

## **CMAP Working Committees & Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting summaries**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committee**

Staff Contact: John Allen

At its November 9 meeting, the CAC received updates on *GO TO 2040*, including the draft Preferred Scenario, the draft Invent the Future Outreach results and the draft Capital Projects update. Committee members were pleased with the outreach report but wanted to know more about how public input will affect the final plan. Members were concerned that local elected officials might ignore the regional plan in favor of more parochial concerns. The Committee also received an overview of the operation of CMAP and the *GOTO 2040* websites and offered suggestions on how they might be made more user-friendly. Its 2010 meeting schedule was approved and the committee requested that speakers from CMAP planning partners be brought in periodically to discuss their public involvement activities.

### **Economic & Community Development**

Staff Contact: Brian Rademacher

The Economic and Community Development Committee met on October 27. A technical assistance tool that will assist practitioners in linking developments to transportation routes, staff introduced a regional business and industrial park map and reported that individual county maps will soon be available online. Committee members were asked to make suggestions on additional information that could be included in the maps and medical, technological and pharmaceutical parks in the region were recommended. The committee participated in an interactive discussion focusing on the economic development strategy report recommendations which required members to prioritize the various processes and next steps on how CMAP and the region can begin to discuss and implement regional innovation. The next meeting will be held on November 17.

### **Environment & Natural Resources**

Staff Contact: Jesse Elam

The Environment and Natural Resources Committee met on November 4. The committee was asked for comments on the draft preferred scenario for the *GO TO 2040* Plan. Among other comments, the committee asked for more clarification on the "unsiloing" recommendation, suggested recognition of biodiversity protection as one of the purposes of resource conservation, underlined its support for focused development, and recommended making additional connections to public health. The committee also reviewed a draft model water conservation ordinance prepared by CMAP staff and heard a presentation on the results of CMAP's Compendium of Comprehensive Plans, a survey of local comprehensive plans in the region. The next meeting of the ENR committee is January 6, 2010.

### **Housing**

Staff Contact: Lee Deuben

The CMAP housing committee met on October 15. The committee was told of an event co-sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, CMAP, Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan Mayors

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Caucus scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>, titled *After the Shock: Preparing for the Future Housing Market* will take place at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The event was an opportunity for municipal officials, developers and financial institutions to have a candid discussion about the future of the housing market and what needs to happen to get things moving again. The Regional Transportation Authority announced that the proposed amendment to the RTA's strategic plan was approved by its board. The amendment included a housing policy that supports all types of housing via transit. Next, the RTA will be looking at revising criteria for evaluating community planning programs based on this new policy. CMAP Staff provided the housing committee a brief overview of a CMAP initiative to coordinate stimulus dollars across the region through the formation of the Regional ARRA Coordinating Council (RACC). RACC is comprised of representatives from a number of partner organizations, including many members of the housing committee. RACC provides stimulus updates, news and communication through a bi-weekly electronic newsletter and the Regional Response blog on CMAP's website. Staff also provided a brief recap of CMAP's summer public engagement results for the *GO TO 2040* plan. The committee was presented with a revised list of survey questions on housing innovation indicators as well as an updated draft of the Preferred Scenario development. Next steps, for once the plan is completed and implementation begins, were also discussed.

### **Human Services**

Staff Contact: Russell Pietrowiak

The Human Services committee met in October and November. The highlight of the October meeting was a presentation by the UIC School of Public Health (the lead agency hired by the Chicago Community Trust to develop the health strategy for *GO TO 2040*). The presentation centered on a number of recommendations that they hoped to see incorporated into the *GO TO 2040* plan that included: Integrated Prevention/Health Promotion Strategy, Data for Integrated Planning and Monitoring and Public Health Infrastructure. A draft of the preferred scenario was also discussed and updates were given on the 2-1-1 statewide planning process. At the November meeting, the recommendations from the groups that developed the Hunger report and the Crime and Safety report were given. Updates were also given on various Public Health initiatives and the 2-1-1 statewide planning efforts. The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is scheduled for December 14.

### **Land Use**

Staff Contact: Ty Warner

The CMAP Land Use Committee met on October 21. The October meeting was focused on improving the region's urban centers, with presentations by the City of Joliet on the City's Intermodal Transportation Center plan and its prospects for revitalizing downtown and capitalizing on transit-oriented development opportunities. A presentation was also made by a representative of Judson University's Department of Architecture on an Urban Morphology methodology for the City of Elgin, which provides a method of capitalizing on the historic

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urban framework to reinvigorate pedestrian connections, urban experience, and development based on Elgin's unique character. Augmenting this theme, the RTA provided an update on Community and Sub-Regional Planning Program projects, with some additional discussion of the RTA Board's recently adopted policy emphasizing the link between housing and jobs. The Committee discussed the development of the Preferred Scenario for *GO TO 2040*, stressing the need for the scenario to include environmental conservation, strengthening technical assistance, "unsiloing" federal and state and even sub-regional and local funding practices, implications of tax policy, and the importance of transit investment in the collar counties. The next planned meeting of the Land Use Committee is November 18, concurrent with the CMAP Board Meeting.

### **Transportation**

Staff Contact: Teri Dixon

A special meeting of the CMAP Transportation Committee was held on October 23. The meeting's sole agenda item was *GO TO 2040* and focused on scenario planning, the financial plan, and approach to major capital projects. The meeting was scheduled to allow ample time for discussion because several important decision points related to *GO TO 2040* are approaching.

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