



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning** **Annotated Agenda** **Wednesday, February 13, 2013--9:30 a.m.**

**Cook County Conference Room**  
**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

- 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions** 9:30 a.m.  
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes**
- 3.1 The minutes of November 14, 2012, that were presented for approval last month did not reflect the report of Board Chair Mayor Bennett immediately following the Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's performance review; the addition has been reflected in this version.
- 3.2 January 9, 2013  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report**
- 4.1 LTA Program update
- 4.2 GO TO 2040 Implementation Poster
- 4.3 Upcoming DC trips
- 4.4 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) trip
- 4.5 APA conference events
- 4.6 Other Announcements
- 5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**
- 5.1 Contract Approval for Development of Activity-Based Travel Model
- 5.2 Contract Approval for an Agent-Based Economic Extension to Mesoscale Freight Model
- 5.3 Procurement Approval for Conference Exhibit Display Materials for GO TO 2040 Exhibit
- ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

The chair of the Local Coordinating Committee will provide an update on the meeting held prior to the board meeting. Written summaries of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee will also be provided.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

## **7.0 State Legislative Update**

Staff will update the Board on relevant legislative activities. Additionally, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) will present on their legislative initiative to institute performance-based transportation funding within the state.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

## **8.0 Federal Agenda**

Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, staff developed a set of principles to inform federal legislators and other national policy makers about CMAP's positions on national policy issues. The agenda focuses on principles that will help to guide CMAP's support or opposition to specific pieces of legislation over the course of the federal legislative calendar.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

## **9.0 Regional Manufacturing Cluster Drill-Down Report and Upcoming Forum**

Later this month, CMAP will release its second industry cluster drill down report, which focuses on manufacturing. The report identifies major issues affecting future competitive advantage in this vital regional activity. Staff will summarize the major findings of this report and brief the Board on the upcoming forum event that will be held on February 26, 2013.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

## **10.0 Update on Congestion Pricing**

Staff will provide an update of the Congestion Pricing campaign that was launched last October.

ACTION REQUESTED: Informational

## **11.0 Other Business**

## **12.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

**13.0 Next Meeting**

The Board meets next on March 13, 2013.

**14.0 Executive Session**

(The Board will adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of reviewing minutes of prior closed sessions and discussing a matter of personnel.)

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**15.0 Adjournment**

**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board Members:**

\_\_\_ Gerald Bennett, Chair  
\_\_\_ Frank Beal  
\_\_\_ Susan Campbell  
\_\_\_ Roger Claar  
\_\_\_ Michael Gorman  
\_\_\_ Elliott Hartstein

\_\_\_ Al Larson  
\_\_\_ Andrew Madigan  
\_\_\_ Marilyn Michelini  
\_\_\_ Heather Weed Niehoff  
\_\_\_ Raul Raymundo  
\_\_\_ Rick Reinbold

\_\_\_ Rae Rupp Srch  
\_\_\_ Dan Shea  
\_\_\_ André Ashmore  
\_\_\_ Leanne Redden  
\_\_\_ Sean O'Shea





**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**  
**REVISED DRAFT**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
November 14, 2012

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members  
Present:**

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County (via tele-conference), Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

**Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Ylda Capriccioso, and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**

Mike Albin-DMMC, Caitlyn Costello-Metra, Sonali Basak-Medill, Jen Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Sheena Freve-Metropolis Strategies, William Lachman-RTA, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Dr. Marc Sengstarke-Chicago Defender Charities, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Laura Wilkison-Metro Strategies

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

**2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no Agenda changes or announcements.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2012**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 joint meeting of the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee as presented, was made by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Marilyn Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

### **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Briefly Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that CMAP's Congestion Pricing microsite had been launched on October 10, and had been met with a positive reaction with stories carried by local media. The timing corresponds nicely with the Tollway's I-90 west end construction, Blankenhorn continued. Outreach continues with letters to the Tollway Board and Executive Director, and with both the Secretary and Governor's offices. The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update as well as the 2013 schedule of meetings, Blankenhorn also reported, had been included in the materials. The December meeting of the board will be cancelled.

### **5.0 Procurements**

A motion to approve a two-year contract for Federal Government Legislative Outreach Services to Wilkison Consulting in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 annually was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **6.0 Re-establishing State/Regional Water Supply Planning and Management**

CMAP staff, Ylda Capriccioso gave background information on the development of Water 2050 that was reaffirmed in GO TO 2040. Capriccioso went on to suggest that CMAP sees an opportunity to convene a water supply management policy coordination group to establish common priorities but that due to a lack of funding at CMAP, assistance is needed to pursue the effort. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) has the resources to coordinate such an effort and staff is seeking input and Board support for an initiative between CMAP and MPC to pursue strategies to restore state and regional water supply planning and management with new and sustainable funding options. Members did agree that a lasting funding source (at approximately \$2-\$3 million) is necessary, that staff should start at the Governor's office, that the impact of the cost of water on lower income families should be considered among other considerations. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to support the collaboration between CMAP and MPC. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **7.0 Proposed CMAP and RTA Merger**

RTA staff, Leanne Redden delivered a presentation that was referred to as RTA 101 that included background details related to establishing the RTA in 1974 (and amended in 1983), the amount of money available to the RTA, its funding sources and disbursements, its financial and operating responsibilities and regional transit planning. Redden also reported that in 2008 the act was amended again adding additional responsibilities (transit performance measures, audits and strategic planning) and additional sales tax revenue. The RTA Board make up, Redden continued, similar to CMAP, is 5 from the city, 5 from the county and 5 from Cook plus the chair. Twelve votes are required to pass major issues. Redden also explained the complicated funding, that results in very little (approximately \$3-\$6 million) discretionary funds for which the service boards compete.

With Metropolis Strategies having first proposed the merger, CMAP Board member Frank Beal indicated that problems exist within the legislation. GO TO 2040 suggests that by

2040, ridership will have doubled from 2-4 million, Beal continued, when actually ridership is in decline (Chicago is 9<sup>th</sup> in growth rate after Houston). Beal went on to say that the business community knows this which results in a reluctance to reinvestment. Ours is second or third most congested with serious problems, either because of law or custom and while Board Chair Mayor Bennett agreed that the structure of the RTA could be problematic, it is not certain that passing it along to CMAP is the solution. Other members weighed in as well. Finally, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn asked, should CMAP lead, participate or watch? Blankenhorn also suggested that the Board watch the upcoming RTA budget session to get more information. While there could be interest on the part of the CMAP Board to participate (leadership as facilitator, bringing the service boards together) the Board indicated that it wanted to continue the discussion at its next meeting.

#### **8.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

#### **9.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The December meeting of the Board was cancelled. Accordingly, the CMAP Board meets next on January 9, 2013.

#### **11.0 Executive Director Performance Review**

At 10:50 a.m., a motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn the regular meeting to an executive session for the purpose of discussing the Executive Director's annual performance review. All in favor, the motion carried.

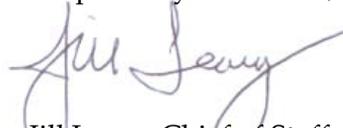
Having concluded the executive session, a motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that the Board evaluated the Director's performance, would be considering a 3% salary increase along with a longer-term contractual agreement and that feedback would be sought from upper-level staff. The matter would be reviewed again at the next Board meeting.

#### **12.0 Adjournment**

At 11:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff





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**DRAFT**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
January 9, 2013

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**Board Members  
Present:**

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County (via tele-conference), Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, Peter Silvestri-representing suburban Cook County and non-voting members Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee and and Andre' Ashmore and Sean O'Shea-representing the Governor's office (via tele-conference).

**Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Erin Aleman, Lorrie Kovac, Gordon Smith and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**

Mike Albin-DMMC, Kristin Andersen-Metra, Jennifer Becker-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Allison Bos-SW Conference, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, Michael Forti-IDOT, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Jim Savio-Sikich LLP, David Seglin-CDOT, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Chris Staron-NWMC, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Tom Vander Woude-SSMMA and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

**1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Chairman Bennett announced that two new board members had been appointed by the Governor's office, and welcomed Andre' Ashmore, Deputy Secretary Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Sean O'Shea, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Quinn. Bennett also introduced and welcomed Commissioner Peter Silvestri, Cook County Board and President of the Village of Elmwood Park, appointed by Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2013**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2013 meeting of the CMAP Board as presented, was made by Dan Shea, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program update had been included in the board packet. Blankenhorn also reported highlights from the GO TO 2040 2012 Implementation Report, asking that the board confirm that staff is tracking matters of importance. The Implementation Report poster is scheduled for release in February. Blankenhorn also announced that the American Planning Association (APA) had awarded its National Planning Excellence Award for a planning agency to CMAP, for GO TO 2040. The award will be presented at the annual conference being held in Chicago in April.

