housing Collaborative "Homes for a Changing Region" project in west Cook (see project website)	Drew Williams-Clark	May 2011 - Feb. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Housing supply and demand projections, capacity analyses and public workshops have been completed for five municipalities in west Cook County. Recommendations and visualizations are under development.
Wheeling active transportation plan	Lindsay Banks	TBD	Grant funds	The resolution and IGA are complete, an RFP to select a consultant was released in late September, Village staff has recommended a consultant to be selected, and the Village Board is expected to take up the approval vote at their November meeting.

Project	CMAP lead	Expected completion	Assistance type	Status and notes
Will County subarea plan for Fairmont (see project website)	Trevor Dick	May 2011 - Jan. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The draft plan is being prepared. A summary of key recommendations are expected to be presented to the steering committee at their November meeting. A public open house to view and discuss key recommendations is being planned for early December 2011.

Other Projects

For most other projects on the “higher priority” project list, scoping is underway and will continue through the remainder of 2011. As of this update, CMAP staff has met with each project sponsor to begin discussions of project scope and timeline. Through the remainder of 2011 and early 2012, new projects will be initiated as existing projects are completed.

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Agenda Item No. 7.0

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Staff
Date: November 2, 2011
Re: Illinois General Assembly Veto Session Update

The Illinois General Assembly finished the first week of veto session last month. Veto session will end on Thursday, November 10. During the first week of veto session some large pieces of legislation were passed including, SmartGrid (SB 1652 – both Chambers); SmartGrid trailer (HB 3036 – both Chambers), and Pension bills to close loopholes for union and municipal executives (HB 3813 & 3815 – passed House only). Other issues that were not passed, but received attention included gaming, pay for regional superintendents, and PTELL and will likely see more action when legislators return to Springfield.

CMAP staff is utilizing a legislative tracking service to help us better monitor activities in Springfield. The service allows us to track bills and actions more timely than in previous sessions. Below is a sample of the Tracking Report with the bills CMAP is tracking.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Veto Session Bill Report (2011-2012)

Bill: HB1966
Sponsors: Burke, D. (D23); Sandoval (D12)
Status: 08/12/2011 – Placed on House Calendar
Position: Neutral
Comments: Creates the Illinois and Midwest High-Speed Rail Commission to study implementation of HSR. HA1--Adds the Chairman of the ICC making the committee members 20 with 8 ex-officio members. The Governor vetoed this bill because the creation of this new commission duplicates the work of the 220 HSR Advisory Commission he appointed in June.

Bill: HB2270
Sponsors: Winters (R68); Sandoval (D12)
Status: 10/24/2011 – Placed on House Calendar
10/24/2011 – H Motion Filed Override Amendatory Veto Rep. Dave Winters.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Allows ISTHA to construct railroads on its right-of-way. This is an initiative out of the Rockford area. The Governor amendatory vetoed the bill and added language requiring an approval process through his office for the design and construction of projects entered into by the Illinois Tollway.

Bill: HB3036
Sponsors: McCarthy (D37); Harmon (D39)
Status: 10/26/2011 – Passed in both houses
Position: Neutral
Comments: This is the trailer bill to SB 1652 ComEd Smart Grid Bill. HB 3036, HA1 enhances SB 1652 in three key areas: reduced return on equity, \$60 million in assistance programs for low-income customers, seniors and disabled veterans, and \$200 million re-directed for storm response and hardening measures. The bill also strengthens accountability by doubling penalties against utilities if they fail to reach certain performance metrics. This bill is contingent upon veto override of SB 1652.

Bill: HB3372
Sponsors: Fortner (R95); Koehler (D46)
Status: 10/24/2011 – Placed on Senate Calendar
10/24/2011 – S Rule 2-10 Third Reading Deadline Established As November 10, 2011.
Position: Support

Comments: Allows counties that have adopted a stormwater management plan to adopt a schedule of fees applicable to real property within the county that benefits from the county's stormwater management facilities and activities. SB2195 is companion. HA1--Clarifies the fee is capped to not exceed tax cap. HA2--Requires a referendum by communities outside of CMAP area.

