



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 6, 2016

Re: Next comprehensive plan major engagement and voting opportunities

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is in the process of developing its next comprehensive regional plan, which will be the successor of GO TO 2040. This process will involve iterative feedback and engagement with the CMAP Board and committees through a series of opportunities over the next three years. As mentioned in previous [materials](#), the process will also include development of various products, some of which will require broad review and approval by CMAP committees as well as voting by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. This memo reviews major engagement opportunities as well as points at which the Board and MPO Policy Committee, as well as the Transportation committee and the appropriate coordinating committee, will be asked to vote on key deliverables. Essentially, votes on interim products are proposed to be scheduled for the joint October meetings of the Board and MPO Policy Committee from now until the plan's adoption.

Major engagement and voting opportunities

The plan development process will include ongoing collaboration with committees, partners, and stakeholders, and will be punctuated by three major periods of intensive engagement: plan launch activities (winter to summer 2016); scenario planning outreach (2017); and feedback on the draft plan (2018). These major engagement periods are described in greater detail below; each is expected to culminate in a product to be voted on by the Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Interim report on regional priorities – fall 2016

Several engagement opportunities will take place during the first half of 2016 to publicly kick off the development of the next comprehensive plan. The agency will host a public [launch event](#) on February 24 that will introduce the planning process and explore potential plan topics. In the following months, CMAP will partner with organizations to co-host workshops to increase awareness about the plan's development and collect feedback on broad priorities for the region, and will also hold a series of topical forums to examine specific topics of interest in the planning process. Other engagement opportunities are also under development.

These activities, in addition to ongoing plan development work, will lend insight on the state of the region and its planning challenges, as well as potential opportunities to improve the region's future. CMAP staff will create an interim report on regional priorities that summarizes the key takeaways of these initial engagement activities, along with a vision and broad directions for regional priorities. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on this interim product in October 2016.

Interim product on plan directions – fall 2017

Scenario planning efforts are currently in the early stages, with the bulk of work to develop scenarios and conceptualize the corollary public engagement process expected in FY 17. A series of public outreach events, centered on alternative futures, is anticipated in the summer of 2017. In tandem, CMAP will be creating the financial plan and soliciting ideas for regionally significant projects. Since these activities will largely take place in subsequent phases of the planning process, many details remain to be fleshed out; however, CMAP staff expect to encapsulate the results of the scenario planning process, propose priority expenditure categories for the financial plan, and provide recommended performance measures for regionally significant projects in an interim report to be released in the fall of 2017. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on this interim product in October 2017.

Adoption of full plan – fall 2018

The process to solicit feedback on the draft plan will be fleshed out in future fiscal years but is expected to take place during the summer of 2018. CMAP staff will collect and synthesize comments from the public and stakeholders prior to presenting a full plan to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval. The CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will be asked to vote on the draft plan in October 2018.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information