

Northeastern Illinois UWP - Core Elements

Discussion of Intent

The Tier I, Core Elements portion of the Unified Work Program will be developed in the fall time frame. This initial process is designed to preserve a useful planning mark for the Tier II, Competitive Selection process which will occur in the winter time frame.

Core elements are directly associated with MPO requirements. They are efforts that are performed on an annual basis and will likely vary in scope from year to year. Core elements focus on addressing requirements at a minimum level and can be expanded during the Tier II, Competitive Selection phase. Core element work should collectively feed into the development of the RTP and TIP.

The core elements listing on the following page is intended to be non-agency specific and non-project specific.

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Unified Work Program

- Develop and monitor Program

Transportation Improvement Program

- Develop and monitor fiscally constrained program
- Develop and monitor Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program

Regional Transportation Plan

- Prepare and Implement Regional Transportation Plan
 - Identify relationship of transportation policy decisions on land use and development (regional land use framework plan) – economic, demographic, environmental protection, growth management and development goals/ transportation decisions related to social, economic, energy, human natural and man-made environment, housing, employment, community development, global competitiveness
 - Prepare socio-economic forecasts
 - Select projects - preservation of existing transportation facilities, preservation of right-of-way, connectivity to roads outside MPA, identification of major transportation investments, system integration and interconnectivity, access and mobility
 - Project's effectiveness, cost effectiveness, life cycle costs

Regional Transportation Planning efforts that roll into Major MPO Products

- Prepare Conformity Determinations
 - Coordination with State Implementation Plan/State Transportation Control Measures
 - Consultation with environmental resource protection and management plans/agency reps.
- Develop regional model
- Maintain Congestion Management System
- Data collection, analysis and development – GIS/Aerial Data/Travel Inventory
- Highway and Transit Assistance - FTA New Starts, traffic forecasts
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning - Transportation Enhancements
- Freight Planning - enhancement of freight movements
- Transit Planning - expansion of transit use/Increased transit security
- Management and Operations Planning - travel demand reduction/rideshare services/management strategies
- Planning with Private Providers
- Planning with Protected Populations – Environmental Justice, ADA/Special Grant Programs, Seniors, JARC, New Freedom Initiative
- ITS Planning – Regional Architecture
- Safety Planning
- Planning for Security
- Financial Planning – public and private resources, innovative financing, illustrative projects

Proactive Public Involvement process

- Provide continuous outreach, timely notice to citizens, access to policy and technical information, periodic effectiveness reviews, electronic availability of materials
- provide local input into the region's transportation policy decisions
- facilitate communication between local governments and the regional transportation agencies

Other Embedded Core Elements (administrative):

MPO designation and re-designation

MPO metropolitan planning area boundaries

MPO agreements:

- MPO and State – Governor
- MPO and State – DOT
- MPO and Transit Operators
- MPO and IEPA/EPA
- MPO and air quality non-attainment areas outside the MPA boundary
- Distribution of locally programmed STP funds

MPO Certification

MPO Responsibilities, cooperation and coordination

- MPO and Indiana and Wisconsin Governors on jurisdictional responsibilities
- MPO and SWRPC/NIRPC
- MPO and State/FHWA/FTA on major planning products
- Relationship between statewide transportation plan and metropolitan plans

MPO Compliance

- Title VI Consistency
- ADA Compliance

Emphasis Areas

The planning emphasis areas are intended to provide guidance in selecting additional UPW efforts (Tier II, Competitive Selection) after the Core Elements have been addressed.

The following emphasis areas were used to guide the **FY 2006 UWP** process.

1. Promote the safe and efficient movement of people.
2. Promote the safe and efficient movement of commercial goods.
3. Promote the use of non-motorized travel modes.
4. Support alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle travel.
5. Support transit-oriented development.

The Policy Committee recommended that we add:

6. Safety – enhancing safety in planning
7. Arterial Management – managing coordinated signals, transit signal priority and signal preemption

The following ideas have been suggested for the **FY 2007 UWP**.

1. RTP: Context sensitive solutions – for shared use arterials
2. RTP: Implementation of Major Capital Recommendations – addressing regional planning issues, New Starts, NEPA
3. McHenry County: Transportation Policy on land use (farmland)
4. RTA: Study of Multi-Modal Corridors