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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Alex Ensign
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Date: April 12, 2023

Re: Public participation policy

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on June 12, 2020, Governor Pritzker signed into law Senate Bill 2135, which became Public Act 101-0640. This Act allowed a public body to hold its meetings by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members during a public health disaster as long as certain conditions were met.

On January 1, 2023, Governor Pritzker announced Illinois' public health emergency declaration will end on Thursday, May 11, 2023, requiring public bodies to meet physical quorum requirements. To maintain accessibility and transparency and encourage public participation, there is a desire to continue to provide the public with the opportunity to give virtual public comments at meetings.

The proposed policy will set clear and structured guidelines for members of the public who want to provide comment in writing, in-person, or virtually at CMAP board and committee meetings.