



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Transportation Committee

**From:** Kama Dobbs, Principal

**Date:** December 12, 2025

**Subject:** Draft FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP)

**Action Requested:** Approval

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### Purpose

On August 8, 2025, CMAP staff issued a call for fiscal year (FY) 2027 – 2031 Unified Work Program (UWP) Competitive program funding proposals in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the CMAP UWP Committee on July 9, 2025. Individual proposals and staff recommendations were reviewed with the UWP committee on October 9, 2025. The staff recommended FY 2027 – 2031 Competitive Program was made available for public comment through November 7, 2025. No public comments were received. The UWP Committee approved the FY 2027 – 2031 Competitive program on November 12, 2025.

On September 15, 2025, CMAP staff issued a call for FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP) core funding proposals in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the UWP Committee on July 9, 2025. In response, 15 agencies in the region requested a total of \$6,267,640 in core funding. CMAP staff developed modest adjustments to the proposals to align with available funds, resulting in a recommended core program of \$5,922,046 to support external agencies (a 5.6% increase over FY 2026) and \$28,280,227 (a 2.8% increase) to support CMAP's internal budget for core MPO activities and expenses.

Staff compiled the proposals into the Draft FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP) for the committee's review and consideration for a recommendation of approval to the MPO Policy Committee. The proposed UWP includes FY 2027 funding summaries, details of the FY 2027 core program activities, and details of the recommended FY 2027 – 2031 competitive program projects. Highlights from the proposed UWP are provided below.

### FY 2027 Funding Summary

FY 2027 UWP funds will be allocated to CMAP, CTA, the City of Chicago, the subregional Councils of Mayors, Metra, Pace, and the RTA for core and competitive transportation planning activities. Table 1 below summarizes the allocation of funding by agency. Note that the specific

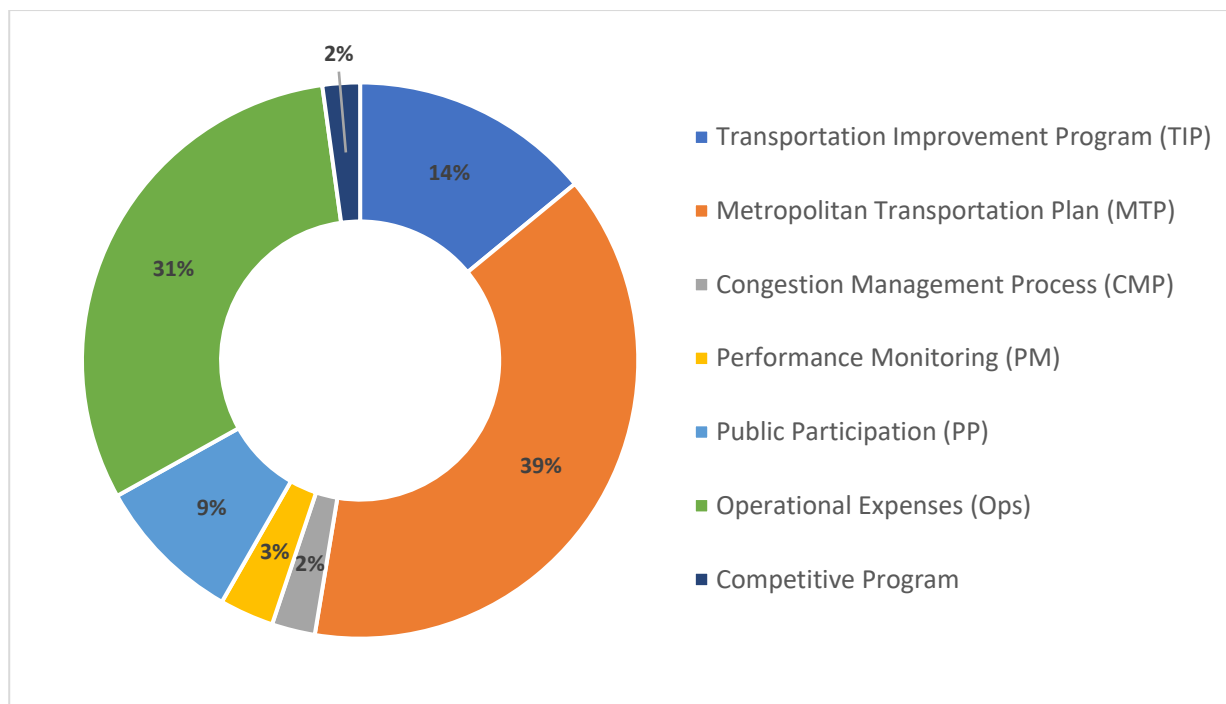
allocation of the CMAP budget has not been finalized. These values will be determined through CMAP's comprehensive budget development process. Therefore, the tables and figures in the draft FY 2027 UWP may be updated following CMAP budget approval. Funding allocations include both personnel costs and expenses, including consulting services. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the relative personnel and expense costs by activity and agency, respectively.

