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Re: Framework Implementation and Regional Consensus-Building

Building on the successful public participation strategies used in the development of the *2040 Regional Framework Plan*, additional cluster cycles are being planned to build consensus throughout the region, further develop the regional framework, and lay the groundwork for the new, integrated Regional Comprehensive Plan.

- **Leadership Workshop for Kendall County.** Although previously brought into the MPO region under the CATS structure, Kendall County was not part of the official NIPC region at the time of the *Common Ground* process, and so was not included in the *2040 Regional Framework Plan*. Now that Kendall County is part of the CMAP region, an accelerated process has begun to bring Kendall County into a similar level of play in regional planning with the other six CMAP counties. An evening leadership workshop was held on April 26 which used keypad polling technology to identify key issues and concerns within this new addition to the CMAP regional landscape.
- **Cluster Workshops & Application of Centers Toolkit.** In order to both implement the regional framework envisioned by the *2040 Regional Framework Plan* and lay the groundwork for this new comprehensive regional planning effort, a series of cluster-based leadership workshop meetings are being held throughout the region in May and June. These workshops will utilize the newly developed *Centers Toolkit*, which will help communities enhance their center places while providing CMAP with an assessment of the status of and level of commitment to the centers concept throughout the region. Participants will also be introduced to the CMAP organization – new since the respective NIPC *Common Ground* and the CATS *Shared Path* regional land use and transportation planning efforts were undertaken. A list of the latest scheduled workshops is attached, and you are encouraged to attend the workshop in your part of the region.