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To: Planning Coordinating Committee

Date: July 3, 2007

From: Bob Dean, Associate Regional Planner

Re: Regional Vision Development

This memo provides an update on the development of the regional vision, which is a central part of the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

The regional vision will be a narrative document describing the future of the region. It will be a series of broad, general statements about desired future conditions, followed by more specific sentences containing more details or supporting language. For example, one paragraph in the vision could be, "In 2040, the region will feature a high degree of civic involvement. Residents of the region will be able to participate in government decision-making processes. Residents will also take active roles in addressing their own needs related to health care, public safety, and other issues." (*Please note that this is an example, and these sentences will probably not actually appear in the regional vision*.)

The CMAP working committees have been developing broad statements described above, which have been termed "major themes." The committees identified the most relevant goals and objectives from the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, then extracted the major themes. As an example of the activities of the working committees, the document distributed to the Human Services committee for their July 16 meeting has been attached to this memo.

The vision development process will include a major visioning event, to be held **Wednesday**, **September 12**, **2007**, **from 8:30 a.m. to noon**, at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Members of all of CMAP's committees, the Board of Directors, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and other relevant groups will be invited. At the event, the themes identified by the working committees will be discussed, and the content of a regional vision will be preliminarily developed. After the visioning event, CMAP's committees will develop a draft regional vision, including opportunities for public engagement. A recommendation for the endorsement of the vision is expected to be sought from the Planning Coordinating Committee in March 2008.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.



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To: Human Services Committee

Date: July 2, 2007

From: Bob Dean, Associate Regional Planner

Re: Regional Vision Development

This memo describes the next step in the development of a future vision for the Chicago region. At the June 11, 2007 meeting of the Human Services working committee, staff introduced major themes that had been identified at previous committee meetings as important parts of the regional vision.

Ultimately, the regional vision will be a narrative document describing the future of the region. It will be a series of broad, general statements about desired future conditions followed by more specific sentences containing more details or supporting language. For example, one paragraph in the vision could be, "In 2040, the region will feature a high degree of civic involvement. Residents of the region will be able to participate in government decision-making processes. Residents will also take active roles in addressing their own needs related to health care, public safety, and other issues." (*Please note that this is an example, and these sentences will probably not actually appear in the regional vision.*)

In the attached document, staff has expanded the themes identified at previous Human Services committee meetings into "general theme statements." These themes are then followed by *sample* supporting sentences, as well as the original goals from which these themes were derived.

Action Requested

The committee will be asked to confirm that the major themes accurately reflect past discussions. The committee will also be asked to discuss the importance or priority of the identified major themes.

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Major themes Theme name	General theme statement	Sample sentences to include in following paragraph	Initial goals or objectives that led to the development of this theme
Access to information	In 2040, all residents of the region will have access to information that affects their lives.	Access to the internet will be available to all residents across the region. Residents of the region will have the ability to easily access information about government, health care, social services, transportation, and other services.	Suggested as independent theme at June 11 committee meeting
Civic involvement	In 2040, the region will feature a high degree of civic involvement.	Residents of the region will be able to participate in government decision-making processes. Residents of the region will take active roles in addressing their own needs related to health care, public safety, and other issues.	Cultural diversity, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity, Seniors, Youth
Economic competitiveness	In 2040, the region will be economically competitive with other major cities across the globe.	The region's economic competitiveness will be caused by present and future investments in health care, social services, and workforce education. The region's competitiveness will be enhanced because it values equity and diversity, which attracts desirable businesses and residents.	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Health care, Racial and ethnic diversity, Social services, Workforce education
Equity	In 2040, the region will be more equitable than it is today.	Benefits and costs of regional policies and investments will be shared equally among residents of the region. Access to regional assets and opportunities will be equitable regardless of race, ethnicity, age, disability status, or any other factor.	Environmental justice, Equity in law enforcement, Racial and ethnic diversity, Workforce education
Public health	In 2040, the residents of the region will be healthy.	The health of the region will have an economic and civic benefit, as healthy residents are better able to participate in the workforce and in civic life.	Health care, Social services
Quality of life	In 2040, the region will have a high quality of life.	Residents will have the opportunity to enjoy healthy, safe and secure lifestyles. All residents, regardless of age or other factors, will be able to contribute to the character of their communities.	Health care, Public safety, Seniors, Social services
Sustainability	In 2040, the region's activities will be	Increased economic equity will lead to a more sustainable distribution of resources between individuals and	Environmental justice, Health care, Youth

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	sustainable from environmental, economic, and social perspectives.	communities in the Chicago region. The region's future leaders – today's youth – will be involved in the decisions that shape the region's features.	
System interdependence	In 2040, planning processes will be integrated and will recognize system interdependence.	The interrelated nature of education, health care, law enforcement, and social services will be reflected in how these issues are addressed. The interdependence between economics, environment, and human potential will be recognized and respected when these issues are planned for.	Cultural diversity, Environmental justice, Public safety, Racial and ethnic diversity
Other important themes			
Theme name	General theme statement	Sample sentences to include in following paragraph	Initial goals or objectives that led to the development of this theme
Preparation for crises	In 2040, the region will be prepared for unexpected crises.	The region's health care system will be robust and flexible enough to respond to major crises.	Health care