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Citizens' Advisory Committee in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust:

**On the Table 2016
Annotated Agenda
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Lake County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

The goal for today's meeting is to discuss the regional challenges and opportunities and discuss the big ideas for the region's future.

Committee Members:

Present: Lulu Blacksmith, Anne Miskewitch, Alison Paul, Faye Sinnot, Terry White

Absent: Jennifer Artis, Kevin Ivers, John Knoelk, Valerie Leonard, Abbey McLaren, Phyllis Palmer, Stephenie Presseller, Wendy Williams, Amaal Tokars, Meagan Jones

Staff Present: Jane Grover, Berenice Vallecillos

4:00 p.m. **Arrivals**

The meeting started at approximately 4:05 p.m.

4:15 p.m. **Welcome and Introduction—Joseph Szabo, Executive Director**

CMAP's Executive Director, Joseph Szabo, introduced himself to the new committee members and talked about the partnership between CMAP's ON TO 2050 plan and the Chicago Community Trust's [On the Table 2016](#) event. Mr. Szabo thanked the members for their participation.

4:20 p.m. **The ON TO 2050 Plan Presentation—Jane Grover, Outreach Principal**

Jane Grover introduced herself to the committee and asked the rest of the committee to share their name and personal or professional affiliation. Jane gave a quick presentation on the [ON TO 2050](#) regional comprehensive plan. Jane discussed the importance of working collaboratively and planning comprehensively to identify and meet the needs of the growing region.

4:25 p.m. **Discussion: On the Table 2016 and ON TO 2050—Jane and Berenice Vallecillos, Outreach Associate**

Following the ON TO 2050 Plan presentation, Jane and Berenice Vallecillos solicited discussion from the members about the issues and opportunities facing our

communities and the region. The input generated from this conversation is briefly summarized below and will help to inform the On the Table and ON TO 2050.

The committee discussed the importance of a collaborative approach to the coordination of infrastructure to address a variety of issues including stormwater management and share best practices among municipalities. The lack of bicycle, pedestrian and public transit connectivity between communities is a major regional challenge. We need to put people and safety first, not cars. There are inconsistent housing patterns throughout the communities in which some areas are privy to more development than other areas. There is a need to define what affordable means and advocate for more diverse, affordable housing throughout the region. We need to change the perception and increase the education of sustainability in food, water, and soil and help protect agricultural land. The region relies too heavily on property taxes. We need to help government to become more efficient and effective to actually help residents and not be a bureaucratic system.

5:25 p.m. **How to Get Involved – Berenice**

Berenice asked the committee to help spread the word about the ON TO 2050 Plan by promoting the ON TO 2050 online survey in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and disseminating Get Involved cards to their networks.

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

CMAP's Citizen's Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet next on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Instead of meeting at CMAP, the committee expressed interest in taking a tour of a water management facility, such as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, or a forest preserve for the next meeting. CMAP staff will solicit more input via an online survey about potential places of interest for the tour.

Berenice let the committee know that CMAP administrative staff is requesting that the CAC meetings be moved up to an earlier time so they conclude by 5:00 p.m. when the CMAP offices close. The members expressed interest in moving the committee to an earlier time. CMAP staff will gather input from the committee about a proposed new time via the online survey.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:11 p.m.