

**MEMORANDUM**

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: April 5, 2023

Re: Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) Update

Since our February Board meeting, Executive Director Aleman and staff have participated in a state legislative hearing on transit, hosted a PART Steering Committee meeting, participated in subject matter discussions, conducted research and started preparing focus groups.

This month there are four topics that staff is bringing forward for your consideration and input.

Financial Sustainability – In preparation for discussions about possible revenue options to address the transit financial crisis at the March Board meeting, we shared this [background video](#) with you. Since the March Board meeting did not occur, we are re-sharing this video as preparation for discussions. A presentation and discussion on revenue options will occur at the April Board meeting.

Governance – CMAP is required through the legislation to address governance reforms in the final recommendations. In order to properly address these issues a [series of Problem Statements](#) were drafted. A third party, the Eno Center for Transportation, will be compiling case studies and providing structure recommendations through the lens of these particular issues. Please provide any thoughts on or comments on these statements to Julie Reschke, jreschke@cmap.illinois.gov. Additional discussions about governance reform will take place at the June and July Board meetings.

Two additional topics that warrant your input are bus improvements and fare policy & integration. Staff have compiled two short videos to provide background & research on the topics as well as the areas that staff will be exploring to make final recommendations.

Bus Improvements – If you are interested in previewing the menu of bus recommendations, please watch this [short video](#). You can send any thoughts or comments to Laura Wilkison, Lwilkision@cmap.illinois.gov.

Fare Policy & Fare Integration – If you are interested in previewing the menu of fare integration and fare policy recommendations, please watch this [short video](#). You can send any thoughts or comments to Laura Wilkison, Lwilkison@cmap.illinois.gov