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Economic and Community Development Committee Accomplishments 2010

GO TO 2040 planning efforts and related reports/issues.

Description: The committee will participate in discussions that provide feedback on economic and community development issues as the comprehensive plan evolves.

The committee provided comments and feedback on the following chapter of GO TO 2040 and the recommendations:

- Overview of the Regional Freight System Planning Project.
- > Transportation Finance.
- ➤ Snapshot on State and Local Taxation and Tax Policy.
- Major Capital Projects.
- Data Sharing.
- ➤ Workforce and Education.
- Economic Innovation.

Description: In an effort to define and understand innovation for the comprehensive plan committee members will work with staff to coordinate small roundtable meetings to learn about innovation in the private sector.

- ▶ Held a focus group on June 23rd in Chicago with clean-technology companies.
- ➤ Held a focus group on June 24th in Hoffman Estates with manufacturing companies.

Description: To provide ideas and opportunities to help CMAP be more effective in its efforts to promote community and economic development in the regional planning process.

- Committee members worked with staff to develop the Economic Development Quarterly. Two issues have been released since March.
- Provided support and helped promote panel discussion and webinars on best practices in planning and economic development:
 - o Process, Pitfalls, and Profit: Effective Market Analysis Techniques (January 25th)
 - o Grants Academy (April 15th)
 - o U.S. Census Economic Census Workshop (August 2nd)
 - o State of the Tollway Luncheon (September 22nd)