

Invent the Future...

Get ready to have your say!

Invent the Future with **GO TO 2040**

More than 8 million people currently live in the seven-county metropolitan Chicago region, and that number is expected to reach nearly **11 million by 2040**. To accommodate **2.8 million additional residents**, our region needs to make some critical decisions over the next several years.

Should rapid growth outward continue?

Or should we consolidate housing and jobs where infrastructure already exists?

Should we emphasize roads or transit — or invest in both? How can we reduce energy use while also strengthening our region's economy?

We can't solve everything at once, so it's all about trade-offs. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is about to begin an important new **"Invent the Future"** phase of the **GO TO 2040** comprehensive planning process. Input from the public and key stakeholders will help prioritize regional investments and policies.

Starting in June, CMAP is launching activities that will make it easy for you to have your say. In venues all over the region during this summer-long phase of **GO TO 2040** — timed to coincide with exciting Burnham Centennial activities — you can:

- Attend one of 50 **"Invent the Future" GO TO 2040** scenario workshops that CMAP will hold with partners across the seven counties.
- Go on the web at www.GOTO2040.org to create your own growth scenarios and compare them to CMAP's.
- Visit an interactive **GO TO 2040** kiosk at dozens of locations, including Millennium Park, Metra stations, libraries, festivals, and other sites around the region.



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By the end of 2009, CMAP will outline a preferred growth scenario that best reflects the region's desired future, based on public feedback, research, and qualitative analysis. Over the winter, CMAP will flesh out the scenario by identifying major capital projects that require investment. In the spring of 2010, CMAP will communicate a draft of the full plan to its planning partners and the public, with adoption of a final plan in the fall of 2010.

For more information on how to participate, visit www.GOTO2040.org or contact CMAP (312-454-0400 or info@cmmap.illinois.gov).

*The future begins today, and there is not a moment to waste.
Let's begin to plan more effectively — together, as a region.*



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The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the comprehensive regional planning organization for the seven counties of northeastern Illinois. CMAP's innovative **GO TO 2040** planning campaign is developing and implementing strategies to address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality of life issues.