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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** September 1, 2017

**Re:** ON TO 2050 Update

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The CMAP Board and committees receive regular detailed updates on the various components of ON TO 2050 plan development that are most relevant to them. Since the volume of work associated with plan development is too large for every committee to learn about every component individually, this bi-monthly memo provides a brief status update on all major ongoing elements of plan development, including links to recent presentations and interim or final products when available. Projects that appear in this document for the first time, or that were recently completed, are noted and highlighted in italics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

## Regional Snapshot Analyses

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Regional economic clusters (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Project complete. The snapshot was <a href="#">published</a> . Copies continue to be disseminated at relevant meetings and shared via the website and social media.
Travel behavior trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Elizabeth Irvin	Jul. 2015 – Sep. 2016	Project complete. <a href="#">The snapshot</a> 's release coincided with a transportation-related ON TO 2050 <a href="#">Big Ideas forum</a> . Media <a href="#">coverage</a> and promotion of the report continue.
Demographic trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Aug. 2015 – Mar. 2017	Project complete. The snapshot was <a href="#">published</a> and has been disseminated at relevant meetings and via the website.
Tax policy	Simone Weil	n/a	This project has been removed from the work plan due to staffing changes.
Freight system trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2017	Project complete. Published as " <a href="#">The Freight System: Leading the way</a> " in May 2017.
Highway system trends	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Aug. 2017	The draft snapshot has been reviewed internally. The draft will be presented to Transportation Committee in September.
Local food	Brian Daly	Jun. 2016 – August 2017	Graphics and text are undergoing final edits and the final document will soon be posted.
Infill and TOD trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Liz Schuh	Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2017	ENR Committee receive a presentation in July. Published as " <a href="#">Infill and TOD: Exploring Regional Development</a> " in August 2017.
Non-motorized transportation (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	Oct. 2016 – Oct. 2017	Graphics are undergoing final edits and the final document will soon be posted to the CMAP webpage.
Transit network trends	Martin Menninger	June 2016 – Nov. 2017	Draft completed was circulated to key partners. Layout and final editing have begun. Scheduled for release in November.
Natural resources	Jared Patton	Oct. 2016 – Jan. 2018	The Land Resources chapter has been reviewed and revised. A preliminary draft of the Water Resources chapter has been completed. A master document will be circulated for internal review.
Placemaking	Ricardo Lopez	Mar. 2017 – Feb. 2018	Staff circulated local case studies with Advisory Group for review. Drafting is underway.

## Assessment of New Policy Directions

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Green infrastructure co-benefits (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	Project complete. The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Transportation system funding concepts (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The project is complete. The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> is posted on the web for feedback.
Climate resilience (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The project is complete and <a href="#">posted</a> on the CMAP website. Communications will leverage this report as we promote April's climate change forum.
Highway operations (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – Feb. 2017	The project is complete and the <a href="#">document</a> is posted on the CMAP website.
Tax policies and land use trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Mar. 2017	The project is complete. The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> is posted on the web for feedback.
Housing supply and affordability (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – May 2017	The project is complete. The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> is posted on the web for feedback.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Tony Manno, Liz Oo	Oct. 2015 – Jun. 2017	The project is complete. The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> is posted on the web for feedback.
Inclusive growth (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Elizabeth Scott	Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2017	The project is complete and the <a href="#">document</a> is posted to the CMAP website.
Lands in transition (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Aug. 2017	The project is complete and the <a href="#">document</a> is posted on the CMAP website.
Water	Jason Navota	Sep. 2016 – Aug. 2017	The project is complete and the document will soon be posted to the CMAP website.
Energy	Dan Olson	Jun. 2016 – Sep. 2017	The project is complete and the <a href="#">document</a> is posted on the CMAP website.
Regional economy	Simone Weil	Nov. 2016 – Sep. 2017	Initial drafts are undergoing internal review. Economic Development Committee will review strategy memos in September.
Transit modernization (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Oct. 2017	Initial draft is nearly complete. Draft will be reviewed by staff, partners, and the Resource Group in September.

