**Mission & Committee Statement – DRAFT 2 13 14**

As part of the transition to a new staff liaison, CMAP staff recently queried committee members about their interests for upcoming topics and what past activities have been useful for them. Members consistently reported interest in wanting a clear vision and mission to help further hone the committee’s purpose and subsequent work. Staff will share a draft vision and mission statement and request feedback and discussion about the text.

**Mission**

The Economic Development Committee Vision for CMAP is to:

* Promote a regional approach to economic development policy and practices.
* Advance the recommendations of GO TO 2040, particularly in the areas of workforce development and economic innovation, but also the broader range of infrastructure, land use, and governance recommendations for sustainable regional economic prosperity.

**Committee Charge**

The charge to this committee is to provide advisory input to the CMAP staff on proposed regional plans, projects, and policies by:

 Providing feedback to staff and the coordinating committees on CMAP projects as they relate to regional economic development issues.

 Serve as a discussion forum for regionally important issues in economic development, innovation, and workforce planning and policy.

 Help coordinate and prioritize policy positions, programs, and advocacy between CMAP and other organizations.

 Help identify relevant economic development best practices and encourage their adoption by CMAP partners in the region.