

CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Staff Contact: John Allen

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets again on April 12.

Economic & Community Development

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on March 23. It was reported that the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Northeastern Illinois was approved by the County board and county staff will be meeting with US Economic Development Agency (USEDA) to discuss details and potential opportunities that can be developed in the region. Focusing on objectives rather than specific programs, the plan promotes regionalism. Discussed in detail, innovation, the chair reported that research has identified a huge emphasis on innovation within business operations, talent pools and special expertise in practice in the Will County area. With the private sector already moving in this direction, it is important that *GO TO 2040* plan address innovation and initiate activities designed to develop a culture of innovation across the region. A presentation on the current activities of *GOTO 2040* was given highlighting the process of finalizing major capital projects, a federal requirement for the long range plan. An explanation was given regarding the process of how a fiscally constrained or unconstrained project is identified. Members expressed concern but acknowledged that this process could not be changed and recommended that a third grouping of projects be developed and classified as much needed community projects, which might then be considered high priority if additional funding were available. The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee is scheduled for April 27.

Environment & Natural Resources

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment & Natural Resources committee meets again April 7.

Housing

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The Housing Committee met on March 18. The remaining timeline for the *GO TO 2040* planning process was reviewed with emphasis on the importance of committee feedback on recommendations. Staff also described the proposed major capital projects, part of CMAP's federal requirements for the Regional Transportation Plan that will also be a part of *GO TO 2040*. Presentations were given on the preliminary Resource Conservation recommendations and the status of the Regional Indicators Project with the proposed recommendations for data sharing. The beta version of the indicators website was demonstrated and committee members commented on what a valuable resource the website will be for the region. A brief update on the outcomes of the Taking Action Event was also given, next steps of which have CMAP, ULI, and Metropolis 2020 working on a pilot project with a cluster of communities in west Cook

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including Northlake, Melrose Park, Bellwood, Franklin Park and others on developing joint strategies aimed at residential real estate development.

Human Services

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services Committee meets again April 12.

Land Use

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The Land Use Committee met on March 17. Meeting items centered around *GO TO 2040* and recommendations being proposed for draft chapter development. Presentations were given and the committee discussed plan recommendations for Open Space, Data Sharing & Transparency (including an update on the Regional Indicators Project), and Land Use & Housing. The Committee also began discussing major capital projects. At its next meeting on April 21, the committee will continue examining comprehensive regional plan components.

Transportation

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

The Transportation Committee meets again on April 23.

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