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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** September 7, 2016

**Re:** ON TO 2050 Update

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The CMAP Board and committees receive regular detailed updates on the various components of ON TO 2050 plan development that are most relevant to them. Since the volume of work associated with plan development is too large for every committee to learn about every component individually, this bi-monthly memo provides a brief status update on all major ongoing elements of plan development, including links to recent presentations and interim or final products when available. Projects that appear in this document for the first time, or that were recently completed, are noted and highlighted in italics.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

## Regional Snapshot Analyses

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Regional economic clusters (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The snapshot was <a href="#">published</a> . Copies continue to be disseminated at relevant meetings and shared via the website and social media.
Freight system trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Oct. 2016	A draft document is underway. Key findings will be presented to Freight committee in October.
Infill and TOD trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Oct. 2016	Staff continues to revise the draft snapshot narrative. Updated findings were presented to CMAP's Housing Committee in July.
Travel behavior trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Elizabeth Irvin	Jul. 2015 – Sep. 2016	Snapshot is in final layout and design, and scheduled for release in late September
Demographic trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jacki Murdock	Aug. 2015 – Oct. 2016	The draft snapshot was completed and internal review is underway.
Highway system trends	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Oct. 2016	Draft snapshot text has been completed and is undergoing internal review.
Transit network trends	Martin Menninger	June 2016 – Nov. 2016	This snapshot will summarize the status of regional transit goals, ridership trends, and system condition. Initial data has been collected and supporting text is being developed.
Tax policy	Simone Weil	Jun. 2016 - Nov. 2016	Scoping is underway. This snapshot will summarize CMAP's tax policy analysis, with a focus on municipal impacts.
Local food	Brian Daly	Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2016	The local food snapshot will provide an overview of trends in region's farms, agricultural products, and food access. <a href="#">Scoping</a> is complete and data collection on local food indicators and policy activities is <a href="#">underway</a> .

## Assessment of New Policy Directions

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Green infrastructure co-benefits (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Highway operations (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – Oct 2016	Draft is complete and undergoing internal review.
Transportation system funding concepts (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The <a href="#">strategy paper</a> was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Climate resilience (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016	The draft paper is undergoing internal review.
Housing supply and affordability (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Nov. 2016	In <a href="#">July</a> , CMAP staff along with a representative from the DePaul Institute of Housing Studies facilitated discussion with the Housing Committee on the role of just completed research into regional housing markets in providing nuance to previously discussed strategies. Drafting of the final report is underway.
Tax policies and land use trends (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Jul. 2016	External feedback was incorporated into the early draft. The draft is awaiting internal review.
Lands in transition (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Aug. 2016	In July, resource group members met to review a draft set of strategies and provided important feedback on the structure and focus of the strategy paper. Also in July, the Environment and Natural Resource working committee provided review of the draft strategies, see this <a href="#">presentation</a> . CMAP staff are drafting the strategy paper and ask for resource group review in September.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Tony Manno, Liz Oo	Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2016	A revised strategy paper draft is being prepared for review in advance of an October resource group meeting.
Transit modernization (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2016	The resource group met in July to review staff work on customer needs. Interviews with transit agencies are underway to better understand operational needs.
Asset management	Tom	Feb. 2016 –	Research continued on the state of the practice and the analysis of

(see <a href="#">website</a> )	Murtha	Jan 2017	municipal survey data collected on the topic. Findings will be presented to Transportation Committee in October.
Inclusive growth (see <a href="#">website</a> )	Jacki Murdock	Oct. 2015 – Dec. 2016	In conjunction with the resource group, draft strategies were developed and reviewed. Staff also convened a second focus group in partnership with the Federal Reserve on financial inclusion and community capacity.
Transportation technology	Elizabeth Irvin	Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2016	Cambridge Systematics was selected to work on this project and a kickoff meeting was held. Interviews with technology experts will take place in September.
Energy	Dan Olson	Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Scoping continues. Consultant is final stages of putting together Resource Group and looks convene an initial meeting in September.
Community capacity	Patrick Day	Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Project is underway; a Resource Group has been confirmed and will meet for the first of six meetings on September 23.
<i>Water</i>	<i>Jason Navota</i>	<i>Sep. 2016 – Mar. 2017</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Project underway; internal project initiation meeting completed. <a href="#">Scope</a> was presented to ENR Committee in early August.</i>

### Other Plan Development Tasks

<b>Project</b>	<b>CMAP lead</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Status and links</b>
Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	The second ON TO 2050 strategy paper -- on transportation system funding -- was published in August. Development has begun on a new CMAP web page template that will house interactive maps and infographics and in support of snapshots and other plan content, with anticipated rollout in Q2 of FY17. Two ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum have been planned – one for September and one for October. The final draft of the Emerging Priorities report has been approved and will be published in October. Detailed ON TO 2050 communications and engagement plans for FY17 and FY18 are in development.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff coordinated with snapshot and strategy paper managers to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research. Outputs for the lands in transition strategy paper included identification of undevelopable lands and categorization of development/protection as annexed vs. unincorporated.

Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Staff worked on data collection, and began initial outreach with experts to flesh out forecasting assumptions. Memorandums on both revenue trends and the financial plan process have been drafted.
Layers	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	As part of developing two pilot layers, staff have nearly completed a scan of local plans for reinvestment priorities and are developing a methodology for the conservation areas layer prior to meeting with conservation organizations. In addition, an initial brainstormed list of <a href="#">potential layers</a> that could be developed as part of ON TO 2050 was <a href="#">discussed</a> with working committees in May and June.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	<p>The ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum Series continues with three events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) July 20 forum held with the CMAP's <a href="#">Future Leaders in Planning</a> (FLIP) students and their guests.</li> <li>2) September 22 forum on the <b>future of driving and commuting behavior</b>, to be held at the McCormick Foundation Center Forum on Northwestern University's Evanston campus; and</li> <li>3) October 26 or 27 forum on <b>trends in aging</b>, with CMAP partners, <a href="#">Enterprise Community Partners</a> and the Lifetime Communities Collaborative, which will take place at University of Illinois Chicago.</li> </ol> <p>Community educational outreach events for the ON TO 2050 plan continue to be added to the calendar, although at a slower pace following the over 100 workshops and related events in the spring, through which CMAP reached almost 7,000 residents and over 250 community groups. CMAP intends to partner with additional community organizations to broaden and deepen the agency's outreach to constituencies that are sometimes difficult to engage in regional planning, both to solicit input for the ON TO 2050 regional plan, and to build allies for plan implementation. Finally, staff has begun to craft outreach strategies for public engagement for the 2017 scenario planning phase of plan development.</p>
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	Staff continued meeting and coordinating with project implementers to ensure the initial list of regionally significant projects is largely

			complete. A comment period is planned. Staff <a href="#">briefed the Transportation Committee</a> on progress.
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	Staff organized a working session with approximately 40 external experts where the experts assessed the likelihood and impacts of 20 trends for consideration for analysis.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Draft final report of the 2050 regional forecast received from consultant. Draft of technical memorandum for design of local allocation tool received, and discussions are underway regarding tool refinement and development of the necessary data inputs.

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