

Coordinating Committee

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Regional Coordination

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Agency for Planning

CMAP's role in service to the region for IIJA

Implement new policies impacting current programs

Prepare for new regional formula funding and eligibilities

Coordinate access and build consensus around 20+ new competitive programs

**Implement new policies
impacting current programs**

Implementing policy changes

Complete Streets Program

- new IIJA 2.5% planning set-aside requirement, CMAP budget will be \$715,000 in funding
- build on Safety Action Agenda, local planning to protect vulnerable road users
- working group input

Housing Coordination

- allows MPOs to better coordinate housing and access to transportation and jobs within the transportation planning process
- waiting federal guidance to max flexibility in using metropolitan planning funds for housing policy and planning work

Prepare for new regional formula funding and eligibilities

Implementing core program changes

Expanded Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program eligibility

Expands project eligibility to include EV charging infrastructure, cybersecurity, ITS, and resilience improvements.

Clarified Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) eligibility

IJA clarifies CMAQ eligibility to include shared micromobility projects, such as bike-share infrastructure, as well as the purchase of zero-emission vehicles and charging equipment.

Expanded Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) eligibility

Expands project eligibility to include safety projects that address vulnerable road users and allows for the use of the state's HSIP funds as local match.

Aligning new formula programs

Carbon Reduction Program

\$43 million for Illinois in first year to fund projects that reduce transportation emissions. As MPO, CMAP required to partner with IDOT in development of Carbon Reduction Strategy.

PROTECT Program

\$49 million for Illinois in first year to fund projects that enhance resilience. CMAP is conducting a vulnerability assessment used to build the resilience improvement plan allowing for higher federal share on projects.

National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program

\$22 million for Illinois in first year for state's EV network deployment. CMAP preparing regionally to ensure EV infrastructure is considered equitably.

Reaching our Climate & Mobility Goals

2050 Goal: Improve the transportation system for all

2050 Goal: Mitigate and prepare for climate change

2050 Goal: Improve the resilience of the transportation system

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Carbon Reduction Program

PROTECT Program

We have the opportunity to align our goals and our regional funding in a more effective way. This is a main principle of 2050: Carefully target resources to maximize benefit.

**Coordinate access and build
consensus around new competitive
opportunities**

CMAP's role to build consensus

Building capacity for under-resourced communities to access competitive programs

Direct outreach through CMAP's planning programs for capacity-constrained communities as well as CMAP's newsletter, Local Government Network, and other communications avenues.

Prioritize regionally to increase national competitiveness

At least \$4 billion in funding (RAISE, Mega, INFRA) so far this year for regionally significant projects. Greater alignment and prioritization is needed to enhance the region's competitiveness.