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## MEMORANDUM

То:	Economic Development Committee
From:	Annie Byrne, Associate Regional Planner
Date:	March 15, 2011
Re:	Economic Development Committee Charge

CMAP has <u>six working committees</u>, each focusing on a different issue: economic development, environment and natural resources, housing, human and community development, land use, and transportation. These groups each contain a variety of stakeholders representing many levels of government – local, county, state, and federal – as well as relevant nongovernmental organizations and the business community. The term "working committees" is used deliberately, as these committees are asked to meet monthly to review and discuss relevant initiatives, opportunities, policy developments, and other issues related to the committee's focus area.

The following describes the charge of the new Economic Development Committee:

- 1. Provide guidance to CMAP staff and the Board that conveys an economic development based perspective. Staff will present the committee with updates and information on CMAP initiatives and projects that impact or relate to economic development. The committee will be asked to provide feedback and guidance to the staff on these initiatives as appropriate.
- 2. Provide support and leadership to implement GO TO 2040 recommendations on workforce development and economic innovation. The implementation actions in the Human Capital chapter require involvement from numerous partners, including: state agencies, the business community, non-profits, education institutions, and philanthropic agencies. The Economic Development Committee will work to engage and support implementers and facilitate implementation of the Human Capital chapter.
- 3. Assist in developing and implementing the Economic Development component of CMAP's State and Federal Agendas. The Economic Development Committee will review and discuss legislation related to economic development, innovation, and workforce development and assist CMAP expand our state and federal legislative agenda to include these topics. The committee will also discuss related federal funding

opportunities our region could pursue and how this committee or its members could be supportive.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

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