## **5.0 Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2012**

Jim Savio of the accounting firm Sikich LLP presented CMAP's Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2012. Savio thanked CMAP staff for their assistance in what was considered a very smooth audit that resulted in a clean, unqualified opinion. Savio suggested that the Management Discussion and Analysis was a very good summary of the audit results, drew attention to the Balance Sheet reflecting a \$290,000 increase in assets, the income statement showing cash in and out, schedule of funding of IMRF, grant activity schedule, and the report on internal control in accordance with Government Auditing Standards that showed no material weaknesses nor any issue of non-compliance. Finally, Savio reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards from U.S. Department of Energy, Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Transportation and the Management Letter to the Board that included future accounting announcements. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Elliott Hartstein to accept the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2012. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **6.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

A motion by Susan Campbell was seconded by President Michael Gorman to approve the procurements and contract awards as presented. These included: (a) the adoption of a resolution for an intergovernmental agreement with the Cook County's Assessor's Office for 2011 assessment data; (b) the contract award for two years with options for three one year renewals with Geosyntec Consultants (as a primary consultant) and Wills Burke Kelsey (as a secondary consultant) totaling \$50,000 each fiscal year, the maximum of the five year contracts not to exceed \$250,000 to provide engineering technical assistance in advancing water resources objectives; and (c) the contract award with Metropolitan

Planning Council (MPC) in the amount of \$40,000 to support the DuPage Water Commission, a CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

Elliott Hartstein, Chair of the Regional Coordinating Committee reported that the committee had met earlier in the morning and considered the following topics. Staff reported on discussions regarding the revision of the CMAP metropolitan planning area, which would include not only the land that is urbanized now, but land that is expected to be urbanized over the next 20 years. An update of performance based funding was given, Hartstein continued, and moving forward, staff will continue to pursue a more visible campaign. Following the Regional Tax Policy Task Force's work, staff developed a "regional revenues for transportation capital infrastructure," report that explored capital funding sources the metropolitan region could raise on its own, rather than continuing to rely on solutions from Washington and Springfield. Staff presented findings that focused on examples from other parts of the U.S., and provided revenue estimates from the imposition of a variety of new revenues as well as more project specific sources like value capture and congestion pricing strategies. A presentation was given on the region's manufacturing industry cluster. This report, the second in the cluster drill-down series, is scheduled to be launched in February. Included in the report were analysis of manufacturing industries with a specific focus on advanced manufacturing and a series of challenges and opportunities in the areas of infrastructure, workforce, and innovation. Finally, staff presented the state legislative framework and state agenda for the upcoming 2013 legislative session.

## **8.0 Public Participation Plan**

CMAP staff Erin Aleman reported that over the past year CMAP had worked with its Citizens' Advisory Committee, the Transportation Working Committee, and the RTA to develop an updated Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP serves two important functions, Aleman continued. First, it is important that the public understand CMAP's commitment to public engagement and that CMAP is transparent in its efforts to engage the region. Second, it is vital that CMAP staff have a relevant tool to help guide outreach efforts. There were a number of changes that were made to the PPP that included striking outdated references to CATS and NIPC, folding in new language to reflect GO TO 2040 principles in the overview section and updating language to reflect MAP-21 legislation, Aleman concluded. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adopt the Draft Plan as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **9.0 Nominating Procedures**

As had been requested by the Board, CMAP's Nominating Committee considered options for a potential rotational policy for membership on the Executive Committee. Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, President Michael Gorman advised that CMAP's enabling legislation and bylaws were silent on rotational policies for board leadership and that the make-up of the Executive Committee as well as the selection of the Board's Chair and Vice Chairs had historically been chosen considering the geographic balance of the board composition (one-third City of Chicago, one-third suburban Cook County and one-third from the collar counties). Gorman went on to say that the current past practice

provides flexibility to change, if necessary and stability in leadership. The Nominating Committee would not be recommending any formal change in the rotational policy. Rather, Gorman continued, when the Chairman appoints the Nominating Committee, staff will work with the committee, contacting all members [of the Board] gauging interest in either remaining on or becoming a new member of the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Nominating Committee would convene their respective subregional caucus, developing recommendations for their respective subregion and finally the Nominating Committee would convene and make its recommendation to the full Board. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Elliott Hartstein to adopt the procedures as had been reported by the Nominating Committee. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **10.0 Performance-Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding**

CMAP staff, Matt Maloney updated the Board reporting that this important issue moving away from arbitrary formulas in terms of making transportation decisions continues to be discussed at the Regional Coordinating Committee, as had been reported by Vice-Chair Elliott Hartstein. Maloney went on to say that last October, the Board having met jointly with the MPO Policy Committee asked staff to move forward with two approval items, one of which was directed to IDOT, the second more internally to CMAP. A letter was sent to IDOT requesting the formation of an advisory group to move towards implementation of performance-based funding. Maloney acknowledged that the department is moving forward on a process of performance measures to be used throughout the state, adding that CMAP sees that program falling short of making links to the allocation of nearly \$9 billion over a five year period since we believe that a link to actual investment decisions is necessary. CMAP considers this a priority for the agency and is moving forward with the development of a web-based micro-site to educate the public and explain the matter both on the state level and with policy makers and the general public. CMAP will also be following and considering state legislation and, Maloney continued, that as the region's MPO there is more to do internally, albeit small, through the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Maloney fielded questions related to IDOT being on board with this matter and the possibility of legislation being involved to which Maloney responded there is a lot of work to do when considering doing business differently and we will continue to work towards implementing performance-based funding.

#### **11.0 CMAP's State Legislative Framework and Agenda**

CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported on CMAP's 2013 State Legislative Framework document and State Agenda indicating that the focus of the documents relate to policy issues with a regional or statewide impact or those that could serve as precursors to broader issues and legislation. The principal change over last year's Framework document, Smith continued is the reordering of principles of the core issues of transportation, transit and freight. Smith went on to say that the Framework document is a useful tool for staff to respond and inform the General Assembly, the Governor, our partners of our priorities and includes 12 policy statements from GO TO 2040

recommendations to focus regionally and state-wide on the broad policy issues that are important to CMAP. Taken from the Framework document, Smith described specific issues related to the following initiatives that staff is or will be pursuing in 2013. Those include: CMAP funding; state fiscal health and tax policies; transportation investments and revenues; performance-based transportation funding; state/regional water planning and management; and transparency and accountability. Board Chair Mayor Bennett suggested that staff contact the Governor's office suggesting a state-wide commission of legislative leaders or members along with the MPOs to study state-wide transportation funding. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by President Peter Silvestri to approve the 2013 Legislative Framework and State Agenda as was presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### **12.0 Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Work Program (UWP) Process**

Briefly, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration Dolores Dowdle reported that the FY 14 UWP priorities are those set by the Board after GO TO 2040 was adopted. The call for proposals for the FY 14 program were issued on January 3 and proposals are due on January 31. The UWP committee will consider the core and competitive proposals during the months of February and March and will make a recommendation of the final FY 14 program at the Board's June 12 meeting, Dowdle continued. In FY 14, there is a total of \$16,837,253 new federal funds available for the UWP program. Last year, the FY 13 program allocated \$14,847,734 in new funds and \$2,499,000 in unallocated FY 12 federal funds, for a total of \$17,346,734, Dowdle reported.

#### **13.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Amendment: Circle Interchange**

Meant as an informational item, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Circle Interchange is being proposed by IDOT with major reconstruction and additional capacity and because it involves additional capacity, it becomes a major project under GO TO 2040 and needs to be evaluated and amended into the Plan. In general, CMAP recognizes that the Circle Interchange is a problem and should be resolved, so it is likely the Board will get a request in March to amend the GO TO 2040 plan adding the project. This has led to process concerns as the construction was not budgeted in the state's current five-year highway plan and not considered at all, even on the fiscally unconstrained list, in GO TO 2040. Other CMAP concerns, Blankenhorn went on to say, include: (1) IDOT had only identified \$24 million for preliminary engineering work of the project's total \$410 million cost; (2) the advancement of the project further illustrates the need to implement performance-based funding; and (3) by accommodating this project, other regional priorities will be crowded out. Discussions should take place with IDOT and the Tollway to address the long-term needs of the expressway system. Governor's appointee Sean O'Shea reported that the Governor's office is in conversation not only with IDOT and the Tollway but also with Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and taking a closer look at how the expressway conditions impact the region. It is important O'Shea continued, to the region's exports, moving people and goods and some of those structures are nearing the end of their useful life. Blankenhorn added that a good portion of the funding relates to repair and understands that mobility should also be considered, which is what kicked the project into the major capital category. The philosophy in GO TO 2040 remains unchanged, but again CMAP has concerns about how it slipped through the long range planning process.

