



Next Comprehensive Regional Plan

Summary of planned activities in FY 16

Environment and Natural Resources Working Committee

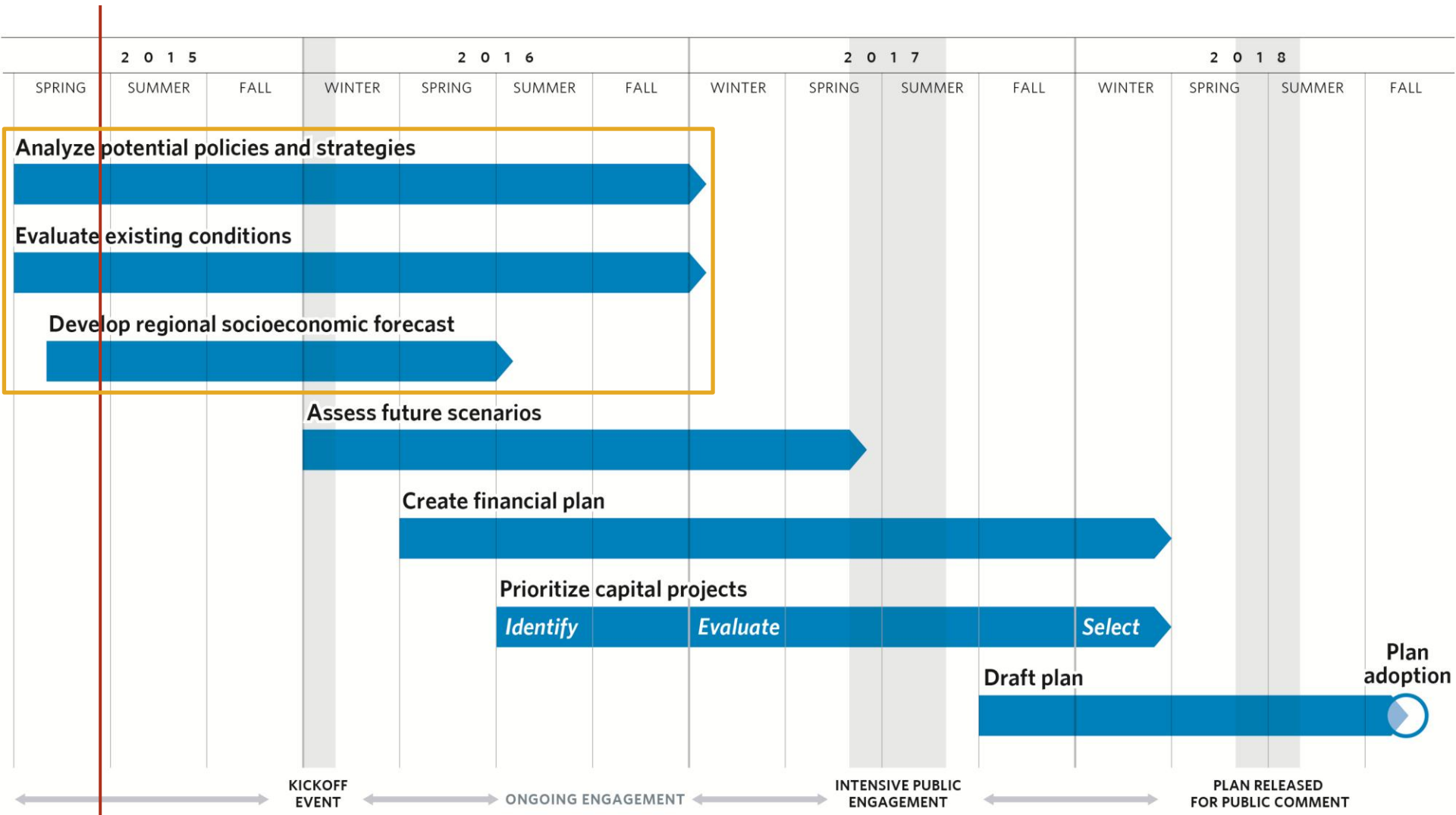
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Overarching Goals

- Per CMAP Board's direction, build upon the strong foundation that GO TO 2040 provides
- Explore limited new policy areas supportive of CMAP's land use and transportation responsibilities
- Strive for greater specificity in the plan's policies:
 - Through refinement of existing policies
 - Through development of geographically oriented approaches that provide more guidance for implementers

Plan Development Timeline



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Stakeholder Engagement

CMAP Committees

- Review and advise on projects within subject area at key points
- Provide additional guidance on projects with Resource Groups

Resource Groups*

- Denoted throughout this document with an asterisk (*)
- Created for cross-committee topics and for subject areas new to CMAP
- Include current CMAP committee members as well as key stakeholders and topic area experts
- Inform specific strategy papers

Ongoing interviews, data requests, and communication with key stakeholders as needed

Snapshot Reports

Data-driven existing conditions and trends analysis summarized in a brief (10-20 pp.) graphical report. Planned topics for FY16 include:

- Regional economic clusters and trends
- Infill and TOD trends
- Demographic trends
- Transportation network and trends
- Freight system trends

Upcoming Year's Activities: Strategy Papers

Strategy Papers

Exploration of refinements to GO TO 2040 policies or new policy areas in a medium-length (20-30 pp.) narrative format. Planned topics for FY16 include:

- Green infrastructure co-benefits in parks and open space
- Undeveloped, agricultural, and natural areas*
- Climate adaptation and resilience*
- Geographically based regional planning strategies*
- Public health indicators and assessments*
- Comparative assessment of tax policies and land use trends*
- Reinvestment and infill strategies*
- Inclusive growth*
- Regional approaches to housing supply and affordability
- Transportation system funding concepts
- Emphasis areas for transportation: asset condition*, highway operations, transit modernization*

Green infrastructure co-benefits in parks and open space

Examine co-benefits that open space areas can provide for environmental health, resilience, stormwater management, sustainability

Undeveloped, agricultural, and natural areas*

Explore agency messaging around conservation of these areas and ways to quantify conservation benefits

Climate adaptation and resilience*

Investigate landscape of organizations working on climate resilience, define a vision for regional resilience, identify CMAP's role in conjunction with other actors

Geographically based regional planning strategies*

Examine ways to translate regional-level policies into locally implementable policies. Topics include GIV / Priority Conservation Areas, place types, infrastructure investment for plan implementation

June – September 2015

- Mission statements for Resource Groups
- Initial analysis & discussion – green infrastructure co-benefits strategy paper
- Discuss GLV / priority conservation areas

An aerial night view of a city with glowing white lines representing a network or infrastructure. The lines are concentrated in the urban area and spread out towards the surrounding regions. The city is illuminated with a blueish light, and the surrounding landscape is dark. A large body of water is visible in the upper right corner.

Questions?