Transportation technology	Elizabeth Irvin	Jun. 2016 – Oct. 2017	The revised strategy paper was circulated for partner review and presented to Transportation Committee. The revised draft is in the final stages of review and anticipated to be complete in September
Municipal capacity	Patrick Day	Jun. 2016 – Nov. 2017	A draft Strategy Paper was discussed at the final meeting of the Resource Group on July 14 and presented to working committees in late summer. The draft will undergo internal review and editing in September-October.
Stormwater	Nora Beck	Nov. 2016 – Jan. 2018	Draft regional flooding susceptibility indexes were shared with leaders at each county stormwater agency or key staff as well as the City of Chicago and the USACE. A policy framework for the paper is being developed and will be shared with the ENR committee for review. The draft strategy paper is anticipated to be complete in September.
Public health	Ricardo Lopez	Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2018	The project was presented to the Transportation Committee on August 4. Drafting of health strategies underway.
Asset management (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2017	Policy discussions were re-initiated in the context of the Surface Transportation Program. Follow-up memos on recommendations and targets will be sent to Transportation Committee in the fall. A <a href="#">Request for Informational Presentations</a> was posted in August that will inform both the ON TO 2050 asset management strategy and Surface Transportation Program discussions.

## Other Plan Development Tasks

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	The public engagement period for <a href="#">Alternative Futures</a> officially closed in August. To mark the end of the period, CMAP executive director Joe Szabo delivered a speech on August 30 at the City Club of Chicago summarizing the engagement and previewing the three key principles of ON TO 2050. Media outreach for Alternative Futures outreach concluded with an appearance on WBEZ's Morning Shift by ON TO 2050 plan co-manager Liz Schuh. Through the summer, communications staff released and promoted multiple strategy papers and snapshots. The communications team continues to work with vendors and plan managers to develop visual assets for the plan and to prepare for the eventual web presentation of ON TO 2050. Finally, the fully designed version of the ON TO 2050 preview document will be circulated to the Transportation Committee at their September meeting in advance of its consideration by the Board and MPO Policy Committee in October.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff continued to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research, including the completion of draft flooding susceptibility index for the Stormwater strategy paper.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Revisions to the draft revenue and expenditures forecasts were completed and have been discussed with stakeholders. Efforts to develop allocations to expenditure categories are underway.
Layers	Lindsay Bayley	Ongoing	Sample ON TO 2050 story map under development. Topic area refinement of priority layers continues. Mapping for 10 layers complete, 14 under development. A sample template for layer methodology complete, wiki page for staff requirements to upload data layers to Data Hub complete. Meeting scheduled for late September with municipal GIS service provider to discuss data sharing.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	Public engagement to support development of the ON TO 2050 plan focused this summer on <a href="#">Alternative Futures</a> and uses multiple tools to

			<p>broaden and deepen the regional discussion and generate feedback. All five <a href="#">Alternative Futures Forums</a> have taken place and were well-attended, including the last two forums in suburban venues: <a href="#">The Future of Economic Opportunity</a> (July in Homewood) and <a href="#">Doing More with Less</a> (August in Libertyville). Interactive <a href="#">kiosks</a> collected residents' input at 20 locations across the region, generating approximately 3,000 individual interactions per week. Most of the kiosks will be recalled from service in early September, although several will remain in place for continuing educational value with our partner/hosts. Five in-depth, <a href="#">online (MetroQuest) surveys</a> for the Alternative Futures are open and collecting additional input. In-person public engagement has included over 80 workshops and other events as of August 24, reaching thousands of residents, with more events on the <a href="#">calendar</a> through August. The public engagement activities are supported and amplified by coordinated print materials and extensive social media output, using the #2050BigIdeas hashtag thread on <a href="#">Twitter</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a>.</p>
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	Staff continues to evaluate projects.
Scenario development	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	<p>Memos on <a href="#">changed climate</a>, <a href="#">walkable communities</a>, and <a href="#">constrained resources</a> were completed and draft memos on <a href="#">innovative transportation</a> and <a href="#">transformed economy</a> are undergoing internal review. Staff also launched the <a href="#">changed climate survey</a> and <a href="#">walkable communities survey</a>, and continues to develop surveys for remaining 3 futures. Staff has presented at least one of the futures to all working committees, as well as the Board, MPO Policy Committee, and the Planning Coordinating Committee. Interactive kiosks have also been completed for all five futures.</p>
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Ongoing discussions with consultant on modifications to Local Allocation tool. Delivery of final version of tool anticipated early October.

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