



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Intergovernmental Affairs staff

**Date:** March 1, 2024

**Subject:** Update on efforts to secure a state appropriation to support CMAP's obligations set forth in the Regional Planning Act (70 ILCS 1707)

**Action Requested:** Information

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CMAP staff have continued legislative efforts to secure a state appropriation for CMAP to carry out the regional planning objectives identified in the Regional Planning Act (70 ILCS 1707). This priority was noted in CMAP's 2023-2024 Advocacy Agenda.

In establishing CMAP as the comprehensive land use and transportation planning agency for the northeastern Illinois region, the Regional Planning Act directs CMAP to engage in planning efforts in various sectors, including housing, land use, water resources management, economic development, and others. Importantly, 70 ILCS 1707/62 notes that, "Additional funding shall be provided to CMAP to support those functions and programs authorized by this Act."

Funding has never been appropriated to CMAP to carry out these objectives, and therefore, the agency has relied on local dues, state grants, philanthropic sources, federal earmarks, and other sources to carry out planning and programming that cannot be supported with UWP funding. While CMAP intends to continue seeking out these external resources, a dedicated appropriation from the state would help provide reliable, predictable funding to the agency to build out the programs that rely on these resources and remain responsive to regional needs.

Following conversations with legislators and other stakeholders, the bills ([HB5077](#)/[SB3388](#)) were refiled this session to request \$5M to the agency to: "to fulfill its obligations under the Regional Planning Act, to enhance capacity to support additional comprehensive local and regional planning, and to facilitate access to federal funding." These bills are not expected to advance on their own, but instead the objective is to incorporate this appropriation in the FY25 budget. At the time of this writing, HB5077 is in the House Rules Committee and SB3388 has been assigned to the Senate Appropriations – Public Safety and Infrastructure Committee.