MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

Date: August 4, 2010

From: Erin Aleman, Senior Planner

Re: Preliminary GO TO 2040 Public Comment Period Summary

On June 11, 2010 the draft GO TO 2040 plan was released for public comment; this period was the final opportunity for residents of the region to provide feedback on the draft GO TO 2040 plan. This memo provides an overview of CMAP’s engagement effort over the summer and provides some preliminary results of the feedback received.

Between June 11 and August 6, 2010, CMAP staff engaged in a comprehensive effort to reach stakeholders for input on the draft plan. In order to reach a broad base of stakeholders, CMAP undertook a variety of approaches. On June 11, CMAP placed an ad in the Chicago Tribune to notify residents of the public comment period and to detail the dates and locations of the public open houses being held across the region. CMAP staff also sent press releases in advance of every open house to local papers and community calendars. CMAP also communicated this information through our mailing list of over 7,000 individuals. Contact information as well as details on how to participate was available in all email communications and on both CMAP websites www.GO TO2040.org and www.cmap.illinois.gov.

To further solicit feedback on the draft plan, CMAP staff met with members of the Board, the MPO Policy Committee, Councils of Government, counties, the Governor’s office, various state agencies, and a number of key stakeholders involved in the plan’s development. The forum of these meetings varied from individual meetings to more formal presentations to various committees or groups. In total, approximately 50 meetings of this type were held throughout the public comment period.

In addition, this summer staff engaged in a community outreach effort calling nearly 500 organizations to let them know about the draft plan and offer an opportunity to have CMAP staff to come out and give a presentation at each organization. Through this process CMAP held nearly 150 meetings with stakeholders from close to 200 organizations of all types, from
municipal to civic and non-for-profit organizations, to major employers and for profit institutions.

Finally, CMAP held an open house in every Council of Mayors region, ten in total. Over 200 individuals participated in these open houses.

Although staff is in the midst of compiling all public comments received, generally speaking comments have been very supportive of the plan. Staff anticipates that there will be no major policy changes to the GO TO 2040 plan, however there will be a number of minor changes based on the public comments as well as clarifications of the plan’s recommendations.

At almost all of the open houses participants noted the broad scope of the plan and were impressed with the programs and policies discussed. Some common points from the open houses include:

- **Economic development and jobs.** The Education and Workforce Development recommendations of GO TO 2040 received very strong support, with the hopes that efforts in this arena can strengthen and sustain the region’s economy.
- **Transportation access.** The connection between the region’s residents and jobs is crucial and should be addressed across the region. Support for better access to jobs through increased transit and reduced congestion was at the heart of many comments received.
- **Coordination.** A desire for increased coordination of government and greater transparency of data were woven throughout feedback.
- **Implementation.** Feedback from residents included many questions as to how GO TO 2040 will be implemented. As suggestions, many noted the importance of private sector involvement and the availability of incentives.

CMAP also received many letters concerning major capital projects. These letters tended to correlate closely to the part of the region the respondent resided and related to various projects including: Route 53, Illiana Expressway, STAR line, Prairie Parkway, I-290, CTA Red Line, CTA Blue Line, and new Metra extensions.

It is important to note that this memo is not a full analysis of the comments received to date. As we receive formal comments, we will make them available on our website. Staff will be continuing to consider and address comments between now and September when the Board will review the final draft of the GO TO 2040 plan. Staff will present a more thorough summary of the comments we received and how they were addressed at your September meeting. As a reminder, the following is the remainder of the schedule for the plan adoption:

- The final plan and a summary of comments received will be discussed by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on September 8 and 9, though no action will be requested at that time. Instead, the groups will be asked for final comments on the plan.
The Transportation Committee will meet on September 17 and the Planning Coordinating Committee will meet on September 29 to consider recommending plan for adoption to the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee.

The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will hold a joint meeting on October 13 and will be asked to consider plan adoption at this meeting.

The following provides detail on CMAP open houses, web statistics, GO TO 2040 Partnership program, and “community days” outreach.

**GO TO 2040 Open Houses**

CMAP hosted ten open houses across the region to present the draft GO TO 2040 plan. Each open house featured a short plan overview presentation by CMAP staff, followed by a question-and-answer period. Total attendance for all meetings was 228. Below are the details, including attendance information, for each open house.

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GO TO 2040 Web Statistics
From the start of the public comment period (June 11, 2010) through July 29, 2010, there have been a total of 10,175 visits to the GO TO 2040 website. Seventy percent of these visits were “new visitors” to the website. In total, there were almost 24,000 pageviews from these users. The most popular pages were the homepage, the draft GO TO 2040 plan page (where the full plan was made available along with individual downloadable chapters), and the page that lists open house meetings. In comparison with website traffic from last year, there have been twice as many visitors to www.GOTO2040.org this summer.