#### **14.0 Proposed CMAP and RTA Merger**

Following up from the last meeting, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reiterated a CMAP principal that the region needs a successful, reliable transit system and consideration must be given as to how to provide that service. Since the last meeting, Blankenhorn suggested that the focus has shifted away from the proposed solution, a possible CMAP-RTA merger, to the problem of how to provide better, efficient service to the region. CMAP continues to stay peripherally engaged in this conversation and would like to hear from the Board on how to manage that. Board Chair Mayor Bennett stated that after having seeing the presentation last month, it is clear that the structure of the RTA Board was intentional in the RTA Act, and shifting that onto CMAP may not create the desired solution. Bennett suggested continuing the conversation, but with those problems suggested the same outcome will result whether it is managed by the RTA or CMAP. Speaking on behalf of Chicago Metropolis, Frank Beal added that the fundamental structure does need to be addressed and that maintaining a system with outdated formulas (this is no different than the 55/45 split) for another 30 years seems to violate what the plan promotes relative to the growth and importance of transit in 2040. Can the RTA go downstate and report that the formula is not working and outline a recommendation for change? It may be a conversation for the two boards to have. Developing a change from within is likely a better route, Bennett concluded.

#### **15.0 Other Business**

RTA Deputy Executive Director Leanne Redden asked that the board and members of the audience complete an on-line survey related to a strategic planning process currently underway at the RTA.

Raul Raymundo reported that SB 957 was signed by the Governor the previous day. The Safety Roads Initiative gets drivers' licenses in the hands of immigrants and thanked everyone for their support.

#### **16.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **17.0 Executive Director Performance Review**

At 10:50 a.m., a motion to adjourn the regular CMAP Board meeting to an executive session to discuss the Executive Director's performance review was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Having concluded the discussion of the Executive Director's employment agreement at 11:10 a.m., a motion to adjourn the executive session was made by President Peter Silvestri and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Micheline. All in favor, the motion carried.

Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that the Board supported a new three year contract with its Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn with a 5% salary increase each year. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Susan Campbell to approve the action.

Bennett went on to report that research indicated that CMAP's Executive Director currently earns considerably less than others at this level, that when he was brought on board he started at the low end of the salary range which was meant to be reviewed by the Board at some point, Bennett went on to say that after seven years, Blankenhorn had received only cost of living increases and that the Board believes the action would bring the director's salary in line with a higher grade level. All in favor, the motion carried.

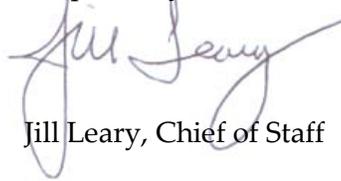
**18.0 Next Meeting**

The CMAP Board meets next on February 13, 2013.

**19.0 Adjournment**

At 11:15 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Susan Campbell and seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

01-30-2013  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees  
**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Re:** Local Technical Assistance Program Update

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The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 86 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 23 projects have been completed, 47 are fully underway, and 16 will get actively underway in the near future.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion.



## Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Algonquin downtown plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jack Pfingston	Feb. 2012-Mar. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Steering Committee met January 24 and discussed final recommendations. The committee supported the recommendations. The next steps will be a presentation of final recommendations before the Planning & Zoning Commission on February 18, followed by presentation of the final plan (for approval) before the Village Board in early March.
Alsip comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2012-Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Plan recommendations presented to Project Steering Committee on December 13. Public Open House scheduled for February 14 at Park District facility. Outreach for Open House completed. CMAP assisted Village in completing and submitting a grant application to the Chicago Community Trust in early January.
Antioch greenway plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Shafaq Choudry	Apr. 2012-June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Route proposal presented to steering committee on January 16. Regional steering committee kick-off is scheduled for February 5. Draft Plan and route recommendations in development stages.
Bensenville comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Mar. 2013-Feb. 2014	Staff assistance	Village staff reviewed and approved scope of services. CMAP staff to present scope of services to Village Board Committee on February 19 and Village Board for approval on February 26. Village requested delay in project start date (approximately 1 month) to allow completion of ongoing Airport Compatibility Study.
Berwyn zoning revisions	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013-Dec. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	Underway. Steering committee is being established and a kick-off meeting with Berwyn staff is being scheduled. Team is reviewing existing conditions. Camiros has been selected to assist CMAP staff during the project.
Big Rock comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Feb. 2013-Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	Underway. The Village Board approved the MOU at their January 8 Board meeting. CMAP staff is working to create a project website and create flyers for the first public workshop on March 11.
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sef Okoth	Phase 2: Nov. 2011-Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Initial internal review of the draft plan was completed and the draft plan revised to incorporate comments from senior planning staff. Meeting held with the 4th Ward Alderman to discuss the plan recommendations and present him with a memo on the proposed implementations actions. A public meeting is being planned for the first quarter of 2013 to present the draft plan.

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Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sef Okoth	July 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) met on January 29 at IIT. The committee discussed and approved the public engagement plan. Staff presented interim report on Bronzeville's history. A technical sub-committee was formed to oversee historical research. Talking points for media inquiries were developed. The committee chair and the project lead partner organization to brief the Mayor's office about the project on February 7. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for February 26 to discuss the NHA Management Plan.
Centers for New Horizons local food survey	Sef Okoth	Nov. 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. MOU signed by both the Centers for New Horizons and Chicago State University's Neighborhood Assistance Center. Meeting held with Chicago State University on January 31 to discuss IRB application. Staff is currently working on IRB application. The Centers for New Horizons is working on conducting a trial-run (pilot) of the survey in Bronzeville.
Chicago "Green and Healthy Neighborhood" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jason Navota	Mar. 2011- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Final phase, planning and land use policy development is in progress. Zone illustrations are complete, and overall planning area illustrations are underway. CMAP intends to convey draft chapters to City of Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development in early 2013, draft plan and concept illustrations complete in first quarter of 2013, and a final public open house in late March 2013.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Existing Condition Report (ECR) submitted on January 15, which was reviewed by staff and feedback provided. Project status meeting held on January 11 with CHA and URS. The Outreach Plan was revised to focus on informal project meetings/conversations with key stakeholders and monthly client review meetings. Meetings held with Alderman Zalewski on January 17 and with Alderman Munoz January 28 to discuss the project. A meeting is scheduled with Alderman Burke on February 5 to brief him on the project.
Chinatown neighborhood plan	Stephen Ostrander	Feb. 2013- Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	Full launch of project awaits approval of project scope by Alderman Solis. In the meantime, discussions with stakeholders in the community continue, the outreach strategy has been drafted,

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				key persons to be interviewed have been identified, and work has begun on preparation of Existing Conditions Report.
Cook County consolidated plan	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Staff assistance	Project scoping underway. CMAP staff met with County staff in late-November. Anticipated start in April 2013.
Des Plaines neighborhood plan	Berenice Vallecillos	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	Project scoping underway. RFP will be released in early 2013 for a CPTED-focused neighborhood plan in the Apache Park neighborhood.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2012-Feb. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Comments from Metra have been received and incorporated where feasible; presentation of Final Infrastructure Report and Final Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan before the Village Board expected in February.
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012-Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Data collection nearing completion. There was a technical issue with GIS data that has been resolved; final data sets delivered to consultant in late January. Meetings with affected municipalities completed. Work continues on existing conditions report, which is expected in mid-February.
DuPage Water Commission water conservation project	Lori Heringa	Feb.-Nov. 2013	Staff and consultant assistance	The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) has been contracted to assist with this project, which will primarily involve a series of training for the municipal members of the DuPage Water Commission.
Elburn comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Apr. 2012-Feb. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Steering Committee met to consider draft plan January 16. Copies sent to Metra and Pace; village accepted comments until February 1 and expects to be presenting final draft to Plan Commission February 5.
Elgin Dundee Avenue corridor study	Samantha Robinson	TBD	Staff assistance and small grant	Project scoping is underway. Due to staff changes at ULI and CMAP, as well as questions about ideal project timing, this project has been pushed back from its expected start in early 2013 to later in the year.
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Bayley	June 2012-Apr. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. January Steering Committee reviewed material produced to date, including sidewalk, intersections, and bus stop inventories, and conditions assessments. A 5-year capital plan was developed, with yearly implementation action items. Final public meeting planned for March 5.

