



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Regional Economy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: November 14, 2022

Subject: 2023 Meeting Planning

Purpose: Information and Direction

Action Requested: Approval for 2023 meeting schedule

CMAP aims to create collaboration and consensus on issues of regional significance. As part of a larger public engagement approach, the CMAP Regional Economy Committee guides and supports the agency's economy-related initiatives and implementation of the region's comprehensive plan, ON TO 2050. This includes efforts to coordinate and implement regional economic strategies, target resources to disinvested communities, improve housing diversity, and expand investment in export-oriented industries.

Together, over the last two years, we learned to hold effective remote meetings. This is pursuant to [Illinois Executive Order 2020-07](#), which temporarily suspends the procedural requirement in the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) that a quorum of a public body (including the Regional Economy Committee) be physically present to conduct a public meeting. As we consider the meeting schedule for 2023, CMAP staff will continue to seek a balance between the benefits of remote meetings and the advantages of some in-person discussions. If OMA requirements for a physical quorum are reinstated, CMAP will hold all Regional Economy Committee meetings in-person, with some accommodations and exceptions as outlined in the law.

Recommendation

The Regional Economy Committee traditionally meets four times a year, with all meetings held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We recommend shifting meetings from the fourth Monday of the month to the fourth Thursday, to maximize participation and the likelihood of achieving the required quorum. The proposed schedule for 2023 is:

- Thursday, January 26
- Thursday, April 27
- Thursday, July 27
- Thursday, October 26

Proposed action: Approval of the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.