GO TO 2040 Partnership Program
As part of our outreach CMAP staff also promoted the GO TO 2040 Partnership program. To date, we have over 200 organizations, businesses and groups signed on as GO TO 2040 Partners. A current list of existing partners can be found at http://www.goto2040.org/Partners.aspx. Our hope is to continue to increase partner numbers as we head toward the implementation phase. Individuals and organizations can still sign on to be a GO TO 2040 Partner by completing a partnership form online www.goto2040.org/partnership.aspx. Our partners will be key to the implementation of the GO TO 2040 recommendations. A significant proportion of current partners have committed to share information about CMAP and GO TO 2040 to their members.

GO TO 2040 Community Days
The goal of all of our summer engagement including the “Community Days” effort was to gain buy-in on GO TO 2040. The following is a breakout of the nearly 500 organizations CMAP reached out to and the 150 plus organizations that CMAP staff met with between June 11 and August 6, 2010.

June 14th – June 16th McHenry County Community Days

Met with 13:
- Fox Waterway Agency
- Habitat for Humanity of McHenry County
- Imagine McHenry County
- League of Women’s Voters of McHenry County
- McHenry County College
- McHenry County Community Foundation
- McHenry County Conservation District
- McHenry County Farm Bureau
- McHenry County Housing Authority
- McHenry Realtors
- Pioneer Center; United Way-McHenry
- County Volunteer Center
- Village of Prairie Grove

Contacted 27 total:
- Catalent Pharma Solutions
- Centegra Health System
- Congregational Unitarian Church
- Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
- Faith in Action of McHenry County
- Follett Library Resources
- Home of the Sparrow
- Illinois Association of Realtors
- McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce
- McHenry County Economic Development Corporation
- McHenry County Latino Coalition
- Mercy Health System
- Sierra Club-IL Chapter, McHenry County Defenders
- The Land Conservancy of McHenry County
June 21st – June 23rd Northwest Cook Community Days

Met with 16:
Bird Conservation Network
District 54 Foundation (Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation)
Evanston Community Development Corporation
Evanston Community Foundation
Evanston YMCA
Harper College
Interfaith Housing Center of Northern Illinois
Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce
Motorola Foundation
Office of Ald. Joe Moore
Rogers Park Business Alliance
Schaumburg Business Association
West Ridge Chamber of Commerce
West Rogers Park Community Organization
Woodfield Chicago Northwest Convention Bureau

Contacted 51 total:
4-H Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates
Abt Electronics
Advocate Lutheran General
Alexian Brothers Medical Center
Alliance of Residents Concerning O’Hare
Allstate Insurance
Audubon Chicago Region
Baha’I Faith
Care for Children USA
Chicago Botanic Garden
Clearbrook
Evanston Hospital
Experian
Greater O’Hare Association
Illinois Local & Organic Food
Jewish Community Center
Kinship Conservation Fellows
Land Trust Alliance
League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mt Prospect and Buffalo Grove
Lift (Evanston)
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Mather Lifeways
McGraw Foundation
North Suburban Special Recreation Association
Northbrook Civic Foundation
Northwest Community Healthcare Foundation
Northwestern University Asset-Based Community Development Institute
Oakton Community College
ORT America
Prairie Center for the Arts
Schaumburg Park Foundation
Sears, Roebuck and Co.
The Leaning Tower YMCA
Winnetka Community House
Zurich, US Headquarters

June 28th – June 30th Lake County Community Days

Met with 16:
Abbott Laboratories
College of Lake County
Lake County Black Chamber of Commerce
Lake County Chamber of Commerce
Lake County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Lake County Housing Authority
Lake County Partners; Liberty Prairie Conservancy

North Chicago Housing Authority
Rosalind Franklin University
SER, Jobs For Progress Inc. of Lake County
United Way of Lake County
University Center of Lake County
Upper Des Plaines River Ecosystem Partnership
Village of Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center Foundation
Waukegan Housing Authority
Village of Highland Park

