



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Transportation Committee

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** December 12, 2025

**Subject:** Regional Transportation Plan update

**Action Requested:** Information

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### General update

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) [questionnaire](#) will close at the end of this month. Since its launch at the beginning of this year, CMAP has received more than 1,600 responses from residents across all seven counties of northeastern Illinois. These perspectives offer valuable insights into how residents experience the transportation system, the challenges they face, and the opportunities they would like the region to pursue. After the questionnaire closes, CMAP will review, synthesize, and integrate findings into the draft RTP, which will be made available for public comment during summer 2026.

### Financial plan update

Since October, CMAP has been working to update the RTP's fiscal constraint by refining revenue and expenditure forecasts. These activities have consisted of ongoing coordination with implementers on project prioritization efforts and making methodological adjustments that account for recent policy changes. This includes incorporation of the transit revenue package passed by the Illinois General Assembly during veto session, and alignment with the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy's unanimously approved draft recommendations. As a result of these efforts, staff will share a revised fiscal constraint.

Staff also continue to work with our consultant partners to complete the Financial Plan's risk assessment. Once complete, the risk assessment's sensitivity analyses and scenarios — which explore key financial assumptions, such as the availability of future revenue streams, cost escalation rates, and project delivery schedules — will reveal the conditions under which the fiscal constraint may be at risk. By providing greater transparency into the strengths and limitations of a long-range forecast, this exercise will inform the RTP strategies that can fortify

the region's ability to responsibly implement its transportation priorities and support better decision-making in the face of uncertainty.

**Regional capital projects**

The latest draft of the Regional Capital Projects (RCP) Benefits Report is available on the RCP [engagement website](#). Staff continue to work with project sponsors and the RCP resource group to fill in any remaining gaps in the report, review the project information presented in the report, and identify the most regionally beneficial RCP candidates to be highlighted as regional priorities in the RTP.

Using the metrics and project information presented in the RCP Benefits Report, feedback from project sponsors, and the balance of transportation revenues and expenditures anticipated to be available to the region through 2050, CMAP staff have drafted a list of RCPs recommended for fiscal constraint in the RTP. The proposed list of fiscally constrained RCPs is attached.

Staff have also been working with the RCP resource group to update the RTP amendment process to provide a better balance of flexibility and transparency as the need for changes to the RTP arise. A memorandum presenting the proposed amendment process for the 2026 RTP is available on the RCP [engagement website](#).