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"It's a process of consensus-building," CMAP communications director Tom Garritano said. "The idea is to achieve the best possible outcome, not the least-objectionable outcome."

"We're serious about trying to make changes in how the region makes investment and development decisions."

CMAP already has released five draft vision statements related to: quality of life, environmental health, social equity and education, global economic status, and inter-governmental coordination. The survey asks responders to rate the importance of quality-of-life issues.

Garritano said feedback would be folded into alternative growth scenarios that would be presented to the public in the region's seven counties in 2009. CMAP works to integrate planning in McHenry, Kane, Lake, Cook, DuPage, Kendall and Will counties.

"We know growth is coming," Garritano said. "It'll be more than 2 million residents and how we decide to accommodate that growth ... is going to determine the quality of life."

On the Web

To take the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Go To 2040 survey, visit www.goto2040.org.

Panel wants your visions for 2040 CMAP asks for public input for planning initiative

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An estimated 2.8 million people are projected to be driving northeast Illinois' roads, playing in the area's open space, and filling more than 1.2 million new local jobs by 2040.

But how do you make sure the population boom doesn't tie up the highways, fill up the parks or drain the area's water supply?

In advance of the projected population boom - and in an attempt to update leg-

endary architect Daniel Burnham's Plan of Chicago of 1909 - the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning launched its long-term strategic planning initiative Monday.

Dubbed "Go To 2040," the project is designed to get residents thinking about the condition in which they would like to see the region three decades down the road.

The agency is seeking public input on the plan via an online survey.

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