

Redline Extension TIF Coalition

Chicago, Illinois 60619-6801

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Dear CMAP CMAQ-TAP Selection Committee:

Good morning, the Redline Extension TIF Coalition wishes to thank the CMAQ-TAP Selection Committee for selecting and supporting program recommendations from the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) for the following projects.

- 1) Redline Extension (\$30 million)
- 2) Metra Alternative Fuel Locomotive (\$21 million)
- 3) Pulse 95 Street Line (\$34 million)

It is indeed wise and prudent to advance capital budget requests to the CMAQ-TAP Program for the above projects. The far south region has a prolonged air quality problem resulting from both the region's network of Expressways, slow public bus lanes and over reliance of automobiles.

This combination of air quality and transportation alternative programming will add value to the regional hope to improve the public's access to work, education and wealth/health building opportunities. Furthermore, the projects as a whole help us improve conditions regionwide.

We look forward to exploring ways to better leverage this spending and planning program by providing access for students and workers to urban development options. The recent Federal appropriations from Congresswoman Robin Kelly (\$350 million and \$1.5 million, respectively) will allow the public to share its collective hope with a broader public of agencies and responsible industries.

Thank you for your sense of care along your zeal to advance key Far South Regional Capital Projects.

If any questions arise, feel free to email me at redlinetifcoalition@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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