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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Coordinating Committee

Date: May 6, 2009

From: Bob Dean, Principal Regional Planner

Re: Collaboration with Chicago Community Trust

The *GO TO 2040* planning process has been enhanced by the participation of the Chicago Community Trust, which is funding several plan activities and also providing expertise on areas of interest outside of CMAP's traditional planning scope. The Trust is contributing funding toward three major areas of the plan: developing MetroQuest, the interactive software that will be used to support public engagement; creating a set of regional indicators to track the plan's progress; and preparing reports in the areas of human and community development.

As part of the final activity listed above, the Trust has contracted with external groups to produce eleven papers on a variety of human and community development topics. The topics and the contractors (termed "lead agencies" in this process) are listed below:

- Arts and culture Illinois Arts Alliance
- Crime and safety UIC Department of Law and Justice; Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- Early childhood education Illinois Action for Children; Ounce of Prevention; Voices for Illinois Children
- Emergency preparedness Red Cross of Greater Chicago
- Food policy Chicago Food Advisory Council; City of Chicago
- Health UIC School of Public Health
- Higher education UIUC Institute of Government and Public Affairs
- Human relations Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Hunger Greater Chicago Food Depository; Northern Illinois Food Bank
- K-12 education UIC College of Education
- Workforce development Chicago Jobs Council

For each of these areas, the lead agencies convened an advisory council with broad regional representation to assist with their work. The lead agencies were tasked with producing papers

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which documented existing conditions and provided some long-term recommendations to CMAP for consideration in the *GO TO 2040* plan.

The full papers will be released as they become ready over the next several months. Executive summaries for all papers will be prepared by June. These documents will be posted on the *GO TO 2040* website for general review and comment, and the relevant recommendations from each paper will be brought to appropriate working committees or directly to the Planning Coordinating Committee for further discussion. Also, CMAP staff are working with each lead agency to write a basic qualitative evaluation of how the elements of the three alternative scenarios (reinvest, preserve, innovate) will affect each topic area; this evaluation will be part of the scenario materials released for public comment in June.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information.

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