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

1. What factors should be considered for evaluating potential transportation sources?

2. Do you prefer funding sources that charge users of the transportation system or other, non-user fee sources? Please specify.

3. Please provide any additional comments.

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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FUNDING

Current transportation funding is not adequate.

Revenue forecasts indicate that metropolitan Chicago will barely have enough funding to maintain and operate its existing roads, bridges, and transit systems. At the same time, the region must expand and modernize the system to relieve congestion and serve population and job growth.

Traditional revenue sources are insufficient to make these investments in the transportation system. For example, motor fuel tax revenues have been declining in recent years due to improvements in vehicle fuel economy and stable vehicle travel, which together have reduced motor fuel purchases. The region must enhance its existing revenue streams and implement new revenue sources to support transportation investments.

There are multiple strategies that could ensure adequate transportation system funding.

New funding strategies are needed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the transportation system, which is a major contributor to the economy and livability of northeastern Illinois. The region must work collaboratively to identify and implement the funding strategies that will protect and enhance its transportation assets.

Funding strategies may include an alternative to the state motor fuel tax, variable transit fare pricing, and cost-saving efficiencies. Other approaches, like congestion pricing and express toll lanes, could raise revenue from both existing and new expressways, while managing demand. In addition, innovative financing strategies for specific transportation projects might include value capture and public-private partnerships.

How ON TO 2050 can help enhance transportation system funding.

In its financial plan, ON TO 2050 will forecast the revenue necessary to maintain, operate, enhance, and expand the transportation system. Further, this financial plan will outline future policy changes that will generate additional revenues and promote efficiencies, ensuring that funds are available to bring the transportation system toward a state of good repair and to enable system enhancements and expansions. Recommended policy directions in ON TO 2050 will be evaluated, selected, and prioritized with input from public and private partners.

Find out more at www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONT02050.