Bill: SB91
Sponsors: Althoff (R32); Osmond (R61)
Status: 10/27/2011 – Placed on Senate Calendar
10/27/2011 – S Total Veto Stands.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Amends the Fox Waterway Agency Act. Modifies the definition of "Waterway" to include the term "Chain of Lakes Fox River Recreational Waterway" and all streams, bayous, sloughs, backwaters, side channels, improved channels, and submerged lands or parts thereof which lie within the territory of the Fox Waterway Agency. Provides that all waters within the waterway are open to the public for navigation and fishing. The Governor vetoed this bill at the request of sponsor Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-Crystal Lake) because it fails to adequately protect the rights of private property owners.

Bill: SB1652
Sponsors: Jacobs (D36); McCarthy (D37)
Status: 10/26/2011 – Passed in both houses
10/26/2011 – S Both Houses Override Total Veto.
Position: Neutral
Comments: Allows public utilities to voluntarily set up a "smart grid," with the ICC determining if consumer rate increases are warranted after implementation has started. Incorporates the use of more alternative energy sources such as solar energy. The Governor vetoed this bill because it would force consumers to pay billions in rate hikes and reduce the state's ability to enforce performance standards for utilities.

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Dan Olson, Senior Energy Efficiency Planner

Date: November 2, 2011

Re: Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Update

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Impact Illinois, or EI2, is one of the 25 Better Buildings Neighborhood programs grants totaling \$452 million awarded nationally in April 2010. The program represents the competitive portion of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) and consists of a regional collaboration led by the CMAP in partnership with the City of Chicago and City of Rockford, the utilities, as well as support from other local and regional stakeholders. EI2 utilizes the \$25-million grant award to fund three major initiatives designed to mitigate the barriers to energy efficiency retrofitting activities across multiple building sectors in the northeastern Illinois region:

1. Access to comprehensive information (\$6.55 million)
2. Access to functional finance tools (\$15.75 million)
3. Access to a trained workforce (\$200,000)

Over the past year, EI2 has conducted a large number of competitive procurements. As of October 31, 2011, EI2 is moving into program implementation following the full contractual obligation of the grant funds to vendors tasked with carrying out various portions of the program.

Energy Impact Illinois' primary goal is to help Chicago region residents lower their energy bills, by providing smart, personalized information on making energy-saving improvements to their home, resulting in lower energy bills, and linking them to ways to help pay for those improvements. During the grant period, EI2 looks to retrofit at least 6,000 units, leverage more than \$125 million in local investments, and create more than 2,000 jobs. The goal is to develop a sustainable framework that will lead to market transformation and ongoing retrofits well beyond the end of three-year grant period on May 18, 2013.

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As the EI2 program is becoming fully functional, there are some key highlights of the program that will be useful for the Board to be aware of as we continue to generate increased awareness and demand:

- Our new, “Two Bills” marketing and outreach campaign designed to drive consumers towards our website and residential financing program.
- A review of the program’s comprehensive, consumer-facing website at www.TheEnergyBills.org as well as the associated residential building energy tool **MyHomeEQ**.
- A review of our primary residential financing program, as well as the additional resources available through Energy Impact Illinois.

An overview and update of these highlights will be presented at the November 9, 2011 CMAP Board meeting. For more information, please refer to <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/energy>, <http://www.TheEnergyBills.org>, or contact Dan Olson at dolson@cmap.illinois.gov.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 2, 2011

Re: Moving Forward with GO TO 2040: Policy Direction Discussion

Last month the Board and the Policy Committee discussed some strategic questions and provided policy direction related to transportation. This month, staff is requesting that the Board address CMAP's efforts in water resources.

The Water 2050 regional plan features over 50 recommendations aimed at CMAP for implementation and GO TO 2040 focuses recommendations at managing and conserving water resources. The near term focus should be on identifying and pursuing clear priorities within this area and securing sustainable funding for these activities.

For some perspective, we commit approximately seven staff to water related activities and the funding is a combination of sources including funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The IEPA funding is based on a two-year contract that expires at the end of this calendar year. The two major issues to frame this discussion are whether we are focusing our resources appropriately and what the source of funding should be for these activities.

The Board should consider the following questions as they discuss the next steps on the following issues:

- Should this be a near-term priority for implementation?
- How should this be strategically implemented?
- What is the anticipated progress in a year and five years?

