

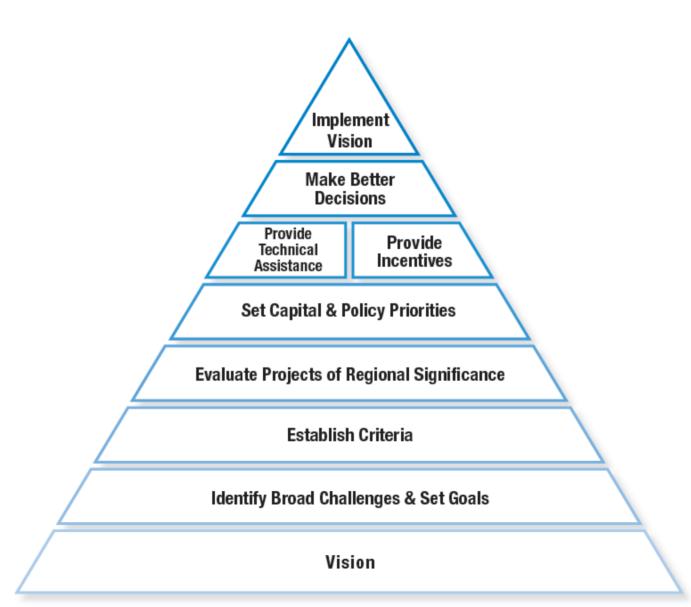
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

### **CMAP Contextual Approach**

Linking the Comprehensive Regional Plan, Evaluation Criteria, Projects of Regional Significance, Regional Priorities, Incentives and Technical Assistance



#### Building on the CMAP Vision





The CMAP's Board's vision is to provide the framework that will help our region connect its land use to the transportation systems, preserve its environment, and sustain its economic prosperity. The agency must be responsive to the region's residents, working cooperatively with municipalities and counties that maintain authority for local land-use decisions.

CMAP is integrating specialized expertise in a number of areas—research and analysis, transportation, land use, environment and natural resources, housing, economic and community development, and human services—to preserve and enhance quality of life for current and future generations.



# **Identify Broad Challenges**

The Chicago metropolitan area must plan proactively to:

- House 2 million more people by 2030
- Make wise transportation investments that mitigate congestion
- Address potential water shortages
- Protect air quality
- Avoid premature consumption of land
- Protect important open space and natural resources
- Pursue efforts to keep northeastern Illinois globally competitive



## Set Goals – 2040 Regional Framework Plan

- 1. Encourage Redevelopment, Reuse, and Infill
- 2. Achieve a Balance Between Jobs and Housing
- 3. Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities
- 4. Promote Livable Communities
- 5. Promote Economic Vitality
- 6. Promote Diversity and Inclusiveness
- 7. Promote Compact, Mixed-Use Development
- 8. Promote Telecommunications Infrastructure and Technology
- 9. Promote Walking and Bicycling as Alternative Modes of Travel
- 10. Ensure that Transportation Facilities are Context-Sensitive with Natural Resources, Historic Resources and Community Values
- 11. Coordinate Land Use and Transportation
- 12. Maximize Use of Existing Infrastructure
- 13. Protect Water Resources
- 14. Plan for Sustainable Water Supply
- 15. Protect and Enhance Biodiversity
- 16. Enhance and Connect Green Areas
- 17. Preserve Farmland

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## Set Goals – 2030 Regional Transportation Plan

• Maintain the integrity of the system we already have.

• Improve how the overall system works.

Help Sustain the region's vision and values.



# **Establish Criteria**

- 1. Regional Impact on the natural environment
- 2. Regional Impact on the economy of the region
- 3. Regional Impact on infrastructure
  - -Transportation
  - -Water Supply
  - -Sewer
  - -Solid Waste
  - -Other Public Facilities
- 4. Regional Impact on mobility and accessibility
- 5. Regional Impact on the ability of people to find adequate housing reasonably accessible to place of employment
- 6. Consistency with regional development objectives and regional plan



### **Evaluate Projects of Regional Significance**

Review and comment on proposed significant developments, projects, plans and applications for state and federal assistance to accomplish two basic goals:

•Facilitate intergovernmental coordination and cooperation.

•Ensure consistency with regional plans and policies.



## **Projects of Regional Significance**

- Review is advisory
- Function as a desired "Seal of Approval" for subsequent approvals, permits, marketing, etc.
- Balanced with incentives, awards and benefits of approval
- Must be a value-added process that does not delay needed projects



### **Identify and Promote Regional Priorities**

Regional Planning Act Section 15. Regional Planning Board; powers. (b)(3) Identify and promote regional priorities

Capital

Policy



# **Provide Technical Assistance**

- Coordinate technical assistance from many different partners
  - Planning commissioners training
- Promote best practices
  - Centers Toolkit
- Maintain and provide access to data and analysis tools to help local decision makers
  - Full Circle
- Assist with technical assistance of alternatives analysis



# **Provide Incentives**

- Align incentives to promote consistency with the regional plan and local plans by prioritizing selection criteria.
- Examples:
  - Illinois Tomorrow Planning Grant
  - Local Planning Technical Assistance Act
  - RTA's RTAP Grant
  - DNR Programs
  - DCEO Community Grants





#### Toward Implementation: Improving the Decision-making Process





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