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MEMORANDUM

To: Working Committees

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From: Bob Dean, Principal Regional Planner

Re: *GO TO 2040 Plan Outline and Next Steps*

With the endorsement of preferred Regional Scenario by the CMAP Board in January, the writing of *GO TO 2040* is now underway. Staff expects the working committees to be actively involved in reviewing drafts of appropriate sections of the plan between now and the release of a draft plan in June. A draft outline of the plan's main sections is attached. Elements of the plan are expected to be made available as they are completed, so that committees can review draft plan sections during the spring.

In addition, working committees may be asked to focus on certain elements of the plan that require more discussion or review. This could occur through discussions at full committee meetings, or through formation of specific task forces or subcommittees. Staff will work independently with each working committee to identify any areas needing additional focus.

GO TO 2040 will also include a recommended list of major transportation capital projects to be pursued between now and 2040. This list must be fiscally constrained, meaning that there must be sufficient revenues available to construct and operate these projects. There are far more proposed projects than available revenue, meaning that prioritization is needed. Furthermore, some proposed projects will support the preferred Regional Scenario better than others. Staff will prepare an initial prioritization proposal for discussion purposes in March, and will seek input from the working committees during March and April.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.