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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

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**From:** Randall S. Blankenhorn 

**Re:** Regional Comprehensive Plan Development

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CMAP staff have begun to work on developing the Regional Comprehensive Plan, scheduled for adoption in 2010. Ultimately, the plan will articulate a vision for the region's future and identify recommended policies, strategies and investments to achieve that vision. Currently, two major activities related to the plan are underway at the committee level. These activities will lay the foundation for future staff work and Board decisions.

1. *Development of a regional vision.* The goals and objectives of the 2040 Regional Framework Plan and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan will be the basis for the regional vision. The CMAP working committees are reviewing these and identifying major related issues that should be reflected in the regional vision. This process will culminate in a group visioning exercise involving all CMAP committees and the Board, planned for late summer 2007.
2. *Preparation of a regional snapshot report series.* The report series will build on the Regional Snapshot, going into further depth on critical regional topics. Beginning this month, CMAP staff will involve the working committees in the preparation of the reports. The series will contribute to the planning process by examining complex subjects that cross CMAP's issue areas and that need to be addressed in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Potential topics for the first several reports in the series include:
  - Business location decisions based on the transportation system
  - Congestion
  - Demographic change (focusing on its impact on suburban communities)
  - Freight and intermodal facilities
  - Jobs-housing balance
  - Sustainability
  - Water supply and land use

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We will give the Board regular updates on the progress toward development of the Regional Comprehensive Plan. At its next meeting, the Planning Coordinating Committee will receive a more detailed report on the plan's development progress.

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