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Regional Leaders Unveil Vision for Chicago

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Leaders from around Chicago Wednesday approved a blueprint for developing the region over the next 30 years.

Officials with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning compare the regional blueprint to Daniel Burnham's century-old plan for Chicago. The group estimates the region's population will hit 11 million by 2040.



CTA Red Line (photo: Tripp via Flickr)

That's why state Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig says local governments need to start collaborating on infrastructure and other projects.

HANNIG: They'll always be some competition between the various regions here in northeastern Illinois. But I think today we understand more than ever that we here in the northeastern part of Illinois compete against other metropolitan areas in the United States, and against other major cities in the world.

The plan recommends some specific projects - such as extending the El's Red Line down to 130th Street, and linking up I-57 and I-294 in the South Suburbs.

RELATED: Read the entire plan at the **CMAAP website**.