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.

**CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING**

**Economic Development Committee**

**Committee Mission & Charge**

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**Mission**

The mission of the CMAP Economic Development Committee is to promote economic development policies, practices, and research that foster sustainable growth and regional coordination of workforce development and innovation. Further, the committee will advance the recommendations of GO TO 2040 for economic development through research and recommendations around regional industry clusters, tax policies, workforce development, innovation as well as the broader range of infrastructure, land use, and governance policies that lead to sustainable regional prosperity.

**Committee Charge**

This committee is charged with the following activities in support of economic development for the CMAP region:

* Provide feedback to staff and the coordinating committees on CMAP projects, research, and analyses as they relate to regional economic development issues.
* Provide critical review of CMAP draft reports and their underlying research on proposed regional plans, projects, and policies.
* Serve as a discussion forum for regionally important issues in economic development, innovation, and workforce planning and policy.
* Coordinate and prioritize policy positions, programs, and advocacy between CMAP and other organizations.
* Identify relevant economic development best practices in the CMAP region and from other regions and encourage their adoption by CMAP partners in the region.
* Convene economic development stakeholders to help formulate and implement policies and plans consistent with best practice and the GO TO 2040 Plan.