

MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs Staff

Date: September 25, 2024

Subject: State legislative update

Action Requested: Information

Legislative updates

The Illinois General Assembly remains adjourned until the veto session, which is scheduled for November 12-14 and November 19-21. Over the summer, the Intergovernmental Affairs team has met with members of CMAP's legislative delegation to enhance existing and build new relationships and provide updates about our work. We have also been closely monitoring the Senate Transportation Committee hearings that have taken place across the region to provide a forum for input on local and regional transit service needs.

Senate transit subject matter hearings

The Senate Transportation Committee has completed five of six scheduled hearings the region and state to hear input on opportunities to improve transit service. Below is the published schedule for future hearings (as of September 25, 2024):

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

Location: Springfield (exact location TBD)

Subject Matter: Funding transit is a statewide priority

As legislative deliberations progress, CMAP will continue to provide legislators with input and analysis aligned with the PART report to help inform future discussions.

House public transit working group

On August 29th, Speaker Welch announced the formation of a House working group designed to evaluate and make recommendations on how to improve public transit in Illinois. The working group is co-led by Representative Kam Buckner and Representative Eva-Dina Delgado. Members of the working group include:

- Rep. Dagmara Avelar
- Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock
- Rep. Mary Beth Canty
- Rep. William “Will” Davis
- Rep. Mary Gill
- Rep. Matt Hanson
- Rep. Barbara Hernandez
- Rep. Hoan Huynh
- Rep. Natalie Manley
- Rep. Rita Mayfield
- Rep. Anna Moeller
- Rep. Yolonda Morris
- Rep. Marty Moylan

CMAP is providing the working group with analysis and resources developed throughout the PART process to help guide decision making.

2025 – 2026 Advocacy Agenda

CMAP is currently in the process of updating our 2025-2026 Advocacy Agenda and will present a draft for discussion at the November meeting. CMAP’s advocacy agenda is developed every two years through the lens of ON TO 2050 and our strategic direction to ensure we are building on and advancing the region’s goals outlined in these documents. The advocacy agenda is used to inform policymakers and elected officials with concrete and tangible actions in the focus areas of transportation, climate, and regional economic competitiveness.

Request

This update is for informational purposes.