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BULL VALLEY

CARY

CRYSTAL LAKE

RE: STP-L Programming Proposal

FOX RIVER GROVE

Dear Mr. Szabo:

GREENWOOD

HARVARD

The McHenry County Council of Mayors (MCCOM) met on July 14, 2017 to discuss the draft proposal created by CMAP's working group on Surface Transportation Program (STP)-Local programming. MCCOM appreciates the time and effort that went into crafting this proposal and respectfully submits the following suggestions.

HEBRON

HOLIDAY HILLS

HUNTLEY

#### **Local Funding Distribution**

JOHNSBURG

- MCCOM requests that CMAP adjust the weighting of the performance measures that are used to calculate the local funding allocations. MCCOM believes that more weight should be placed on the total number of lane-miles in poor condition (50%) and less weight should be placed on congested centerline miles (10%), annual serious injury and fatal crashes (10%), and bridge deck area in poor condition (10%). This revised weighting structure would more accurately distribute STP-L funds to Councils with the most need and incentivize municipalities around the region to prioritize pavement maintenance in the future.

LAKE IN THE HILLS

LAKEMOOR

LAKELAKE

MARENGO

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McHENRY

OAKWOOD HILLS

- MCCOM requests that CMAP include a \$10 million ceiling on local funding allotments for the suburban Councils, similar to the proposed \$3 million floor. A maximum threshold will help equalize funding amounts, thus reducing the variations that some councils are projected to experience.

PORT BARRINGTON

PRAIRIE GROVE

RICHMOND

#### **Shared Local Fund/Active Program Management**

RINGWOOD

SPRING GROVE

- With regards to Active Program Management, MCCOM requests that the final proposal specifies exactly how long grace periods will be and when, after missed goals, programmed funds will be moved to the shared fund.

TROUT VALLEY

UNION

- Should a Council have programmed money that needs to be returned to the shared fund, MCCOM suggests setting aside a percentage of this to be re-

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programmed by other Councils. Because this funding was originally designated for local projects, we believe that it should remain local and be reallocated to Councils that are successfully using their allocations - as opposed to being entirely shifted to the shared fund, which we understand is for regional projects.

- MCCOM requests that projects funded from the shared fund be distributed equitably throughout the region. As demonstrated through our Council's repeated request of Advance Funding, our yearly allotment has not met the needs of our area for several years. Our municipalities look forward to being competitive when applying for additional funding through the shared fund.

#### **Regional Priorities for Local Programming**

- MCCOM would like clarification regarding the Pavement Management System requirement. Within the McHenry Council, 20 of the 29 members have a population under 10,000 (according to the 2010 U.S. Census). In these areas, resurfacing projects play an important role and help keep traffic moving smoothly throughout the region and on the federal aid roads. These small communities do not have the funding available to continually update existing pavement management plans, create new plans or hire consultants simply for this purpose. Although representatives agree on the value of Pavement Management Systems, CMAP needs to clarify how this can realistically occur in small or rural areas with limited funding.
- Finally, in order to ensure that STP programming criteria mirrors local needs, MCCOM requests that the weight for ON TO 2050 priorities be reduced from the proposed 25% to 15% of total points.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Mack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Mack, Chairman  
McHenry County Council of Mayors

CC: Tom Kotarac, Jesse Elam