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Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	June 2011-Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Steering committee and Village Trustees provided feedback on plan in January. Plan is undergoing final internal reviews. Public open house and public hearing will be held in early March.
Evanston bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	May 2013-Feb. 2014	Grant funds	Had follow-up discussions with City regarding timetable for RFP, consultant selection, etc. Conference call to discuss grant value was held January 14. IGA between CMAP and the City is in progress.
Ferson-Otter watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Kick-off meeting of steering committee scheduled for February 27.
Fox Lake bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	July 2012-Mar. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Steering committee met January 16 to discuss implementation strategies; work continues on draft final plan, which is expected by mid-February. The draft plan will be presented to the Fox Lake Plan Commission on February 19. The steering committee will meet again on February 27, followed immediately by a public workshop at the Village library.
Glen Ellyn downtown streetscape and parking study (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Lindsay Bayley	July 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Steering Committee split in two to focus on the two topics of the project: one for Streetscapes and one for Parking Analysis. Draft Streetscape Plan has been developed.
Hinsdale parking study	Lindsay Bayley	Nov. 2012-June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. First Steering Committee meeting held in January. Data collection continuing; key person interviews underway. Drafting existing conditions report initiated.
Hoffman Estates workforce development project	Annie Byrne	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Scoping of the project is complete, with full startup expected in February.
IDNR water loss evaluation project	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	The MOU and project scope has been finalized and delivered to IDNR for signature. The project will proceed in partnership with the Center for Neighborhood Technology.
Kane County local food project	Jessica Simoncelli	Nov. 2012-May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Kickoff meetings in late 2012, and currently research into and discussion of site selection criteria is occurring. Next meeting with project partners to review criteria will be held in February.

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Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff is currently compiling an analysis report that will be brought back to the Oversight Steering Committee (OSC) in February for review and discussion.
Kane County / Carpentersville Homes for a Changing Region project	Jonathan Burch	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	All municipal resolutions will be adopted by the end of February. A project kickoff meeting is anticipated for the end of February. Municipal tours are being scheduled for the end of March.
Lake County sustainability plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012- May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The draft plan is being presented to staff on February 4. Delta Institute and Openlands are both on contract to assist with some plan elements.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nora Beck	Nov. 2011- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Lakemoor Planning Commission recommended adoption of the plan. Village Board to consider adoption on February 28.
Lansing comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates selected as project consultant. Kick-off public meeting conducted on January 30 at Lansing Public Library. Attended by close to 100 people. Consultant has begun evaluation of existing conditions and mapping. Project webpage is available for public input and linked via Village website.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jessica Simoncelli	Aug. 2011- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Final internal edits and layout of Lake County Food Policy Report are occurring in February. The steering committee for the Liberty Prairie Reserve Master Plan will meet for final review on February 6, after which the plan will undergo final edits and layout before being presented to the Lake County Forest Preserve District later in February.
Lynwood comprehensive plan	Samantha Robinson	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates selected as project consultant. Consultant presented scope of work to the Steering Committee on January 16. Village is compiling a list of key stakeholders to be interviewed as part of the comprehensive planning process. Village is also gathering copies of most current comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance for consultant. Consultant has coordinated with SSMMA to acquire GIS data to begin the existing conditions report. Consultant is determining dates for future community workshop.

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Maywood economic development strategy	Nicole Woods	Dec. 2012-Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Project was refined in late 2012, to focus specifically on retail and multi-family markets. Staff is currently collecting retail market data within the submarket boundaries to assess the submarket's demand, supply and retail gap.
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus immigrant integration toolkit	Ricardo Lopez	Jan. 2013-May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff has agreed to a scope and timeline with MMC and work is ongoing.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012-July 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Village Staff reviewed and provided feedback on Existing Conditions Report in January. Report will be presented to Steering Committee in February and Recommendations Memo will be drafted in March.
New Lenox corridor plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Steering Committee met January 11 to discuss Draft Existing Conditions Synthesis Report. Copies of the report were sent to Metra and Pace. Next step will be development of 4 core framework plans (land use, urban design, multi-modal and implementation) with associated recommendations. Initial core reports expected in late February or early March.
Niles environmental action plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012-Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff department head meetings took place in January. A public hearing with the Village Board to present the draft is scheduled for February 12.
Niles multimodal transportation plan	Jack Pfingston	Mar. 2013-Feb. 2014	Grant funds	RFP was released January 4, with a January 25 proposal submission deadline. Selection is now underway.
Norridge zoning revisions	Jake Seid	Feb.-May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. A kick-off meeting with the Zoning Board will be held on February 4 to refine the project deliverables and discuss issues and opportunities.
Northlake comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Mar. 2012-Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP staff presented the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Steering Committee on January 30. The next step is a public open house that will be scheduled in nearly March prior to going to the Plan Commission for a public hearing in March.
Northwest Municipal Conference trail access plan	Jack Pfingston	Apr. 2013-Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	Currently working on scoping and RFP development.
Northwest Water Planning Alliance drought	Tim Loftus	Feb.-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	An MOU and project scope has been sent to the Executive Committee for approval. A subcommittee of Technical Advisory

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preparedness/strategic planning				Committee members has been formed to assist with project guidance.
Oak Lawn 95th Street corridor study	Jake Seid	Jan. 2013- Jan. 2014	Consultant assistance	Underway. Teska Associates was selected as the consultant for this project. Teska is currently working with the Village to create a project Steering Committee. Public outreach will begin in February.
Oak Park water conservation program (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nora Beck	Aug. 2011- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft released to public in August. Final draft to be presented to Board for approval on February 19.
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2013- Mar. 2014	Consultant assistance	A new RFP has been approved by the Village. Release is expected in February.
Openlands local food policy	Jason Navota	TBD	Staff assistance	Scope of Work has been drafted and reviewed. Second steering committee meeting scheduled for early February 2013.
Oswego economic development plan	Trevor Dick	Mar. 2013- Jan. 2014	Staff assistance	This project is currently being scoped and is expected to begin in early 2013.
Plainfield downtown transportation plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Presented draft list of prioritized bike & pedestrian projects to the Village Board January 28. Next step will be to prepare a draft plan document for release before the public meeting scheduled for March 20.
Regional arts and culture toolkit	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2012- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff and consultant team continue to develop content for the toolkit, with completion expected in early February, to be followed by advisory group review, with publication aimed for March.
Regional climate change adaptation toolkit	Jesse Elam	July 2012- May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. This toolkit aims to help municipalities understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change in the Chicago region, with a focus on public infrastructure and land. An advisory committee meeting has been rescheduled pending contract execution with the University of Illinois.
Richton Park comprehensive plan	Kendra Smith	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates is currently gathering data for the project. The kickoff public meeting was held Thursday, January 31.
Riverside downtown area plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nora Beck	Feb. 2012- May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff are developing draft plan, sending to steering committee for review in February.

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Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	May 2012-May 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Recommendations memo submitted to the Village this past month with a Board meeting to discuss the memo scheduled for February 5.
Seven Generations Ahead sustainability data	Drew Williams-Clark	Nov. 2012-Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff have delivered preliminary data to SGA. Draft data will be delivered in February for SGA review. Documentation will be delivered in March.
Silver Creek watershed plan implementation	Nora Beck	Feb-Dec. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Kick-off meeting of steering committee scheduled for February 27.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012-Sept. 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	Underway. Project delayed due to change in consulting leadership, but a new consultant team led by Teska has been selected and the project will start up again with stakeholder interviews in February.
Waukegan subarea plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Sept. 2012-Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. On January 22, staff held a focus group with business and property owners from the Washington Street corridor study area. On January 22 and 24, staff held focus groups with members of the community (living or working within a quarter mile of the corridor). Staff also began comprehensive survey of every parcel along corridor, using CMAP's Full Circle geospatial data system. Staff also continued preparation of existing conditions report.
Westchester comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011 – Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Working on draft comprehensive plan. Village staff expected to review draft plan in February.
Wicker Park-Bucktown parking study	Lindsay Bayley	Jan.-Sept. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Data collection underway for first sub-section of the study area.

## Completed Projects

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Addison comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Plan unanimously adopted by Village Board on January 7. Village received a grant in the form of technical assistance to create a Homes for Changing Region study, to begin in summer of 2013.
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan adopted unanimously by City Council on October 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Project completed.

