Get involved

Over the next year, CMAP will publish reports and updates in the following areas as part of the ongoing development of ON TO 2050. There will also be topical forums and workshops to attend throughout the year. Please mark the topics about which you would like to receive more details, and don’t forget to include your contact information.

- Demographic trends
- Climate resilience
- Green infrastructure
- Stormwater management/water resources
- Housing supply and affordability
- Inclusive growth
- Economic clusters and resilience
- Lands in transition
- Infill and transit oriented development
- Tax policies and land use impacts
- Reinvestment and infill
- Shared services/consolidation
- Community capacity
- Socioeconomic forecast
- Transportation system funding
- Transportation asset conditions
- New transportation technology
- Transit modernization
- Highway operations
- Freight system, planning, and policy

Name and Title

Email

Organization

I would like to co-host an ON TO 2050 workshop.

About CMAP

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the region’s official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois to implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See www.cmap.illinois.gov for more information.

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This is your plan
Help us develop ON TO 2050 by providing your input below.

What do you think the regional role in asset management should be?

Which parts of the transportation system do you think are in most need of a larger commitment to asset management?

Please provide any additional comments.

Asset management helps communities make better decisions.

While it may not grab headlines the way a highway expansion or new transit service would, maintenance and modernization of the system is the most critical transportation need for the region. Repaving streets, replacing track, and rebuilding buses are the bread and butter of transportation agencies. Reinvesting to keep these assets in optimal condition will be a major consideration for ON TO 2050. While the Chicago region has a large transportation system in need of maintenance and modernization, it also has shrinking revenues to undertake that work. Given those facts, local communities should consider a stronger commitment to asset management, which is a systematic way of maintaining, upgrading, and operating physical assets cost-effectively.

ON TO 2050 will build on recent progress in asset management. The new plan is expected to emphasize the state of good repair needs on the highway and transit systems. Partner organizations have made some strides toward building effective asset management systems. For example, the Regional Transportation Authority and the service boards have been active in this area, building an inventory of transit assets and assessing their condition over time.

Likewise, some communities have invested in pavement management systems to help them decide the type and timing of pavement maintenance. In the past few years, new asset management requirements have emerged at the federal level that apply to states.

CMAP is developing strategies to get the region’s transportation system closer to where it needs to be. ON TO 2050 will explore data needs and potential policy directions for asset management in metropolitan Chicago. Some early issues to address include how to consider the appropriate level of maintenance. Helping to define the appropriate role of the regional planning agency in asset management is also key. There may also be connections between asset management and other strategies being considered for ON TO 2050, such as climate resilience. Given climate trends, current infrastructure could be challenged by more frequent and severe flooding and hotter temperatures.

Find out more at www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050.