



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: Transit data sharing agreement

Action Requested: Recommendation for MPO Approval

Starting with MAP-21, MPOs, states, and providers of public transportation have been required to jointly agree upon specific written provisions for developing and sharing certain types of information related to transportation performance. 23 C.F.R. § 450.314(h). Federal guidance serves to facilitate collaboration around the surface transportation performance measures established under 23 C.F.R. part 490, the transit asset management measures established under 49 U.S.C. 5326(c) and the transit safety measures established under 49 U.S.C. 5329(d).

In 2018, CMAP entered into an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT, RTA, CTA, Metra, and Pace that documented, in part, the parties' joint agreement to cooperatively develop and share information related to Transit Asset Management (TAM) while TAM plans were under development. The 2018 transit data sharing agreement also documented the parties' intent to develop more specific written procedures in the future.

CMAP also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT in 2018 that established specific written provisions for sharing information related to surface transportation performance measures. The surface transportation data sharing agreement was developed with a level of detail that was sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

In CMAP's 2022 federal certification review, FHWA and FTA highlighted the 2018 transit data sharing agreement and recommended that CMAP to work with RTA and the service boards to develop mutually agreeable written procedures that comply with 23 C.F.R. § 450.314(h).

CMAP, in collaboration with RTA, the service boards, and IDOT, has developed a new transit data sharing agreement that complies with 23 C.F.R. § 450.314(h). The content is informed by existing IDOT agreements and those adopted in peer metropolitan regions. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by staff at RTA, CTA, Pace, Metra, and IDOT.

Key features include:

- Commitments from the service boards to share certain types of data with other parties upon request;
- Commitments from the service boards to notify IDOT and CMAP within 30 days after taking certain actions; and
- CMAP commitment that, if it develops its own surface transportation performance targets, it will provide the service boards with the supplemental data used to develop those targets and a reasonable opportunity to provide comments on the draft CMAP targets prior to final target adoption.

The Transportation Committee is asked to recommend to the MPO Policy Committee approval of the intergovernmental agreement.