



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** June 4, 2025

**Subject:** Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026- 2030 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program Shared Fund (STP-SF), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L) Programs

**Action Requested:** Approval

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### Purpose

As the metropolitan planning organization for the northeastern Illinois region, CMAP is given the authority to directly program projects that will be funded with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The development of these programs is one of the ways that CMAP directly implements ON TO 2050.

Every two years, CMAP issues a call for projects to be funded with these sources. The project applications are evaluated according to project selection methodologies that were developed and are continuously refined by the two project selection committees (PSCs). The methodologies reflect both federal requirements and regional policies.

The most recent call for projects was held from October to December of 2024. A total of 88 funding applications were submitted. Staff evaluated the applications using the project selection methodologies and recommended programs of projects to the PSCs. The committees reviewed the staff recommendation and released the programs for public comment from April 4 through May 2, 2025. Three comments were received in support of a project included in the TAP-L program and one comment was received requesting the inclusion of five projects that were not submitted by eligible sponsors during the call for projects' application period. Based on the nature of the comments, the PSCs made no changes to the staff recommended programs.

On May 15, 2025, the STP Project Selection Committee (PSC) approved the attached STP-SF program and the CMAQ and TAP-L PSC approved the attached CMAQ and TAP-L programs. The programs collectively consist of 40 projects to be funded over the next five federal fiscal years,

including STP-SF funding for 8 projects, CMAQ funding for 27 projects and TAP-L funding for 5 projects.

The recommended programs have been incorporated into TIP amendments [25-09.1](#), [25-09.2](#) and [25-09.3](#). The Transportation Committee recommends CMAP Board concurrence with the programs and TIP amendments prior to MPO Policy Committee approval.