



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP UWP Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: FY 2027 UWP Core Program

Action Requested: Information

On September 15, 2025, CMAP staff issued a call for FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP) Core funding proposals in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the UWP Committee on July 9, 2025. Proposals were received from sixteen external agencies: the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), the eleven individual Councils of Mayors (CoM), Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, Pace, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). On November 4, 2025, the RTA withdrew their request. In total, the 15 remaining agencies requested \$6,267,640 in core funding, just under 11% more than was included in the approved FY 2026 UWP core budget for external agencies.

On October 27, 2025, IDOT provided a preliminary FY 2027 programming mark of \$34,963,773 for the region. This is approximately 2% higher than the region's FY 2026 mark. CMAP staff developed modest adjustments to the proposals to align with available funds, resulting in a recommended core program of \$5,922,046 to support external agencies (a 5.6% increase over FY 2026) and \$28,280,227 (a 2.8% increase) to support CMAP's internal budget for core MPO activities and expenses, as summarized in Table 1 below. The remaining \$761,500 of the regional mark will be considered for inclusion in the FY 2027 competitive program. Staff are working with external agencies to reallocate their recommended budgets among the core activities and tasks.

The recommended budget, including core activity and task level detail and the competitive program recommended by the UWP committee, will be provided to the CMAP Transportation Committee for a recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee for approval as part of the FY 2027 Unified Work Program and to the CMAP Board as part of the Board's consideration of CMAP's Comprehensive Budget.

Table 1. FY 2027 UWP Core Recommendation – By Sponsor

Agency	FY 27 Core Recommendation	Actual FY 26 Core Budget	% Change FY 26 to FY 27
CDOT	\$1,200,000	\$1,170,064	2.6%
CMAP	\$28,280,227	\$27,508,413	2.8%
Council of Mayors	\$2,200,040	\$2,139,270	2.8%
CTA	\$1,179,256	\$1,135,534	3.9%
Metra	\$650,000	\$560,000	16.1%
Pace	\$692,750	\$605,000	14.5%
GRAND TOTAL FY 27 CORE	\$34,202,273	\$33,182,215	3.1%