

MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP UWP Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 10, 2024

Subject: FY 2025 - 2029 UWP Competitive Program

Purpose: Staff will review the FY 2025 – 2029 UWP Competitive proposals and provide a recommended program for discussion. Final UWP Committee action will be scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Action Requested: Discussion

On November 28, 2023, CMAP staff issued a call for fiscal year (FY) 2025 - 2029 Unified Work Program (UWP) Competitive program funding proposals in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the UWP Committee on October 23, 2023. Four proposals, described below, were received from three agencies. More detailed summaries that include schedule, scoring, and budget information are also attached.

CTA: I-290/Blue Line Corridor Program (PMO Funding)

In order to successfully and efficiently leverage the reconstruction of the Blue Line Forest Park Branch and the I-290 interstate, which lie in the same transportation corridor footprint, the jurisdictional authorities for the facilities and right of way are creating a partnership to address the safety, mobility and condition of the corridor. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), alongside Program partners Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), are proposing to utilize a Program Management Office (PMO) to provide critical technical support for project sequencing, financing, coordination and public engagement. The requested UWP funding will provide for CTA's funding contribution towards the PMO office.

DuPage County DOT: DuPage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Public Involvement and Existing Conditions)

DuPage County DOT will utilize the assistance of a consulting firm that specializes in public engagement to complete an existing conditions report, and to develop and execute a public engagement plan for the DuPage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This work is the first phase of planning that will focus on the expansion and enhancement of DuDOT's network,

implementing DuPage Safety Action Plan recommendations, and providing access to jobs and recreational amenities for disconnected communities in DuPage County.

Metra: Origin/Destination Survey

Metra's mode-of-station-access, mode-of-station-egress, origin, and destination data are used to more accurately predict future ridership and access needs for each station on new and upgrade rail line projects throughout the region. The data will build on previous surveys conducted in 2019, 2016, 2014, 2006, 2002, and earlier and will inform Metra on post-COVID ridership trends, trip purposes, and travel patterns throughout the region. The survey data will also identify the usage of different ticket types for FTA Title VI Reporting purposes.

Metra: Targeted Station Ridership Counts

The project will collect ridership counts at select Metra stations using mobile phone counting sensors or cameras on train platforms and approximately 30 stations will be targeted. Devices will be set up at high ridership stations, including major destinations such as concerts, sporting events, and festivals that stress the transportation system and provide time of day estimates of station ridership. Results of the project will inform ridership demand, validate other station ridership sources, and serve as a proof of concept for emerging and innovative passenger count solutions Metra identified from responses to a 2023 Request for Information (RFI).

Projects were scored according to the methodology, resulting in the following final scores:

	CTA: PMO	DuPage: Bike/Ped	Metra: O&D	Metra: Counts
Advances CMAP's Strategic Direction	8	3	3	8
Address federal planning factors	6	5	3	4
Influences or implements statewide planning efforts	6	6	6	5
Deliverables/outcomes will be used by others	6	6	4	4
Past performance	4	4	6	6
Project administration	1	1	1	1
Regional cooperation and efficiency	4	0	0	4
Emerging issues	3	0	2	1
Continuation of past projects	2	2	2	0
Total Score	40	27	27	33

As part of the new multi-year programming methodology, CMAP has committed to programming no less than \$1 million each FY for transportation planning projects that support and enhance the work of the MPO and its partners. The exact amount of funding available for each FY will be determined prior to the start of each FY based on the estimate of federal planning funding available to the region provided by IDOT. Funds will always be programmed first for the completion of core MPO activities, and the balance of funding is then available for the competitive program. For FY 2025, the total funding available to the region is \$34,330,781.45. Core programming utilized \$33,767,291.45 of this funding, leaving a balance of \$563,490.00 for the competitive program. While this is significantly lower than the \$1 million commitment, CMAP staff worked with the CTA to adjust their competitive program

funding request, such that all competitive funding requested in FY 2025 can be accommodated with this balance.

In addition to the FY 2025 program, CMAP staff are recommending committing to providing \$1,068,500.00 in FY 2026, and \$241,500.00 in FY 2027 to fully fund all project proposals received during this call for projects, as summarized below. Throughout 2024, it is anticipated that the committee will discuss strategies to encourage more project proposals in future calls for projects.

		Recommended by FY				
Sponsor	Project	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
CTA	I-290/Blue Line Corridor Program (PMO Funding)	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Metra	Targeted Station Ridership Counts	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DuPage County	Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Public Involvement and Existing Conditions)	\$ 148,490.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Metra	Origin/Destination Survey	\$ -	\$ 508,500.00	\$ 241,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 563,490.00	\$ 1,068,500.00	\$ 241,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Federal (80%)		\$ 450,792.00	\$ 854,800.00	\$ 193,200.00	\$ -	\$ -
Sponsor Match (20%)		\$ 112,698.00	\$ 213,700.00	\$ 48,300.00	\$ -	\$ -

In addition to balancing the funding available, the UWP methodology calls for giving priority to competitive projects that will help the region meet federal requirements to dedicate at least 2.5% of the federal metropolitan planning funds to increasing safe and accessible transportation options. All of the project proposals submitted for competitive funding consideration address these types of activities. For FY 2025, 2.5% of the available funding equates to \$858,269.54. With only \$563,490.00 being programmed for competitive projects, CMAP must dedicate at least \$294,779.54 to these activities, which will be accomplished through the Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) program.

Upon review of the recommendation by the UWP Committee at the January 17, 2024 committee meeting, CMAP staff will make the recommendation available to the public for comment through Friday, January 26, 2024. Any adjustments to the recommendations will be presented to the committee on February 7, 2024 for approval and recommendation to the CMAP Transportation Committee. The CMAP Transportation Committee will consider the committee’s recommendation on March 1, 2024 and will make a final recommendation to the MPO Policy Committee for their consideration on March 14, 2024.