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Blue Island comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	June 2012	Staff assistance	Plan Commissioner Training workshop conducted at City Hall on 10 <sup>th</sup> October. Meeting with Planning Director scheduled on October 31 <sup>st</sup> to discuss Western Avenue two-way conversion project.
Bronzeville Alliance retail corridor study, phase 1 (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sef Okoth	Feb. 2012	Staff assistance	Two ongoing activities are helping to implement the project. The second phase focusing on land use change is underway and is described above. Also, the Chicago Community Trust provided a grant to the Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) in May to directly implement the recommendations of this project. TRC hired an Economic Development Coordinator who is currently developing a website that will be a one-stop shop for economic and community development information for Bronzeville. She is also coordinating QCDC and 51 <sup>st</sup> Street Business Association to work collaboratively. Both of these tasks were recommended in Phase 1
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jason Navota	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Final plan approved by Plan Commission June 25 and approved 'with changes' by Village Board on August 21.
Carpentersville "Old Town" Area Action Plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	July 2012	Staff assistance	The Village Board unanimously adopted the Plan at their July 10 meeting. An implementation memo is being created and will be reviewed internally. This will be followed by a meeting with Village Staff to discuss next steps.
Developing Communities Project support for CTA Red Line extension (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	The Red Line Livability Project community brochure, technical report, webpage and video have been completed and are available at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/red-line">www.cmap.illinois.gov/red-line</a> . DCP, CMAP and CTA will utilize materials during future Community Education and Visioning sessions as well as in interaction with elected officials.
Evanston water efficiency program (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Amy Talbot	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan accepted by Council in August. Implementation actions started by City and Utility.
Fairmont Neighborhood Plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	On October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , representatives from the County, CMAP, Openlands, Lockport Township Park District, Will County Farm Bureau, Fairmont School District, the Food Pantry, and members from the steering committee met to discuss how to create a

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				community garden(s) in the Fairmont community. The next steps include meeting with the senior group and local residents to ensure “grassroots” support on the potential location(s).
Hanover Park corridor study (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	The report for the ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was released in early December.
Homes for a Changing Region in northwest Cook (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Municipal staffs are currently reviewing the final document for line edits. Final reports will be printed in February. Final presentations for municipalities are scheduled for February and March.
<i>Homes for a Changing Region</i> in west Cook (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Three of the four communities covered by the project have follow-up LTA projects. One, the Park Forest sustainability plan, was adopted in May. Lansing, Olympia Fields, and Park Forest received additional technical assistance under the EPA “Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities” program in May. Future LTA projects in Lansing and Olympia Fields are now being scoped.
<i>Homes for a Changing Region</i> in west Cook (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Phase 2 of this project, which involves supporting a Community Challenge grant to the West Cook County Housing Collaborative in the same communities, was completed in December.
Joliet “Old Prison” redevelopment (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Pete Saunders	May 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Phase 2 of this project, which involves supporting a Community Challenge grant in the same communities, is underway.
Lake Zurich comprehensive water resources project	Amy Talbot	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is working on a federal grant application to seek brownfield assessment funding for the 160-acre Prison East site. Deadline for the grant application is November 19.
McHenry County subarea plan	Jack Pflingston	Nov. 2012	Grant funds	The final plan was adopted by the McHenry County Board at their meeting on November 20.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	The Board voted unanimously to adopt the plan on October 24, 2012. CMAP staff has begun to work on reviewing the Village’s current zoning ordinance.
Orland Park water conservation ordinance (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Hala Ahmed	June 2012	Staff assistance	Orland Park is aiming for adoption in January or February.

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Park Forest sustainability plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012	Staff assistance	Plan was unanimously adopted by the Village Board on May 14. The Chicago Community Trust's grant to Park Forest directly implements the recommendations of this project. Also, a new LTA project involving zoning updates will be initiated in spring 2013.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	Tool was approved by the Collaborative and SSMMA in May. The Collaborative has utilized the tool to assess projects in the various Southland communities, including CDBG communities. Currently, the Collaborative is communicating the results from the tool's assessments to inform communities of the strengths and weaknesses of their projects. The Collaborative is also analyzing how the tool can be part of the Southland Loan Fund underwriting criteria process.
Waukegan planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	July 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff presented the recommendations of the planning prioritization report to the Waukegan City Council Meeting of the Whole on July 30. Follow-up subarea plan is underway.
West Cook Housing Collaborative, phase 2: Challenge Grant support	Drew Williams-Clark	Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	The project has been completed and materials have been transmitted to the West Cook Housing Collaborative for the use of the participating communities.
Wheeling active transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	Jan. 2013	Grant funds	The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the Active Transportation plan on January 7.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board  
**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** February 6, 2013  
**Re:** State Legislative Update

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The 98<sup>th</sup> session of the Illinois General Assembly began precariously as members arrived in Springfield with the news of the state's credit rating downgraded to A- by Standard and Poor's; now the lowest in the nation. The creditors cited inaction by the Illinois General Assembly on the state's unpaid pension obligations as the result of the lower rating. The state has \$96 billion in unpaid pension obligations. Many other critical issues will continue to be overshadowed until the General Assembly can pass a sustainable solution to address pension system reform and stabilize the budget.

Over 2,400 bills have been filed and CMAP staff has begun its bill review process. The bills included either follow [CMAP's 2013 State Legislative Framework](#) and [Agenda](#) or are of interest to CMAP and its partners. Since the session is just getting underway, subsequent reports will include more relevant and appropriate information of these and other bills as they are introduced, including more detailed reviews, and if necessary CMAP's recommended position. A committee list is also provided for your reference.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Informational

**CMAP BILL LIST – 02/04/2013**

HB2	Patricia R. Bellock	GRANT FUNDS RECOVERY ACT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
<p>**** Sets forth requirements for persons/agencies receiving state grant funds.</p>					
HB67	Lou Lang	PROP TX-GREEN ENERGY SSA	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** Allows municipalities and counties to create green special service areas and to levy taxes or sell bonds to finance them.</p>					
HB73	Naomi D. Jakobsson	STATE HEALTHCARE CONTRIBUTIONS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
<p>**** Provides that, beginning in State fiscal year 2015, contributions required for the basic program of group health benefits shall be calculated using a sliding scale that takes into account the following variables: (i) length of service, (ii) ability to pay, (iii) pension income, (iv) Medicare eligibility, and (v) whether an individual has made an election under a specific provision of the Illinois Pension Code.</p>					
HB75	La Shawn K. Ford	DCEO-BUSINESS DATABASE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Business Growth & Incentives Committee
<p>**** Requires DCEO to create a searchable database of businesses in Illinois and for those businesses to pay a registration fee based on their numbers of employees.</p>					
HB86	Jack D. Franks	VEH CD-PENALTIES: REGISTRATION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee
<p>**** Imposes a \$25 parking fine for having expired license plates.</p>					
HB88	Jack D. Franks	INC TX-PROP TX CREDIT-DISABLED	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** Provides that, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, if the taxpayer qualifies for the disabled persons' homestead exemption under the Property Tax Code, then the taxpayer is entitled to a credit equal to 10% (instead of 5%) of real property taxes paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year on the qualifying property. Provides that the credit may not be carried forward or back and may not reduce the taxpayer's liability to less than zero.</p>					
HB89	Jack D. Franks	PROP TX-FALLING EAV	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
<p>**** If the total equalized assessed value of all taxable property in the taxing district is less than the total EAV for the previous year, then the extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the CPI during the preceding levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters).</p>					

HB90	Jack D. Franks	PROP TX-HOMESTEAD PROTECTION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Allows county treasurers to pay delinquent taxes for taxpayers eligible for the homestead exemption in exchange for placing a lien on the property for repayment of the taxes.				
HB91	David McSweeney	INC TX-RATES	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education Committee
****	Reduces the income tax rate to 3% for individuals, trusts, and estates and 4.8% for corporations.				
HB92	David McSweeney	PEN CD-CLOSE GARS/END ACCRUALS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Provides that no participant shall accrue service credit on or after January 14, 2015, and no member shall become a participant on or after January 14, 2015.				
HB95	David McSweeney	PELL-EXTENSION LIMITATION	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Provides that, for tax years 2013 through 2015, the property tax extension limitation is (a) 0% or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters (instead of the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year or (b) the rate of increase approved by voters).				
HB96	André M. Thapedi	PEN CD-CLOSE STATE SYSTEMS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Moves teachers out of the state health insurance program into a new teachers program to be funded by schools and universities.				
HB98	Elaine Nekritz	PEN CD-REFORM STATE SYSTEM	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Reiterates the pension bill Nekritz introduced in the veto session that required state employees to contribute more to their pensions, work longer before collecting them and to forego cost-of-living increases until age 67, among other provisions. SB35 is the companion bill.				
HB116	Jeanne M Ives	PEN CD-SERVICE CREDIT-BOARDS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Personnel and Pensions Committee
****	Prohibits members of state boards and commissions from accruing credits in SERS.				
HB122	Greg Harris	HISTORIC REHAB TAX CREDIT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Authorizes tax credits against Illinois income taxes and insurance company privilege taxes for 25% of the costs of rehabilitating eligible historic property.				
HB124	Jehan A. Gordon-	ROTA-RIVER EDGE-EXEMPT	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue

	Booth				& Finance Committee
****	Provides that a building materials exemption for River Edge Redevelopment Zones applies to all real estate (now, only industrial or commercial projects).				
HB125	Jehan A. Gordon-Booth	CNTY JT REGIONAL PLANNING	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee
****	Adds a new Section regarding the powers of the joint regional planning commission. Provides that any real property sold or conveyed by the commission must be appraised by a licensed and certified appraiser, and the appraisal shall be available for public inspection. Sets forth the contract requirements concerning the purchase of real property by the commission. Not sure if it applies to CMAP or not.				
HB140	Jack D. Franks	RTA BOARD-ELIMINATE BENEFITS	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Mass Transit Committee
****	Eliminates compensation and pension benefits for RTA board members.				
HB150	Thomas Morrison	PROP TX-SENIOR FREEZE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Beginning in taxable year 2013, increases the maximum income limitation under the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption from \$55,000 to \$75,000 for applicants who have occupied the residence for 5 years or more.				
HB151	Thomas Morrison	PROP TX-EX PARTE COMMUNICATE	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Provides that the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review shall each maintain a public log detailing ex parte communications involving property tax appeals.				
HB156	Barbara Flynn Currie	DATE OF BUDGET SUBMISSION	01/29/2013	House	Assigned to Executive Committee
****	Requires the Governor to submit a State budget not later than the first Wednesday in March in 2013 (March 6, 2013).				
HB164	JoAnn D. Osmond	PUB FUNDS-FOREST PRESERVES	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Counties & Townships Committee
****	Allows forest preserve districts to purchase bonds issued by other governmental units.				
HB166	Rita Mayfield	SCH DIST-LOC GOV-TAX-ENVIRON	01/30/2013	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
****	Allows school boards and local public entities to levy a tort immunity tax for the purpose of paying judgments and settlements under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 and the Environmental Protection Act until December 31, 2014.				
SB1	John J. Cullerton	PEN CD-REFORM STATE SYSTEMS	01/30/2013	Senate	Assigned to Executive
****	Reiterates Cullerton's bill from the 97th GA requiring state retirees to choose between state-funded health care or compounded annual cost-of-living allowances.				
SB33	Pamela J. Althoff	EPA-RULES-DOCUMENT SUBMISSION	01/30/2013	Senate	Assigned to

\*\*\*\* Requires the electronic submission of any information required to be submitted to the EPA pursuant to any State or federal law or regulation or any court or Illinois Pollution Control Board order.

SB46 Michael W. Frerichs U OF I PRAIRIE RESEARCH INST 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Higher Education

\*\*\*\* Makes changes concerning the Green Governments Coordinating Council and references to the Illinois Natural History Survey, the Illinois State Water Survey, and the Illinois State Geological Survey.

SB52 John M. Sullivan USE/OCC TX-GASOHOL 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Agriculture and Conservation

\*\*\*\* Amends several use tax acts and provides that certain portions of the proceeds may be used for grants programs including next generation and renewable fuels programs, infrastructure, and R&D.

SB1155 Thomas Cullerton CNTY MUNI-CRIME FREE HOUSING 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Local Government

\*\*\*\* Allows municipalities and counties to set up crime-free housing ordinances.

SB1158 Heather A. Steans ALT FUELS-USER FEES 01/30/2013 Senate Assigned to Executive

\*\*\*\* Imposes user fees for the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

**SENATE & HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS (COMMITTEES OF INTEREST ONLY)**

Senate		
Senate Appropriations II	Thursday 9:00 am Capitol Room 212	Chair (C) – Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) Vice (VC) – Trotter (D-Chicago) Minority Spokesperson (MS) – Rose (R-Champaign)
Senate Environment	Thursday 11:00 am Capitol Room 409	C – Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) VC – Trotter (D-Chicago) MS – Rose (R-Champaign)
Senate Executive	Wednesday 3:00 pm Capitol Room 212	C – Harmon (D-Oak Park) VC – Silverstein (D-Chicago) MS – Murphy (R-Palatine)
Senate Revenue	Wednesday 5:00 pm Capitol Room 409	C – Hutchison (D-Chicago Heights) VC – Noland (D-Elgin) MS – Althoff (R-Crystal Lake)
Senate Transportation	Tuesday 5:00 pm Capitol Room 212	C – Sandoval (D-Chicago) VC – Hutchison (D-Chicago Heights) MS – McConnaughay (R-Elgin)

House		
Appropriations – General Services	TBA	C – Crespo (D-Hoffman Estates) VC – Hernandez (D-Chicago)
Appropriations – Public Safety	TBA	C – Arroyo (D-Chicago) VC – Hoffman (D-Belleville)
Economic Development	TBA	C – Farnham (D-Vernon Hills) VC – Walsh (D – Joliet)
Environment	TBA	C – McAsey (D-Joliet) VC – Sente (D-Lincolnshire)
Executive	TBA	C – Burke (D-Chicago) VC – Rita (D-Blue Island)
Mass Transit	TBA	C – Mell (D-Chicago) VC – Sims (D-Chicago)
Revenue & Finance	TBA	C – Bradley (D-Marion) VC – Zalewski (D-Chicago)
Small Business Empowerment & Workforce Development	TBA	C – Ford (D-Chicago) VC – Walsh (D-Joliet)
Transportation: Regs, Rds., Bridges (tech review only)	TBA	C – Beiser (D-Alton) VC – Hurley (D-Chicago)
Transportation: Vehicle Safety	TBA	C – D’Amico (D-Chicago) VC – Beiser (D-Alton)
Special Committee on Business Growth & Incentives	TBA	C – Sente (D-Lincolnshire) VC – Fine (D-Glenview)
Special Committee on Housing	TBA	C – Golar (D-Chicago) VC – Mell (D-Chicago)
Special Committee on Tollway Oversight	TBA	C – Rita (D-Blue Island) VC – Ford (D-Chicago)

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Using GO TO 2040 as a guide, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has developed a set of principles to inform federal legislators and other national policy makers about CMAP's positions on national policy issues. This agenda focuses on principles that will help to direct CMAP's support or opposition to specific pieces of legislation over the course of the federal legislative calendar.

In this day and age, many public policy issues transcend local jurisdictions or can be too large an undertaking for any one unit of government. Issues such as economic development, transportation, and environment require regional cooperation. Regional planning helps coordinate efforts and resources within a metropolitan area, providing state and federal governments with a unified vision for a region's future. As the official regional planning organization for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will, CMAP was mandated by state statute to develop and guide the implementation of the region's first comprehensive regional plan, GO TO 2040. The plan builds on the region's assets, identifies shortcomings, and recommends actions that will help sustain the region's economic vitality and global competitiveness over the next 30 years.

### **Pursue Coordinated Investments**

Metropolitan regions drive the U.S. economy, and this should be reflected in federal policy and programs. An increasingly "regional approach" to investment decisions, which would both invest more in metropolitan areas as well as devolve more appropriate authority for funding decisions to the regional level, is helping to harness the economic power of regions. Comprehensive regional plans like GO TO 2040 should guide federal investment decisions since they identify regional priorities by linking transportation, land use, the natural environment, economic prosperity, housing, and human and community development. The federal government has demonstrated great promise in helping to implement such regional plans by creating a set of guiding livability principles through the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, a joint collaboration among the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that take a regional approach and foster inter-jurisdictional collaboration. A more robust investment by federal agencies in regional comprehensive planning is central to this goal.

CMAP supports initiatives and programs that are competitive and based on comprehensive evaluation criteria considering the interconnected focus areas of transportation, land use, housing, the environment, and economic development. Recent examples include the USDOT, HUD, and EPA joint Partnership for Sustainable Communities, and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive, performance-based transportation funding program first offered through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### **Invest Strategically in Transportation**

GO TO 2040 emphasizes the vital importance of strategic transportation investments. Given the transportation system's importance to the regional economy, this recommendation is especially pertinent in difficult economic times. GO TO 2040 recommends using existing revenue sources more wisely by implementing performance-based criteria rather than historical formulas for funding apportionments and project selection. These criteria should include broader elements of livability along with traditional engineering criteria. As an example, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently updated its evaluation criteria for the New Starts program to embrace such factors. GO TO 2040 also recommends increasing user fees, as current revenues are insufficient to maintain, modernize, and expand the regional transportation system. The existing motor fuel tax should be brought up to date with today's actual costs of maintaining and operating the system. Additionally, the implementation of new and more innovative structures including congestion pricing will better reflect the

broader social costs of transportation, such as congestion. To that end, the federal government can empower states and regions to provide adequate, sustainable funding for transportation by allowing tolls on the existing Interstate system.

See [here](#) for CMAP's full transportation legislation reauthorization priorities.

### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that increase and index the existing motor fuel tax to support the repair and modernization of the transportation system. Additionally, CMAP supports legislation to permit and encourage innovative transportation finance measures predicated on user fees.

CMAP supports implementing congestion pricing and managed lane strategies on new and existing infrastructure. CMAP supports the removal of federal restrictions on tolling the Interstate system.

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that empower metropolitan planning organizations to make strategic transportation investment decisions and allocate resources accordingly.

CMAP supports efforts to improve project selection based upon performance criteria, including those that reflect livable communities.

CMAP supports efforts to begin addressing the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) reauthorization.

### **Create a More Efficient Freight Network**

Metropolitan Chicago is the nation's freight hub. An efficient freight system enables a global supply chain to provide goods at lower costs and gives businesses an advantage in today's global economy. While MAP-21 advances national freight policy, the next reauthorization bill should make that policy stronger with a dedicated source of revenue and incentives to promote greater investment in freight mobility.