**Table 1. FY 2027 UWP budget by agency**

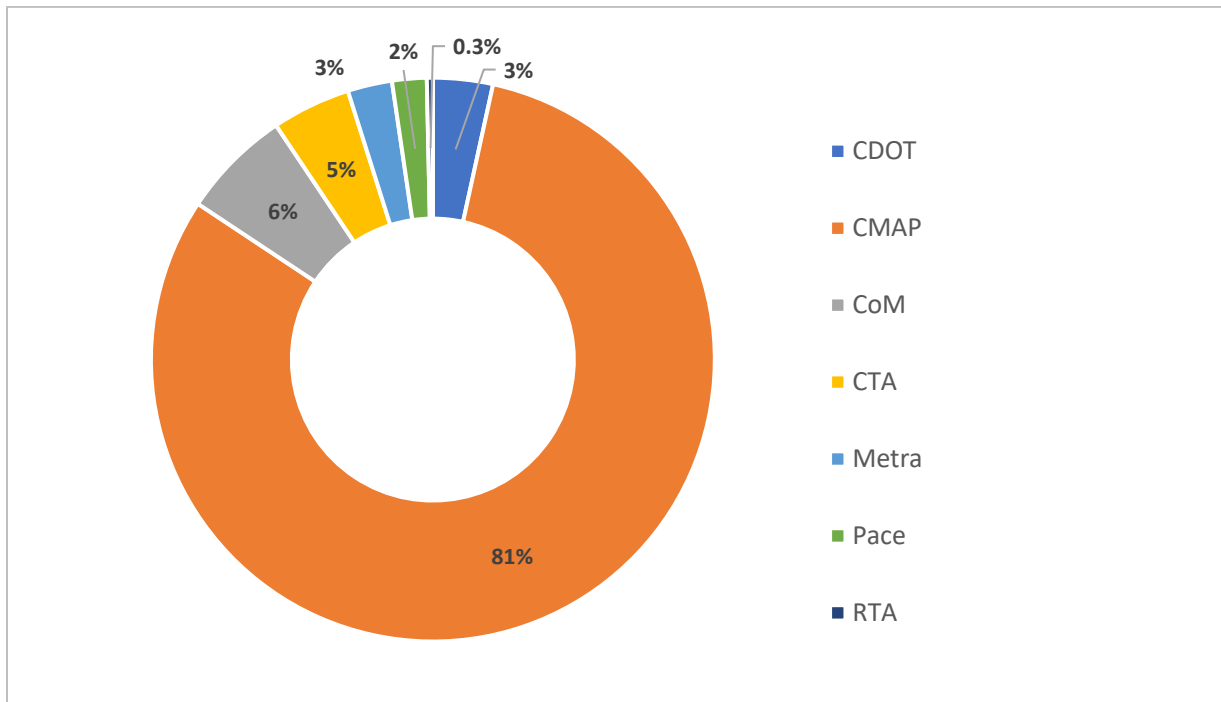
Agency	Personnel	Expenses	Total
CDOT	\$625,074	\$574,926	\$1,200,000
CMAP*	\$10,941,834	\$17,338,393	\$28,280,227
CoM	\$1,934,448	\$265,592	\$2,200,040
CTA	\$1,179,256	\$400,000	\$1,579,256
Metra	\$607,642	\$283,858	\$891,500
Pace	\$232,794	\$459,956	\$692,750
RTA	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,521,047</b>	<b>\$19,442,726</b>	<b>\$34,963,773</b>