**Contacted 49 total:**
- 112 Education Foundation
- ACCO brands
- Alliance for Excellence District 65 Foundation
- Barrington Area Conservation Trust
- Baxter Healthcare Corporation
- Below the Surface
- Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County
- CDW
- Center for Enriched Living
- Center for Independent Living
- Christian Outreach of Lutherans
- Community Action Partnership of Lake County
- Conservation Alliance
- Foglia YMCA
- Fox Waterway Agency
- GE Healthcare
- Grainger
- Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, Vernon Hills Area Chamber of Commerce (GLMV)
- Hewitt Associates
- Illinois Water Trailkeepers
- Indian Creek Watershed Project, Ltd.
- Lake County Audubon Society
- Lake County, Illinois Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Lake Forest College; League of Women Voters of Lake County
- Libertyville Civic Center Foundation
- Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor
- Six Flags Great America
- Trinity International University
- Urban Muslim Minority Alliance Center
- Walgreens Corporation
- Waukegan Park District
- YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

July 7th – July 9th West Central Cook County Community Days

**Met with 16:**
- Age Options
- Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
- Berwyn Development Corporation
- CEP Youth Leadership
- Chicago Zoological Society
- Community Memorial Foundation
- Community Nurses Organization
- Hudson Burnham
- Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation
- Oak Park Development Corporation
- Oak Park Regional Housing Center
- Park District of LaGrange
- Pillars
- Rush Oak Park Hospital
- Talking Farm
- Unity Temple Restoration Foundation
- West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Foundation

**Contacted 37 total:**
- AlbertoCulver Co.
- AM Castle
- Andrew Corp.
- Calvary Memorial Church
- Dominican University
- Ferrara Pan
- Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and Development Corporation
- Gottlieb Hospital
- Greater La Grange YMCA
- Illinois Association of Conservation
- La Grange Park Business Association
- Living Word Christian Center
- Oak Park Business Association
- Oak Park/River Forest Development Corporation
- Pleasant Home Foundation
- TreeHouse Foods Inc.
- West Suburban Hospital
- YMCA Metropolitan Chicago
July 12th – July 14th Cook County Community Days

**Met with 36:**
- Alliance for the Great Lakes
- Barron-Chisolm Associates
- Baxter and Woodman
- Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development-DePaul University
- Chicago Department of Public Health Partnership
- Chicago Federation of Labor
- Chicago Loop Alliance
- Chicago State University - Fredrick Blum Neighborhood Assistance Center
- Claretian Associates
- CH2M Hill
- Columbia College
- ComEd
- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)
- Cook County Health Department
- Delta Institute
- Environmental Law & Policy Center
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- Genesis Housing Development Corporation
- Greater North Michigan Avenue Association
- Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA)
- Illinois Chapter, American Planning Association
- Landmarks Illinois
- Lawndale Alliance
- Lawndale Business & Local Development Corporation
- Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center
- Logan Square Neighborhood Association
- Lykah Consulting
- Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago
- Northwestern University
- Old Town Merchants and Retailers Association
- Openlands
- Neighborspace
- The Regional Land Trust
- Pilsen Farmer's Market

**Quadrant Communities Development Corporation**
- Sho-Deen Development
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers
- State IL Food, Farms, and Jobs Act Council
- Teska
- Uptown United
- Village of Lemont
- Village of Matteson
- Village of Mokena
- Village of Olympia Fields
- Wohlt Group
- World Business Chicago

**Contacted 116 total:**
- Adler Planetarium
- Alliance for Water Efficiency
- American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
- Andersonville Development Corporation
- Arab-American Action Network
- Arquitectos - Society of Hispanic Professional Architects
- Arts Alliance Illinois
- Asian American Institute
- Association for Community Networking
- Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation
- Black Contractors United
- Black Star Project
- Catholic Charities
- Central States SER- Jobs for Progress
- Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
- Chicago Community Loan Fund
- Chicago History Museum
- Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation
- Chicago Technology Cooperative
- Chicagoland Roofing Council
- Chinese American Service League
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- Coalition for Equitable Community Development
- Consotium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children
Edgewater Development Corporation
Environment, Culture and Conservation (ECCo) at the Field Museum
Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Greater West Town Community Development Project
Growing Home / Green City Market
Harris Bank
Healthy South Chicago
Heartland Alliance
Hispanic Housing Development Corporation
Illinois Action for Children
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation
Illinois Housing Council; Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA)
Imagine Englewood If
Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture
Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center
Lakeside Community Development Corporation
Latino Policy Forum
Little Black Pearl Workshop
Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
Logan Square Preservation
Mercy Housing Lakefront
Near Northwest Neighborhood Network
Northwest Side Housing Center
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
O-H Community Partners
Olive Harvey College
Polish American Association
Protestants for the Common Good
Re/Max
Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago
Resurrection Project
Sierra Club Illinois Chapter - Chicago Group
The Cara Program
The Chicago Lighthouse for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired
The Civic Federation
The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs
The Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division
United Neighborhood Organization (UNO)
Urban Land Institute – Chicago
West Side Community Training Institute

