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Richmond OKs services to help create new comprehensive plan

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RICHMOND – It's been nearly 20 years since the village of Richmond has updated its comprehensive plan, but a grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is changing that, Village President Peter Koenig said.

The grant from CMAP gives the village professional guidance in creating a framework outlining priority planning and implementation actions that will help the village make a new comprehensive plan, Koenig said. He said the village made a vision plan in 2004, but the last comprehensive plan was made in 1997.

"It's good to have some sort of framework or road map for planning development so that you avoid having it happen haphazardly," Koenig said.

One of the reasons why the village wants to make a new plan now is to address what should be done regarding the proposed [Route 12 bypass](#), he said.

"We've been having meetings with IDOT and our engineer over that plat several years to see what can be done about that," Koenig said, "so (the comprehensive plan) is one of the things that helps us move that discussion forward."

CMAP staff will work with the village and gather information from the community before making a planning priorities report to be adopted by the Village Board.

The group works with Chicago and other collar counties, Koenig said, and he hopes the plan also will help the village be consistent in its planning with the rest of the region.

"We don't want to be going off in one direction while the rest of the region is going in another," Koenig said.

The village approved a memorandum of understanding and a resolution to accept planning services from CMAP at Thursday's Village Board meeting, Richmond Village Clerk Karla Thomas said in an email.

