CMAP Contextual Approach

Linking the Comprehensive Regional Plan, Evaluation Criteria, Projects of Regional Significance, Regional Priorities, Incentives and Technical Assistance
Building on the CMAP Vision

- Vision
- Identify Broad Challenges & Set Goals
- Establish Criteria
- Evaluate Projects of Regional Significance
- Set Capital & Policy Priorities
- Provide Incentives
- Provide Technical Assistance
- Make Better Decisions
- Implement Vision
Vision

The CMAP’s Board’s vision is to provide the framework that will help our region connect its land use to the transportation systems, preserve its environment, and sustain its economic prosperity. The agency must be responsive to the region’s residents, working cooperatively with municipalities and counties that maintain authority for local land-use decisions.

CMAP is integrating specialized expertise in a number of areas—research and analysis, transportation, land use, environment and natural resources, housing, economic and community development, and human services—to preserve and enhance quality of life for current and future generations.
Identify Broad Challenges

The Chicago metropolitan area must plan proactively to:

• House 2 million more people by 2030
• Make wise transportation investments that mitigate congestion
• Address potential water shortages
• Protect air quality
• Avoid premature consumption of land
• Protect important open space and natural resources
• Pursue efforts to keep northeastern Illinois globally competitive
Set Goals –
2040 Regional Framework Plan

1. Encourage Redevelopment, Reuse, and Infill
2. Achieve a Balance Between Jobs and Housing
3. Provide Affordable Housing Opportunities
4. Promote Livable Communities
5. Promote Economic Vitality
6. Promote Diversity and Inclusiveness
7. Promote Compact, Mixed-Use Development
8. Promote Telecommunications Infrastructure and Technology
9. Promote Walking and Bicycling as Alternative Modes of Travel
10. Ensure that Transportation Facilities are Context-Sensitive with Natural Resources, Historic Resources and Community Values
11. Coordinate Land Use and Transportation
12. Maximize Use of Existing Infrastructure
13. Protect Water Resources
14. Plan for Sustainable Water Supply
15. Protect and Enhance Biodiversity
16. Enhance and Connect Green Areas
17. Preserve Farmland
Set Goals –
2030 Regional Transportation Plan

• **Maintain** the integrity of the system we already have.

• **Improve** how the overall system works.

• **Help Sustain** the region’s vision and values.
Establish Criteria

1. Regional Impact on the natural environment
2. Regional Impact on the economy of the region
3. Regional Impact on infrastructure
   - Transportation
   - Water Supply
   - Sewer
   - Solid Waste
   - Other Public Facilities
4. Regional Impact on mobility and accessibility
5. Regional Impact on the ability of people to find adequate housing reasonably accessible to place of employment
6. Consistency with regional development objectives and regional plan
Evaluate Projects of Regional Significance

Review and comment on proposed significant developments, projects, plans and applications for state and federal assistance to accomplish two basic goals:

• Facilitate intergovernmental coordination and cooperation.
• Ensure consistency with regional plans and policies.
Projects of Regional Significance

• Review is advisory

• Function as a desired “Seal of Approval” for subsequent approvals, permits, marketing, etc.

• Balanced with incentives, awards and benefits of approval

• Must be a value-added process that does not delay needed projects
Identify and Promote Regional Priorities

Regional Planning Act
Section 15. Regional Planning Board; powers.
(b)(3) Identify and promote regional priorities

• Capital

• Policy
Provide Technical Assistance

- Coordinate technical assistance from many different partners
  - Planning commissioners training

- Promote best practices
  - Centers Toolkit

- Maintain and provide access to data and analysis tools to help local decision makers
  - Full Circle

- Assist with technical assistance of alternatives analysis
Provide Incentives

• Align incentives to promote consistency with the regional plan and local plans by prioritizing selection criteria.

• Examples:
  – Illinois Tomorrow Planning Grant
  – Local Planning Technical Assistance Act
  – RTA’s RTAP Grant
  – DNR Programs
  – DCEO Community Grants
Toward Implementation: Improving the Decision-making Process

- comprehensive regional plan for integrated land use & transportation

- information for better decision making

- regional priorities

- challenges & goals

- vision

- evaluation criteria
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