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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Erin Aleman, Executive Director

Date: May 1, 2024

Subject: Executive Director's report

Action Requested: Information

Dear Board Members,

This report provides an update ahead of our May meeting with the goal of greater transparency to CMAP's work and to supplement the agenda.

Should you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Aleman", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Erin Aleman

Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act

Proposed legislation was introduced calling for the creation of a Metropolitan Mobility Authority to oversee all public transit operations and replace the Regional Transportation Authority.

The omnibus bill is called the Clean and Equitable Transportation Act ([HB5829](#)) is composed of three bills that have also been filed as standalone bills. Note, the links to the senate bills were not available as of the drafting of this memo.

- [HB5823](#): The Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act
 - Transit governance reform
- [HB5824](#): The Zero Emission Vehicles Act
 - Several provisions accelerating ZEV adoption in Illinois
- [HB5825](#): The Transportation Choices Act
 - Establishes a statewide transportation GHG target and sets several compliance mechanisms/analytical requirements for IDOT and MPOs

Additionally, there was a companion appropriations bill ([HB5828](#)) that appropriates \$1.5B to the new Metropolitan Mobility Authority from the General Revenue Fund. This is just a placeholder bill to continue funding conversations. We should expect additional bills to be filed on these topics as deliberations continue.

CMAQ staff is reviewing and will prepare analysis for you that aligns with the PART report and previous CMAQ work.

The Civic Federation also released a [report](#) and [press release](#) in support of reforming mass transit governance in the Chicago region

Illinois Tollway Stakeholder Advisory Team (SAT)

I am proud to represent CMAQ on the [Illinois Tollway's Stakeholder Advisory Team \(SAT\)](#). The group met in April for its first of three convenings.

As the Tollway advances planning efforts for the next multi-year capital plan, the SAT members will help inform the next capital plan, while also serving as a representative body of the region and ensuring more voices are heard in the planning process.

The SAT is comprised of regional, state, and local leaders representing sectors such as business and commerce, organized labor, planning and transit agencies, civic organizations and educational institutions, and governments. The Tollway will produce a final report that will be used by the technical and financial staff to review, revise and evaluate potential capital program projects and priorities.

Household travel survey pilot launched

CMAP launched the pilot phase of the household travel survey with 27,000 invitations being mailed. The survey collects vital information for transportation investments in northeastern Illinois and helps us better understand how local roads, highways, public transit, bike lanes, and sidewalks are used today. It also provides current data for our travel demand model. The pilot is expected to run through May, with the full production survey scheduled to begin this fall. More information is available on the survey's new website, mydailytravelsurvey.com.

Community outreach to engage and empower

At the May Board meeting, CMAP staff will provide two informational presentations on community outreach and engagement initiatives that aim to engage and empower communities, stakeholders, partners, and the public.

Community Alliance for Regional Equity

The [Community Alliance for Regional Equity](#) (CARE) creates deeper partnerships with community-based organizations. CMAP is approaching the final year of its CARE pilot program to make our engagement more equitable and inclusive of communities traditionally excluded from the planning process. Staff will provide an overview of program design and execution to date.

Participatory budgeting

Staff will present on the participatory budgeting pilot project, supported by the Chicago Community Trust, which is equipping and empowering residents to inform capital project funding decisions in communities.

Integrating equity into flood resilience investments

As northeastern Illinois governments invest in flood resilience, prioritizing communities that face disproportionate flood impacts will be crucial and will help ensure that residents have access to the resources they need to thrive.

A new guide, [Integrating Equity into Flood Resilience Investments](#), shows engineers, planners, and decision makers why investments must be made equitably, outlines key considerations for integrating equity (from planning and design to maintenance and funding), and highlights successful examples. CMAP developed this guide with support from community-based organizations that provided their expertise on public health, economic and workforce development, housing, and environmental justice – grounding this work in the needs of the communities they represent.

Regional Economy Committee and Climate Committee meetings

On April 25th, both the Regional Economy Committee and the Climate Committee held meetings, in person. This was the first time the bodies have convened in many months due to a lack of quorum.

At the Regional Economy Committee meeting, members dove into engaging conversations about housing needs, as well as how to best use resources such as our housing data snapshots and our Job Quality and Access Tool.

The Climate Committee heard updates about the Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan, which is currently conducting a risk assessment of the region's transportation assets, and the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, including a new greenhouse gas emissions inventory the stakeholder engagement process.

[Climate Committee agenda packet](#)

[Regional Economy Committee agenda packet](#)