



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Angela Manning-Hardimon
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Date: May 4, 2022

Re: Cost Increase and Contract Extension Grade-Crossing
Feasibility project

On November 13, 2019, CMAP Board approved a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., for grade-crossing feasibility studies in the amount of \$300,000 with a termination date of November 30, 2021. On March 10, 2021, the contract was extended to June 30, 2022, and included a cost increase of \$49,900, increasing the total not-to-exceed cost of the project to \$349,900.00.

The studies consist of extensive outreach and engagement, an existing conditions analysis, the identification of the project's purpose and need, and an alternatives screening. These activities are federally coordinated using the federal Planning and Environmental Linkages process to prepare analyses that may be carried forward to any subsequent engineering studies.

Work on the first-grade crossing study, at Laraway Road in Will County, encountered delays related to the scope of future work at a nearby intersection and intergovernmental coordination, but has been completed. CMAP is awaiting federal approval. The second project, at BNSF crossings in Berwyn and Riverside, Cook County, includes the crossing with the second-highest motorist delay in the region, at Harlem Avenue. That project is being coordinated with Cook County. The revised schedule and budget for the BNSF project reflect lessons learned in the first project.

Staff is seeking Board approval for an increase in the amount of \$80,000 in the contract amount, bringing the total not-to-exceed cost of the contract to \$429,900. Support for this cost increase will be provided by the FY23 Operating Grant. Staff is also seeking Board approval to extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval