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Ms. Erin Aleman, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Aleman:

On December 19, 2018 the Department (IDOT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) allocating CMAP \$75 million of federal funds and accompanying state appropriation between federal fiscal year 2020-2022. The Department has included these funds in the allocation memo for state fiscal year 2020 and has planned for including it in state fiscal year 2021 and 2022 allocations. This was done to discharge any prior CMAP balances at the commencing of MAP-21. This aspect of the MOU has been upheld.

On October 11, 2017, the City of Chicago and the Council of Mayors executed a memorandum of understanding establishing the shared fund, using the \$75 million referenced above and determined how the CMAP, the City of Chicago, and the Council of Mayors will proceed with continuing to program funds, including the shared fund. This MOU outlines how the shared fund will be funded including the \$75 million and set-aside from the regular marks given to CMAP from IDOT. It additionally states how existing commitments will be honored, stating that the projects identified in FFY2018-2020 will be implemented on a first ready, first funded basis until, either a) they have all been accomplished, b) the available funds have been exhausted or c) the start of federal fiscal year 2021.

In the fall of 2019, CMAP approached IDOT to indicate that all funds are anticipated to be expended by spring of calendar year 2020, option b above. CMAP provided the list of projects anticipated to be accomplished and asked for federal funding and state appropriation to cover those projects above and beyond the normal annual apportionment and \$75 million in federal funds and appropriation IDOT has committed to previously. IDOT has reviewed the projects and have shown that the majority of them are included in IDOT's program and can be accomplished under current funding allotments. However, it is known by IDOT that our program is solely projects that are moving forward and within our system. It does not include any projects that have been programmed by CMAP and the local sponsor has not initiated the project with the Department. It is anticipated this includes (not initiated with IDOT) most of the projects programmed with the shared fund.

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The MOU between the City of Chicago and the Council of Mayors identifies how to prioritize projects moving forward in the case of the available funds being exhausted. The Department believes that is the appropriate process to follow if funds are not sufficient to accomplish the projects identified.

The Department understands that the projects identified are important projects that have met the prioritization criteria to meet local needs. We also understand that the process and regulations to use federal funds through the state of Illinois adds time to the project. We encourage budgeting and planning that takes this into consideration all these factors while IDOT works with the locals and Federal Highway Administration to streamline processes as allowable.

At this time the Department will not be accommodating the request to provide funding above and beyond agreed upon allotments. The Department looks forward to working with CMAP while they continue to update and implement their use of Surface Transportation Block Grants to ensure fiscal constraint is met.

Sincerely,

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Omer M. Osman, P.E.
Acting Secretary

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