Approach to Bicycle and Pedestrian Issues in *GO TO 2040*

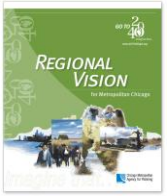
CMAP Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force–
3/17/10

Regional Vision

Transportation: "The elements of our regional transportation system… including bicycle and pedestrian facilities… will be maintained and strengthened through future investment…"

Health: Residents "will choose healthy lifestyles that benefit from…. transportation and recreation options."

Environment: Energy consumption will be reduced by "transportation options that provide alternatives to driving."



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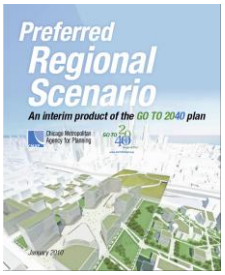
Preferred Regional Scenario

Major themes:

- Create livable communities
- Prioritize regional infrastructure investments
- Foster supportive policy environment

Relevant policy direction: "link transportation investments with housing and land use, and encourage choices that result in livable, walkable communities."



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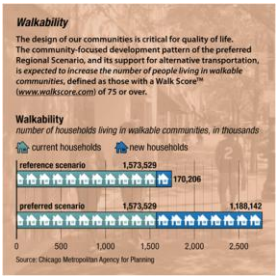
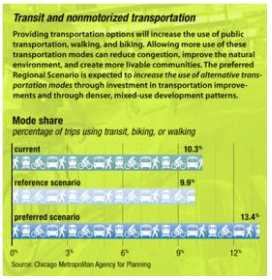
Scenario Outcomes: Transportation





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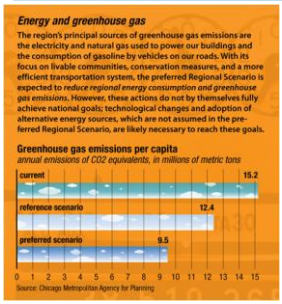
Scenario Outcomes: Environment and Health



Qualitative assessments:

- Improved opportunities for active lifestyles in preferred scenario, which could lead to better health outcomes
- Improved accessibility for seniors and disabled, based on more walkable communities

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Key Recommendation: Land Use and Housing

Continued local control of land use

Role for CMAP:

- Coordinate with "willing partners" among local governments
- Encourage infill, walkability, affordable housing, denser or mixed use development
- Do this through incentives, technical assistance, and interjurisdictional collaboration

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Key Recommendation: Open Space

Prioritization of open space acquisition based on:

- Natural resource value for conservation open space
- Access to parks for recreation areas
- Connections and greenways

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Key Recommendation: Public Transit

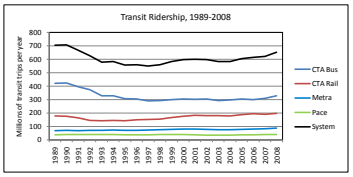
Strong support for improvements to public transit

Increase investment and address rapid growth in costs

Coordination with land use and local infrastructure (pedestrian/ bicycle access)

Modernize system:

- Move toward "state of good repair"
- Strategic improvements
- Priority expansion projects



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Plan Recommendations: Context

GO TO 2040 will *support* many types of activities beyond the areas where it recommends specific implementation activities

Organized by level of geography – role for each of these levels in implementing *GO TO 2040*

Collection of best practices, positive examples – including examples of successful bicycle/pedestrian projects

Individual
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Site / parcel
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Municipality
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County / COG
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Region
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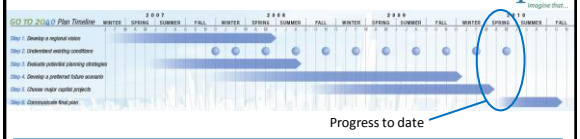
Plan Schedule



Upcoming discussions and actions:

- Plan recommendations, March-May
- Major transportation capital projects, March-April
- Release of draft plan for public comment, June
- Adoption of final plan, October

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