A federal intermodal freight policy and investment strategy can address the efficient movement of goods, and federal resources can be directed to the projects with the greatest national benefit. An overarching federal policy concerning freight would provide valuable guidance as regions attempt to confront freight challenges, many of which have national impacts.

### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports a national freight policy with dedicated funding and investment incentives for freight projects and multi-modal corridors of national significance in which future investment will be focused.

CMAP supports an analysis of the future capacity of national freight rail networks as a potential long-term system management strategy of balancing freight movements among modes.

CMAP supports stronger legislative and policy ties between metropolitan regions across the U.S. to advance joint interests in national freight policy.

CMAP supports securing funding to complete the CREATE Program.

### **Increase Commitment to Public Transit**

Federal funding for the maintenance, enhancement, and expansion of our region's public transit remains of vital importance. Public transit is highly valued by northeastern Illinois residents, and modernization of the system is a

key recommendation of GO TO 2040. Capital needs continue to outpace available capital revenues, and the system faces a large backlog of deferred maintenance, which affects service across the region. While MAP-21 expanded the eligibility of New Starts funding for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement projects -- rather than just new capacity -- the bill did not make reforms to level the playing field between transit and highway projects. Specifically, GO TO 2040 recommends addressing the different federal requirements for local match funding of transit and highway projects, as well as the stricter requirements on the use of federal funds for the engineering of transit projects, to eliminate the funding bias in favor of highway projects. Additionally, we encourage our federal partners to support transit-oriented development through their transportation, housing, and economic development investments.

#### **Legislative Principle**

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that provide more resources for the maintenance and modernization of our transit system, that encourage innovative transit finance, and that provide for reasonable expansion of the transit system as described in GO TO 2040.

CMAP supports revising federal requirements that place transit projects at a funding disadvantage relative to highway projects.

### **Achieve Greater Livability through Land Use and Housing**

The federal government has an important leadership role to play in helping communities strive toward the principles of livability -- healthy, safe, walkable communities that offer transportation choices for access to schools, jobs, services, and basic needs. The federal government has recently taken steps to evaluate one aspect of these interrelated issues through HUD's initiative to create a national Housing and Transportation Affordability Index. As noted above in "Pursue Coordinated Investments," the federal government has increased its support for livable communities and addressed the need to link planning across disciplines through programs like the Sustainable Communities Initiative (which funds CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program). These agencies can also prioritize funding to communities engaging in intergovernmental planning, particularly those addressing the interconnected relationship between transportation, land use, and housing. Funding incentives from the federal government to encourage local governments to plan collaboratively for the future will help move northeastern Illinois toward the goal of greater livability.

#### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports continued implementation and expansion of the Sustainable Communities initiative program and similar initiatives that seek to link planning and investment decisions across disciplines.

CMAP supports the prioritization of federal funding to communities engaged in intergovernmental planning.

CMAP supports targeting housing programs toward the rehabilitation of existing housing stock in areas with transit access.

### **Manage and Conserve Water and Energy Resources**

The conservation of water and energy is a top priority for GO TO 2040. Like other places in the country, the region has historically suffered from under-investment in drinking water infrastructure, leading to unnecessary leakage and reliability problems. Wastewater infrastructure funding has also been inadequate to meet identified needs. One of CMAP's major goals is to promote the investment in water and wastewater infrastructure necessary to maintain and improve service for residents, use water efficiently, and protect the environment. In addition, the Great Lakes are beset by numerous threats including invasive species, water level declines and ongoing and legacy pollution. The federal government can support the restoration of the Great Lakes through cleanup of legacy contamination, reduction of non-point contamination sources, promotion of green

infrastructure, and full implementation of the Great Lakes Compact, which will ensure a cooperative, performance-based investment process that balances ecological and economic goals.

The federal government can provide local and regional funding assistance for communities to reduce energy consumption in buildings through retrofits. It can also redouble efforts to transition away from centralized electricity generation with inefficient long-distance transmission and toward smaller-scale, decentralized generation, and the “smart grid.” This will enable better demand management, and more intelligent utilization of capacity. The federal government can also invest in and provide incentives for research, production, and transmission of clean energy technologies and alternative fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Lastly, climate change is a critical issue regionally and nationally. Comprehensive climate legislation at the federal level that addresses greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors would be the most efficient and effective way to combat the threat of a warming planet. Because evidence suggests that increases in storm intensity, flood heights, and heat wave frequency -- all thought to be effects of higher levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere -- are already occurring, assistance is needed in adapting to the effects of climate change. Rules governing planning and design for federal infrastructure funding programs may need to be reviewed to ensure they are accounting for the expected effects of climate change.

### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports federal initiatives that encourage water efficiency, take a “green infrastructure” approach to water resources management, and protect the Great Lakes, including implementation of the Great Lakes Compact.

CMAP supports regional funding assistance for communities to reduce energy consumption in buildings through retrofits as well as federal investment in smart grid applications.

CMAP supports additional federal investment in water/sewer infrastructure and encourages the use of pricing to manage demand and recover the full cost of infrastructure through rates.

CMAP supports national targets for reducing greenhouse gas reductions and federal support for strategies for achieving those goals, as well as funding and technical assistance for local efforts to adapt to the effects of climate change. CMAP encourages the federal government to allow regions latitude to implement the most relevant local strategies to attain these targets.

### **Expand and Improve Parks and Open Space**

Much of the park or open space is provided by state or local jurisdictions, but the federal government can still play a central role. Less than half of the residents of the CMAP region have access to adequate park and recreation areas near their homes, even though numerous studies have shown that such areas have a beneficial effect on both physical and mental health. The federal government should support direct investment in open space, particularly to preserve large “macrosites.” This can happen through formation of national wildlife refuges, as has begun at the newly established Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, or the transfer of surplus federal property to open space uses, as occurred at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie and Fort Sheridan.

### **Legislative Principle**

CMAP supports direct federal investment in open space preservation. This could include additional grant funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Park Recreation Recovery programs, the formation of national wildlife refuges, or the transfer of surplus federal property to open space.

### **Promote Sustainable Local Foods**

There is growing concern about the environmental impacts, safety, and quality of our food. Also gaining widespread attention are the disparities of access to fresh, nutritious, and affordable foods and the health

implications of “food deserts” (areas without nearby retail outlets that have fresh, nutritious, and affordable food). The federal government can support a variety of demonstration programs to evaluate different means of providing better food access in food deserts, including funding these efforts and communicating best practices. The federal government can support local food production by providing the tools and resources necessary to ensure that its farmland preservation investments and general agricultural subsidies promote viable local food systems. Federal policy should recognize the importance of local food production.

#### **Legislative Principle**

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that facilitate sustainable local food production, increase access to safe, fresh, affordable, and healthy foods.

CMAP supports improved data collection research, training, and information sharing in this field.

### **Improve Education and Workforce Development**

Researchers, business leaders, and elected officials agree that the quality of our workforce is one of the most important factors -- if not the most important -- in strengthening the region’s economy. Not just in the region but across the U.S., student achievement has been declining compared to other industrialized nations. Additionally, numerous industries and occupations are suffering due to the lack of trained workers. In order to reverse these trends and grow a high quality workforce, the federal government can strengthen and expand strategies that link employers, educators, and other workforce development entities. The federal government should increase flexibility and funding for workforce development programs and better coordinate them with education and economic development efforts. The federal government should also play a role in monitoring impacts, communicating outcomes, and targeting resources toward effective strategies and strategic industries.

#### **Legislative Principle**

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that improve data-driven decision making to align workforce development and education with employers’ needs.

### **Support Economic Innovation**

Economic innovation, the development and commercialization of new products and processes, is a key driver of economic performance. Recent federal programs and policies have recognized the fact that regions are the drivers of our nation’s economy. Investing in regional economic innovation is gaining importance in federal policy as a way to support economic growth. Federal financing can harness the power of regional industry clusters and help transition start-up firms from incubator programs into the business world. The federal government can help create innovation through a robust national policy agenda, which includes incentives for regional collaboration across stakeholder groups and developing regional clusters of innovation. Several federal initiatives to promote innovation have emerged recently and involve significant coordination between the federal agencies and local applicants. Technical assistance would help regions organize and successfully implement the federal government’s vision.

#### **Legislative Principles**

CMAP supports funding for the America Competes Act, which invests in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and fosters innovative research and commercialization. This bill was signed into law, but many components have yet to be funded. Of significant regional interest is that the legislation authorizes the creation of a “regional innovation program” to “encourage and support the development of regional innovation strategies, including regional innovation clusters.” This program would make awards available to regional cluster initiatives on a matching basis.

CMAP supports legislative initiatives that improve data-driven decision making and target investments towards industry clusters.