\*CMAP allocations between personnel and expenses are preliminary

**Figure 1. FY 2027 UWP budget by major activity**



**Figure 2. FY 2027 UWP budget by agency**



The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (§ 11206) requires metropolitan planning organizations to spend not less than 2.5% percent of federal metropolitan planning funds apportioned to them annually, to carry out activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. These activities are primarily accomplished through the \$761,500 programmed for the competitive program. Within CMAP's Metropolitan Transportation Plan core program, additional funds are budgeted for the Safe and Complete Streets and Safe Systems program areas. These programs contribute to increasing safe and accessible mobility options within the region.

#### **FY 2027 Core Program**

The core program consists of six major activities. The overall budget for those activities is provided below.

**Table 2. FY27 core budget by activity**

Activity	Personnel	Expenses	Total	Federal	Local
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	\$3,701	\$1,209	\$4,910	\$3,928	\$982
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	\$6,894	\$6,592	\$13,486	\$10,788	\$2,697
Congestion Management Process (CMP)	\$208	\$671	\$879	\$703	\$176
Performance Monitoring (PM)	\$541	\$562	\$1,103	\$883	\$221
Public Participation (PP)	\$2,419	\$598	\$3,017	\$2,414	\$603
Operational Expenses (Ops)	\$1,758	\$9,049	\$10,808	\$8,646	\$2,162
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,521</b>	<b>\$18,681</b>	<b>\$34,202</b>	<b>\$27,362</b>	<b>\$6,840</b>

*Note: All figures in thousands of dollars.*

### FY 2027 – 2031 Competitive Program

The competitive program allocates one-time funding to projects, planning studies, or activities that support, implement, inform, or complement the MPO's required work. In addition to funding commitments made in the FY2025 and FY2026 UWPs, during the call for FY2027-2031 competitive projects, three eligible applications were received and recommended for funding, as summarized below.

**Table 3. Recommended FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Program**

Sponsor	Project	Total Cost	Recommended by FY				
			FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Metra*	Origin/Destination Survey	\$750,000	\$241,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CTA	South Lakefront Transit Access Study	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kane County	Public ROW ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan	\$261,017	\$0	\$182,712	\$78,305	\$0	\$0
RTA	Moving Together: RTA, Pace, and IDOT Partnership for Transit Priority Corridors	\$300,000	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$761,500</b>	<b>\$462,712</b>	<b>\$78,305</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Federal (80%)			\$416,000	\$370,170	\$62,644	\$0	\$0
Sponsor Match (20%)			\$104,000	\$92,542	\$15,661	\$0	\$0

*\*Project was selected for FY2027 funding in the FY2025 – 2029 UWP Competitive Program.*

In addition to the projects highlighted above, the proposed UWP document contains several appendices, detailing sources of local match, staff requirements, audit requirements, an acronym list, a summary of non-UWP funded transportation planning studies, a discussion of UWP development and monitoring processes, and core budget details.

Transportation Committee consideration and a recommendation for MPO Policy Committee approval of the draft FY 2027 UWP at the January 8, 2026 MPO Policy Committee meeting is requested. Following CMAP Board approval of CMAP's comprehensive budget at the February 12, 2026 CMAP Board meeting, personnel and expense allocations by activity will be updated and final approval of the FY 2027 will be requested from the MPO Policy Committee at their March 12, 2026 meeting. Upon final approval by the MPO Policy Committee, the FY 2027 UWP will be transmitted to IDOT and USDOT for their approvals, and contract documents will be drafted for execution prior to July 1, 2026.