Water Supply Planning

In terms of water supply, after establishing a leadership role during the past five years in regional water supply planning, CMAP has a vested interest in ensuring that regional activity remains coordinated, collaborative, and productive. *Water 2050* features over 240 recommendations with 50 recommendations aimed at CMAP for implementation. CMAP will

work to implement plan recommendations while supporting several counties and public water suppliers in their efforts to implement the plan.

In general, our work can be categorized by the following: education, policy and research, and technical assistance. With any given project or program, we need to decide where to concentrate our efforts within those categories. For example, in water supply, we can spend staff time raising awareness of the plan's recommendations (education); we could conduct research on full-cost pricing (policy and research); or we could work in a targeted geography to develop and implement a conservation plan (technical assistance). These examples are not exhaustive, but given our finite resources, the Board should discuss where we should focus our attention.

Watershed Planning

There are 171 watersheds¹ within our region and approximately 55 of these are presently covered with an EPA-compliant watershed plan, covering approximately a third of the region. Some of these plans have been developed by CMAP, others by partners such as the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The value of a watershed plan is to mitigate water quality impairments, protect unimpaired waterbodies, address related resource needs, and provide the vehicle necessary for federal Clean Water Act funds to flow into local governments for water resource protection. IEPA is in favor of CMAP continuing to do this planning work, and GO TO 2040 recommends that more watershed plans should be developed in the region. However, there are a number of issues the Board should consider regarding CMAP's role in watershed planning.

Even with work by partner organizations, it will be many years before the region is completely covered by watershed plans. In terms of value, similar to all plans, the real value is the level of buy-in that the local communities and stakeholders engage in developing and implementing these plans and in the recent past, the commitment has varied. Also, notably, these plans place particular focus on identifying capital improvements that help improve water quality impairments, however the available public funding for these is highly competitive and limited. Rather than work to complete more plans, CMAP could focus its technical assistance resources on implementation of the completed plans by working to add policy support, through ordinance creation or review, or provide more focused planning work within the completed watershed planning area. If it develops additional plans, CMAP could make sure that they are chosen strategically to pilot new approaches, to handle special issues, or focus on the most important resources. Finally, staff could identify other methods to work towards achieving higher water quality throughout the region. In particular, CMAP could capitalize on its unique role in the region to convene partners on a regular basis to assess progress in watershed planning and identify needs for improvement.

¹ At the 12-digit hydrologic unit code level.

Facility Planning Area (FPA) Review Process

Facilities Planning Area (FPA) is defined as "a centralized sewer service area to be considered for possible wastewater treatment facilities within a 20-year planning period." CMAP is the designated water quality planning agency for the seven-county region, with responsibility for reviewing wastewater permits and facility plans to ensure consistency with the federal approved [Illinois Water Quality Management Plan](#) . CMAP's Wastewater Committee conducts reviews of requested changes to the plan's current water-treatment boundaries and makes recommendations to the IEPA, which maintains decision-making authority for amendments to the plan.

Historically, IEPA has had a policy of denying State construction permits for domestic wastewater collection sewers that cross an FPA boundary and would require an FPA boundary amendment prior to issuance of such a permit. In this past year, this policy was legally challenged and the agency decided to no longer deny permits based solely on the project's inconsistency with a FPA boundary. Therefore, CMAP no longer reviews FPA boundary changes, but still reviews wastewater treatment plant expansions or new plant construction. The IEPA position renders FPA boundaries moot and could potentially negate a planning tool that has had utility to date. To put the problem in context, CMAP reviewed 88 FPA amendment applications since February 2005 that involved an FPA boundary change request. Seven of the 88 applications featured an FPA boundary dispute that was resolved by the CMAP review process.

Prior to this policy change from the IEPA, there had been an ongoing dialog whether or not the FPA review process needed reform for various reasons. The Board should consider whether staff should pursue changes to this review process with the IEPA related to the boundary policy change, more wholesale changes to the process, or if we should continue with the process as it exists today. GO TO 2040 recommends aligning CMAP's programming activities so that they help implement the plan. If more wholesale changes are recommended, it is worth considering how the FPA process could be altered to become a mechanism by which CMAP can identify and offer support to wastewater infrastructure investments that help implement the plan.

The Board's input on these issues and other thoughts about CMAP's priorities in water resources as they relate to implementing GO TO 2040 and Water 2050 will be helpful to help guide staff and ensure we appropriately deploy resources.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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