## Tax Policy

CMAP's specific interest in tax policy is how these policies, which are set primarily on the state level, influence the overall economic well-being of the metropolitan region, including the commercial, industrial, and residential development of our communities. That being said, larger economic trends in consumer behavior may require joint action by the states and federal government. For example, an eroding sales tax base that is out of step with the Internet economy imperils the fiscal well-being of our communities. However, the State of Illinois cannot require out-of-state sellers to collect sales taxes on in-state purchases under current federal law, nor does it have the authority to provide a national solution. Only the federal government has the ability to enact the policy changes necessary to help ensure the sustainability of the region's sales tax revenues.

### Legislative Principle

CMAP will support legislative initiatives such as the Main Street Fairness Act that ensure the sustainability of the region's tax base and allow states to require collection of sales taxes by all retailers.

## Improve Access to Information

Most federal and state agencies control large amounts of data and information. Policy challenges cannot be solved -- and efficient governance cannot be achieved -- without comprehensive, current, and accurate data resources. Residents are served best when government information is freely accessible to all. When public bodies have access to complete, accurate, and timely information, leaders can make decisions that are better for our communities, our region and the state.

### Legislative Principle

CMAP will support legislation that expands the dissemination of federal data, helps and provides incentives to state and local governments to post data online, and helps implement best practices and technological improvements that facilitate open exchange of data.

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## About CMAP

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the official regional planning organization for the northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will. CMAP developed and now leads the implementation of GO TO 2040, metropolitan Chicago's first comprehensive regional plan in more than 100 years. To address anticipated population growth of more than 2 million new residents, GO TO 2040 establishes coordinated strategies that help the region's 284 communities address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

*Revised February 6, 2013*

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** February 6, 2013

**Re:** Manufacturing Drill-Down Report and Launch Event

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Later this month, CMAP will release a major report on the region's manufacturing cluster. At the February meeting, staff will summarize the major findings of this report, which analyzes the various subcomponents of the cluster and surveys challenges and opportunities in the areas of infrastructure, innovation, and workforce. As the report will make clear, manufacturing has long been a cornerstone of the regional economy, helping propel metropolitan Chicago into the economic powerhouse it is today. And even in today's era of global sourcing, manufacturing remains a vital element of the region's economic health.

Manufacturing also enhances the very qualities that distinguish the region on the global stage. Employers draw on the region's deep pool of skilled workers, and the 580,000 currently employed in the regional manufacturing cluster ranks second largest in the nation. Manufacturing jobs also offer above average pay and benefits, contributing to the region's high standard of living. It also leverages the region's locational advantage as the freight crossroads of the nation.

Metropolitan Chicago's manufacturing cluster builds on the strengths of the regional economy. As in the greater economy, manufacturing output is highly diverse, spread among almost every major sector. Manufacturing fuels innovation in the region, as 85 percent of all private R&D comes from within this cluster. And an expansion in manufacturing has a larger ripple effect than any other industry grouping: each new manufacturing job created here supports at least two additional positions within the Chicago regional economy.

More recently, technological change, trade policies, and the dissolution of geographic barriers have completely altered the manufacturing landscape. Like other industrial centers around the nation, manufacturing employment in metropolitan Chicago fell by nearly a third this past decade as firms shifted production abroad. At the same time, productivity has increased, resulting from advanced processes and higher-valued output. This trend towards high-tech

products and processes calls attention to an important lesson of the last ten years: metropolitan Chicago's competitive advantage lies not in low skilled, labor intensive activities vulnerable to offshoring, but in manufacturing that leverages advanced skills, methods, and output.

To support advanced manufacturing across all its diverse industries the Chicago region can draw on the same competitive advantages that fueled growth a century ago—economic innovation, infrastructure assets, and a deep pool of skilled workers—to thrive in a new manufacturing moment. Reestablishing the region as a leader in manufacturing innovation will help firms build expertise in the next generation of advanced manufacturing technology. Addressing perception and acute skills shortages will ensure the region has the necessary workforce to compete with any region of the globe. Finally, investment in infrastructure will capitalize on the region's freight and logistics strengths and grant regional manufacturers new markets for their advanced goods.

#### **LAUNCH EVENT**

On February 26, CMAP will be launching this report with an event at Harper College Wojcik Conference Center (1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., with an optional tour of the College's manufacturing training facilities from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Registration is free, and space is limited. At the event, CMAP will present and distribute the report, and a panel discussion moderated by John McCarron (columnist with the Chicago Tribune) will follow.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Informational

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** February 6, 2013

**Re:** Update on Congestion Pricing Campaign

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At the joint meeting of the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October, staff introduced CMAP's campaign to implement congestion pricing in the region. Pursuing congestion pricing was a major recommendation of GO TO 2040. It is meant to help manage traffic and give drivers better travel choices.

At the October meeting staff showcased a website ([www.cmap.illinois.gov/congestion-pricing/](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/congestion-pricing/)) designed to explain the benefits of congestion pricing. Staff also previewed a technical study of implementing congestion pricing on new highway capacity in the region, focusing on five of the major capital projects in GO TO 2040. That study showed major improvements in travel times on the expressways with no traffic spillover to local streets.

Since October, the campaign received significant media coverage in the following media coverage:

- WBEZ-FM news coverage, February 5, 2013: "[Report: Chicago traffic is bad; leave early](#)" and [Afternoon Shift](#) program.
- NBC-TV news coverage, February 5, 2013: Interviewed for their evening news and [web-only story](#).
- Daily Herald, February 5, 2013: "[Paying for express lane one route to avoiding gridlock](#)"
- Crain's Chicago Business op-ed, January 7, 2013: "[Congestion pricing: An issue of competitiveness](#)"
- Chicago Tribune editorial, October 29, 2012: "[Traffic Decongestant: Letting drivers pay to avoid delays](#)"
- CMAP press release, October 15, 2012: "[Computer models show congestion pricing's benefits for metropolitan Chicago residents and region](#)"

- Chicago Tribune news column, October 15, 2012: "[Would you pay to skip traffic?](#)"
- WGN-TV news coverage, October 15, 2012: "[Proposed express toll lanes promise to cut commute -- for a price](#)"
- ABC-TV news coverage, October 15, 2012: "[Plan would charge Chicago commuters to drive on faster express lanes](#)"
- FOX-TV news coverage, October 15, 2012: "[The price to avoid traffic](#)"
- WBEZ-FM news coverage, October 15, 2012: "[Transportation group has plan to solve Chicago's gridlock](#)"
- Chicago Magazine news coverage, October 15, 2012: "[Congestion Pricing Works, and Why People Don't Like It](#)"
- Chicagoist news coverage, October 16, 2012: "[Would you pay to use express lanes?](#)"

Staff has also been making presentations to numerous organizations, including World Business Chicago, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Trucking Association, Northwest Municipal Conference and other councils of government, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee, a Chicago City Council committee, and others. Staff will be conducting more outreach over the next few months.

Following these meetings, staff requests expressions of support for implementing congestion pricing. This could be in the form of board resolutions or letters to the Tollway Board, IDOT Secretary, and the Governor. It is important to have these, since they indicate a favorable climate for congestion pricing in the Chicago area. Staff is seeking assistance from the CMAP Board to encourage regional partners to support congestion pricing with a letter or resolution.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Informational

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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board  
From: Dolores Dowdle   
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration  
Date: February 6, 2013  
Re: Closed Session Minutes Review

The Illinois Open Meetings Act provides that public bodies may meet in closed session if the purpose meets one of the exemptions of the Act. If a meeting is held in closed session, it is required that written minutes and a verbatim record, in the form of an audio or video recording, be retained of the meeting. The public body is to periodically meet to review minutes of all closed meetings and determine if (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. In addition to the approval of the minutes, the public body can determine that the verbatim record can be destroyed in 18 months. This determination by the public body then must be reported in open session. The minutes of meetings closed to the public are only available after the public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential.

The Board is requested to review the following list of the closed session meetings held, the purpose of the meeting and staff recommendation for Board action.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
February 8, 2006	Recruitment for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
March 8, 2006	Recruitment for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
April 12, 2006	Selection of Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
April 11, 2007	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
November 28, 2007	Employment Agreement with Executive Director	Continue confidentiality

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
January 14, 2009	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
February 10, 2010	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
January 12, 2011	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
February 9, 2011	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
March 9, 2011	Review closed session minutes	Continue confidentiality
November 9, 2011	Performance Review for Executive Director	Continue confidentiality
January 11, 2012	Review closed session minutes	Approve Minutes and Continue confidentiality
November 14, 2012	Performance Review for Executive Director	Approve Minutes and Continue confidentiality
January 9, 2013	Performance Review for Executive Director	Approve Minutes and Continue confidentiality

In addition, action is required to approve the minutes and to authorize destruction of the recordings after 18 months.

When the Board returns to open session, action of approval of the minutes, status of the minutes (released for review or continued confidentiality), and authorization of the destruction of the recordings after 18 months must be announced.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of Minutes, Determination of Continued Confidentiality, Authorization to Destroy Recordings

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