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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: Finance and Administration staff

Date: May 10, 2023

Re: Three-year IGA approval between CMAP and the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOTH) for the Berwyn-Riverside Railroad Grade Crossing Study in the amount of \$500,000.

CMAP engaged Jacobs Engineering in 2020 to undertake feasibility studies for highway-rail grade crossings. Jacobs is nearing completion of a federally-coordinated “purpose and need statement” for a set of seven crossings in Berwyn and Riverside, including Harlem Avenue. CMAP and the CCDOTH are mutually interested in further advancing the study in Berwyn and Riverside, leading to the identification of alternatives to carry forward to preliminary engineering.

The Harlem Avenue crossing is identified as CREATE Project GS18. IDOT has programmed \$59 million in its multimodal FY 2023-2028 program for the project. However, the final cost, scope and location of any improvements need to be determined through this and subsequent studies in coordination with all stakeholders.

CMAP staff is seeking Board approval for an intergovernmental agreement between CMAP and CCDOTH to proceed with the next step of the study. Funding for this phase of the project will be provided by CCDOTH in the amount of \$500,000 for this purpose. CMAP will use the funding for consultant services procured through an open bidding process. The intergovernmental agreement will extend through November 30, 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval