



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Council of Mayors Executive Committee

**Date:** May 1, 2012

**From:** Lori Heringa, CMAP Staff

**Re:** Local Government Survey

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As you know, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is working with residents, organizations and local governments to implement the region's long-range comprehensive plan GO TO 2040.

During development of the Plan, a set of key indicators were established to track progress towards achieving the GO TO 2040 regional vision. These indicators are quantitative measures that describe economic, environmental, social, or cultural conditions. Examples include the unemployment rate, infant mortality rates, number of new business start-ups, and air quality indexes. Information is readily available on a number of key indicators that were selected.

To track progress on indicators for which information is not available, CMAP is employing a periodic survey of local government planning initiatives, such as the number of local governments that have incorporated transit-oriented development principles into their local planning. The information collected from the first survey, conducted in the summer of 2010, established a baseline of data from which to measure progress.

CMAP staff is currently preparing the second survey questionnaire which will be sent to local governments such as yours this summer. As in the last survey, questions are designed to help us identify topics to include in our next set of model ordinances and toolkits for local governments. As with all surveys done by the agency, CMAP will not use this data to create municipal scorecards or rank municipalities.

CMAP staff expects that mayors and managers will receive survey questionnaires in the early summer of 2012. The Planning Liaisons for your subregional area will be assisting with distribution and periodic reminders about the survey. We recommend assigning one individual to shepherd the survey through completion, although we do not expect that one person will necessarily know the answers to all questions. An analysis of survey responses will be distributed in the winter of 2012.

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