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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

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Re: ON TO 2050 Update

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 will provide a brief status update on all major ongoing elements of plan development, including links to recent presentations and interim or final products when available.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Regional Snapshot Analyses

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Regional economic clusters (see website)	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – Mar. 2016	Following policy updates examining globally-traded and local-serving industry clusters in fall 2015, staff completed a draft of the snapshot. Staff shared preliminary findings with the Economic Development Committee. Next, staff will work on data visualizations and design to ensure the final product engages a wide variety of audiences.
Demographic trends (see website)	Jacki Murdock	Aug. 2015 – May 2016	Staff explored demographic trends in the region and made comparisons to peer metropolitan regions. Staff drafted high-level findings from the data and are working on compiling a draft snapshot.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – May 2016	Staff explored trends in development, population and housing unit density, and population in the region, compiled initial key findings, and presented these findings to CMAP’s Land Use Committee. Next, staff will work on analyzing trends in development, density, land use, and population near TOD areas, and developing a draft report.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Jun. 2016	Staff explored new data sources and in late 2015 produced a number of Policy Updates on freight activity by mode, as well as the supply chains report. Staff is currently researching land use issues and identifying trucking bottlenecks and other freight network deficiencies.
Transportation network and trends (see website)	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Staff drafted a section of the report on travel behavior trends, which was presented to the Transportation Committee in March, as well as completed a portion of the highway performance and transit performance sections.

Assessment of New Policy Directions

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Green infrastructure co-benefits (see website)	Louise Yeung	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	Staff will present the draft strategy paper to the Environment and Natural Resources and Land Use Committees in March.
Highway operations (see website)	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The CMAP Regional Transportation Operations Coalition (RTOC) is the resource group for this paper. A scope has been developed.

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			Interviews with operating agencies have been completed. Methods to evaluate and screen roadways have been developed. Data to support screening is under development. Staff presented a memo to Transportation Committee in January.
Transportation system funding concepts (see website)	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Staff developed findings on funding strategies for the ON TO 2050 financial plan. Staff presented key directions to the Transportation Committee in Mar. 2016, held a technical forum on expenditure efficiencies in Jan. 2016, and had individual discussions with stakeholders.
Climate resilience (see website)	Louise Yeung	Jul. 2015 – Jun. 2016	The resource group learned about and discussed strategies for emergency response management at the American Red Cross. The policy framework was presented to the Land Use and Environment Committees. In March, the resource group will discuss strategies for protecting communities most vulnerable to climate change.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Jul. 2016	Scope for project completed. Initial presentation of timeline and scope to the Housing Committee occurred in February.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Jacki Murdock, Andres Torres	Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2016	CMAP and staff from the Metropolitan Planning Council co-convened a resource group to review and discuss a draft vision and principles to guide regional inclusive growth. Staff are developing a policy framework memo that will begin to circulate to CMAP committees this spring.
Lands in transition (see website)	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Jul. 2016	In February, resource group members met to review the scope, confirm the land use definitions and study area, and discuss the larger context of both land conversion and preservation. CMAP staff are developing trend data on land conversion and preservation. In March, the resource group will meet to review existing strategies and programs used locally and nationally with a focus on agricultural preservation.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Staff is engaged in research and is having discussions with communities and experts within and outside the region to discuss strategies for ensuring sufficient municipal service and infrastructure funding for various land use types.

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Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Liz Schuh	Oct. 2015 – Sep. 2016	In January, the resource group discussed a set of site-specific strategies for redevelopment. A set of regional-scale strategies and best practices will be discussed in March. Upcoming meetings will focus on the topic of disinvested areas.
Transit modernization (see website)	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Sep. 2016	The project will be undertaken in coordination with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). A draft scope has been shared with the RTA for comment. This project will be discussed at the March Transportation Committee.
Asset management (see website)	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – Nov. 2016	Staff completed a memo to the Transportation Committee introducing transportation asset management, with a brief presentation to the Committee.

Other Plan Development Tasks

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Communications strategy	Tom Garritano	Ongoing	Worked with project staff to prepare 15 individual handouts for topics under study, with tear-off feedback form. Worked with project leaders to develop ON TO 2050 branding, including poster for broad distribution (4,000 units). Engineered WTTW's in-depth Chicago Tonight feature about the plan, its launch, and CMAP. Rolled out significant web content based on the topical handouts, new plan branding, and outreach activities.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Coordinated with snapshot and strategy paper managers (who requested project support) to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research. Outputs include the Northeastern Illinois Development Database (NDD) summary tool for the Infill/TOD snapshot, trends in preservation and development for the Lands in Transition strategy paper, and land surface temperature estimates for the Climate Resilience strategy paper.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Staff is working on projects that will be used for the financial plan, such as the Transportation System Funding Concepts strategy paper and an analysis of the relationship between transportation system

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			investment and performance. Staff is developing a framework for financial plan development.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	Planned and executed ON TO 2050 plan launch events for partners and stakeholders on February 24 and March 2 with more than 500 registrants, collecting targeted information about their ideas and interests. Presented near- and longer-term strategy at February meeting of CMAP Board, after sending letter to them and all committees with guidance about how to contribute to plan engagement activities. Directly contacted over 40 community organizations and secured dates or pledges from 25 groups to host ON TO 2050 workshops.
Place-based approach	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	The place-based approach alternatives presentation was given to all CMAP working committees. Staff are developing an approach to scanning local plans for reinvestment and conservation priorities, and creating a universe of layers for presentation to committees in March.
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	Following development of provisional thresholds for regional significance with the Transportation Committee, staff met with project implementers in January and February to determine how many and which types of projects would meet the plan thresholds. A report on these meetings will be given to Transportation Committee in May.
Scenario development	Kristin Ihnchak, Liz Schuh	Ongoing	Staff have researched various scenario development approaches and are developing a scope for the alternative futures scenario approach.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Contract awarded and work commenced on the regional forecast; draft totals are due in mid-March. RFP issued for development of local allocation approach to regional forecast (January); proposals were evaluated in February with vendor recommendation forwarded to the Board for approval in March.

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