July 19th – July 21st DuPage County Community Days

Met with 19:
Argonne National Lab
Bridge Communities
College of DuPage
DeVry University
DuPage Community Foundation
CommunityWorks
DuPage Habitat for Humanity
DuPage Regional Development Alliance, Choose DuPage
Edward Hospital
Exelon Generation
Greater O’Hare Association
Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago
Memorial Community Foundation
Naperville for Clean Energy and Conservation
Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Peoples Resource Center
Tellabs, Inc.
The Conservation Foundation
United Way of the DuPage Area
Village of Hanover Park
Village of Warrenville

Contacted 48 total:
Benedictine University
BP America
Camp Fire USA Illinois Prairie Council
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Citizen Advocacy Center
Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry
DuPage County Convention and Visitors Bureau
DuPage County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
DuPage Housing Action Coalition
DuPage United
Green Earth Institute
Hinsdale Hospital
HOPE Fair Housing Center
Illinois Trucking Association
International Truck and Engine Corporation
League of Women Voters of Downers Grove, Woodridge & Lisle
Mainstreet Organization of Realtors

McDonald’s Corporation
Medinah Shriners
Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce
Naperville CARES
Naperville Fair Housing Advisory Commission
North Central College
Northbrook Environment Community
Northern Illinois Food Bank
The Morton Arboretum
Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission
Wheaton Chamber of Commerce
Wheaton College
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

July 26th – July 28th Will County Community Days

Met with 13:
Barron-Chisolm Associates
Bizios Fresh Market
Daybreak Center, Catholic Charities
Greater Joliet Area YMCA
Housing Authority of Joliet
Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting
Joliet Junior College
Joliet Park Foundation
Local 150 (Operating Engineers) Apprenticeship and Skill Improvement Program
Nicor
Provena St. Joseph Medical Center Foundation
Rasmussen College
Valley View School District 365U
Village of Homer Glen
Village of Mokena
Village of Olympia Fields
Will County Community Foundation
Will County Farm Bureau

Bolingbrook Illinois Lions Club
Citizens Against Ruining the Environment, C.A.R.E
Contractors Association of Will and Grundy Counties
Diocese of Joliet
Empress Casino
Forest Preserve District of Will County
Harrah’s Joliet Casino
Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Latino Business Association
Lewis University
Plainfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Silver Cross Hospital
South Star Services
Spanish Community Center
Starcon International, Inc.
Tinley Park – Frankfort Rotary Club
United Way of Will County
University of St. Francis
Will and Grundy Counties Building Trades Council
Will County Center for Community Concerns
Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living
Workforce Services Division of Will County

Contacted 37 total:
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Will and Grundy Counties
August 2nd – August 4th Kane/Kendall Community Days

Met with 8:
Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce
Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley
Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Kane County Farm Bureau
Kendall County Health Department
Quad County Urban League
Rush-Copely Medical Center
The Dunham Fund
Village of Algonquin
Village of Montgomery

Contacted 36 total:
Association for Individual Development (AID)
Aurora Area Chamber of Commerce
Caterpillar
Efs Foundation
Elgin Community College
Family Focus Aurora
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Forest Foundation of Kendall County
Fox River Foods
Fox Valley United Way
Hesad House, Inc.
Highland Avenue Church of Brethen
Joseph Corporation
Kane County Health Department
Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District
Kendall Housing Authority
Kendall-Grundy Community Action
League of Illinois Bicyclists
League of United Latin Americans
Council 5236; Lutheran Child and Family Services
Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation
National Louis University
Plano Molding
Protect Kendall Now/Conversation Foundation
Sherman Hospital
Tandem Staffing
Waubonsee Community College
YMCA Plano

August 4th – August 6th South and Southwest Cook Community Days

Met with 11:
Advocate Christ Medical Center
Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce
Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau
Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation
Governors State University
Moraine Valley Community College
Park Forest Economic Development Corporation
Riverdale Tree Commission
South Suburban Housing Collaborative
South Suburban Mayors and Managers
Southland Healthcare Forum
Southland Hispanic Leadership Council
Village of Park Forest
Allied Tube and Conduit
Arab American Family Services
Bedford Park – Cleaning Industrial Association
Chicago Heights Leadership Council
Chicago South Community Development Organization
Friends of the Calumet-Sag Trail
Ingalls Hospital
League of Women Voters of the Park Forest Area
Oak Forest Hospital
Palos Community Hospital
Prairie State College
SCOPE – South Cooperative Organization for Public Education
South Suburban College
Southeast Environmental Task Force
Southwest Organizing Project
The Center of Palos

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