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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Working Committees

**From:** Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director

**Date:** September 2011

**Re:** GO TO 2040 Implementation Report

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Next month (October 2011) will mark the one-year anniversary of the adoption of the GO TO 2040 plan. The implementation of GO TO 2040 has been CMAP's principal focus over the past year, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future as well. This fall, CMAP intends to create a report describing actions that have taken place over the past year that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. This may become an annual report on plan implementation, which will help to demonstrate continued progress in moving the plan forward.

CMAP staff are requesting the assistance of the working committees in preparing this document. While staff can easily describe CMAP's accomplishments, there are countless other agencies and organizations that have also taken action to implement the plan over the past year; the working committees are asked to assist in identifying these. The preparation of the GO TO 2040 implementation report is expected to be an item of discussion for the working committees for the next several months.

The structure of the GO TO 2040 implementation report will mirror the structure of the plan. It will be divided into twelve sections, corresponding to the plan's twelve key recommendations. Within these sections, several (ideally, around three) examples will be given of progress made in each of the plan's "implementation action areas." When possible, these examples will include a mixture of actions taken by CMAP and by partner organizations. It will not be possible to be totally comprehensive, so these will be treated as highlights rather than a full list of accomplishments.

Attached is a skeleton of the contents of the report, highlighting recommendations that are relevant to each working committee. Initial discussion at the September meeting of each committee is requested, with continued discussion at the next several meetings as well.

**GO TO 2040 Implementation Report Outline**  
**Sample Areas for CMAP Land Use Committee DRAFT – 9/14/11**

**Recommendation: Achieve Greater Livability through Land Use and Housing**

*Implementation Action Area #1: Provide Funding and Financial Incentives*

Overall priorities: Create consistent funding sources for local planning and the implementation of local plans.

CMAP activities:

- Community Planning Program (with RTA)

Partner activities:

- RTA's implementation funding program
- Funding from HUD for Sustainable Communities grants

*Implementation Action Area #2: Provide Technical Assistance and Build Local Capacity*

Overall priorities: Provide direct assistance to communities on projects that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040, in close collaboration with partner organizations. Create regional technical assistance materials that respond to needs that cross communities.

CMAP activities:

- LTA program
- Plan Commissioner workshops

Partner activities:

- Assistance by partner organizations in LTA activities

*Implementation Action Area #3: Support Intergovernmental Collaboration*

Overall priorities: Provide support to local interjurisdictional initiatives. (This is primarily a reactive rather than proactive implementation area.)

Partner activities:

- Homes for a Changing Region
- Successful Challenge grant application by SSMMA
- Funding of northwest Cook housing collaborative group

*Implementation Action Area #4: Link Transit, Land Use, and Housing*

Overall priorities: Encourage local governments (which control land use) to consider housing and transit when making land use decisions. Encourage housing agencies to consider land use and transit access as they make investment and policy decisions. Encourage transportation agencies to consider housing and land use as they make investment and policy decisions.

Partner activities:

- H+T work by CNT
- Recent TOD example from local government
- Recent service change example from transit agency

## **Recommendation: Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space**

### *Implementation Action Area #1: Coordinate Open Space Investment to Create a Connected Regional Green Infrastructure Network*

Overall priorities in Coordinate Open Space Investment to Create a Connected Regional Green Infrastructure Network: CMAP's priority is the refinement of the Green Infrastructure Vision and ongoing outreach to encourage as many implementers to use it as possible.

CMAP activities:

- Start of work on GIV refinement

Partner activities:

- Examples needed (FPD expansion?)
- Examples needed

### *Implementation Action Area #2: Invest in the Establishment of New Parks in Developed Areas*

Overall priorities in Invest in the Establishment of New Parks in Developed Areas: CMAP's priority is to complete a baseline of land potentially available for park use, gather information on park district master plans, work with communities through the LTA program, and develop case studies of parks in redevelopment.

CMAP activities:

- Examples needed

Partner activities:

- Examples needed
- Examples needed

### *Implementation Action Area #3: Harmonize Actions by State and Local Government with Natural Resource Protection*

Overall priorities in Harmonize Actions by State and Local Government with Natural Resource Protection: Increasing local commitment to the compact development aspect of livable communities. The most important thing a local government can do to protect open space is to plan for livability. This will reduce overall land consumption. Some development will continue to occur within the green infrastructure network, however. In this case, local governments should require or at least encourage conservation design, resulting in the legal protection of a significant portion of the site through a conservation easement.

CMAP activities:

- Campton Hills comprehensive plan

Partner activities:

- Examples needed
- Examples needed

*Implementation Action Area #4: Increase Funding to Achieve the Level of Park Provision and Land Conservation*

Overall priorities in Increase Funding to Achieve the Level of Park Provision and Land Conservation: Helping identify and build support for alternative open space financing models, and working with land trusts to build capacity.

CMAP activities:

- Examples needed

Partner activities:

- Examples needed (land trust acquisition?)
- Examples needed

*Implementation Action Area #5: Treat Management Needs as an Important Part of Landscape Preservation*

Overall priorities in Treat Management Needs as an Important Part of Landscape Preservation: Aiding Chicago Wilderness in establishing region-wide restoration priorities.

CMAP activities:

- Campton Hills comprehensive plan

Partner activities:

- Examples needed
- Examples needed