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TO: CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee

From: Sustainable Englewood Initiatives (SEI)

Good afternoon, CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to express our support for a host of items on today's agenda.

SEI is a local advocacy group working on transportation planning, environmental remediation, community greening initiatives, civic engagement practices, socioeconomic solutions and land use and zoning.

SEI and its Board supports today's review and likely approval of the following resolutions.

5.03 Authorization to enter into a three-year contract with National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to support the Reaching Net Zero:

5.04 Amend the authorization to enter into contracts with up to six consultants for a 24-month term for RFP 287, Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

6.03 Appointment of John Roberson to serve as a CMAP Officer on the Executive

7.02. A Direction on the review of the Executive Director's current contract

9.03 Regional Climate Plan Action efforts

Each of these actions is most significant to the Greater Englewood district and its economic conditions. We remain hopeful that FY 2024 will be good to us and that equity in transportation, environmental justice, stormwater management and clean energy modeling, safe streets programming, ADA compliance, regional engagement relative to railroad operations and industry attraction would be pursued with great zeal.

We look forward to an exchange of ideas and information with the CMAP Board. It's important that we build a greater alliance with the metropolitan planning organization in order to become a model for the nation. This is possible; and we hope this can be accomplished in FY 2024-2026.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Beautifully So,

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