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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 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.

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Regional Snapshot Analysis

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Regional economic clusters (see website)	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Staff completed the draft report text and engaged consultant in snapshot layout and development of templates for future snapshot reports.
Demographic trends (see website)	Jacki Murdock	Aug. 2015 – May 2016	Staff completed an initial draft of the snapshot and are integrating comments from internal review. Staff developed a presentation summarizing findings from the snapshot and presented to committees.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2016	Staff continued to analyze general trends in infill development, as well as trends in development, density, and population specifically in TOD areas. Next, staff will present findings to committees and complete the draft report text.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Jun. 2016	Staff analyzed freight-related datasets, and produced preliminary work on network scoring , truck origin-destination analysis , and highway-rail grade crossings . Staff continues to research land use issues and identify trucking bottlenecks .
Transportation network and trends (see website)	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Staff continued to draft the report on travel behavior trends, as well as the highway performance and transit performance reports.

Assessment of New Policy Directions

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Green infrastructure co-benefits (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	The draft strategy paper was presented to the Environment and Land Use Committees in March for review and feedback, and is in the process of being finalized.
Highway operations (see website)	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	A draft of half of the paper was provided to RTOC for comments in March. Staff also presented the outcome of the system prioritization method to RTOC.
Transportation system funding concepts (see website)	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	With feedback from a March 2016 presentation to the Transportation Committee, staff produced a draft of the strategy paper. The draft is currently undergoing internal review.

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Climate resilience (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Jun. 2016	The draft strategy paper was completed and is undergoing internal review. The initial strategies were presented to the Environment and Land Use Committees in April, and a regional resilience roundtable was held with the business community on April 7 to gather feedback on the draft strategies.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Jul. 2016	In March and April, staff facilitated discussions with the Housing Committee on how to define a broad regional goal for housing and what barriers stand in the way of that goal.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Jacki Murdock, Andres Torres	Oct. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Staff developed a policy framework memo that the vision for inclusive growth and the economic evidence and presented this to CMAP committees. Staff convened the resource group to review the framework memo and develop principles for inclusive growth. Staff also will be convening several focus groups to develop strategies and finalize the principles.
Lands in transition (see website)	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Jul. 2016	In April, resource group members met to review preliminary data on land preservation and development, as well as review the existing policy landscape for agricultural preservation. In May, the resource group will meet to review additional trend data on land preservation and development as well as provide feedback on the existing strategies and programs on natural resource preservation used locally and nationally.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Staff has completed many discussions with experts and stakeholders, and more discussions are ongoing. A draft report addressing strategies for ensuring sufficient municipal service and infrastructure funding for various land use types is currently under development.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Tony Manno	Oct. 2015 – Sep. 2016	In April, the group discussed the roles that regulatory and monetary incentives play in implementing reinvestment. The May meeting will focus on definitions of disinvestment, barriers to investment in these areas, and matching strategies to promote new development.
Transit modernization (see website)	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Sep. 2016	The resource group met in April to kick off this project and discuss the initial staff research. Staff are currently reviewing a variety of transit technologies that the Chicago region may see in the future to understand how these may address the region’s mobility needs.

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Asset management (see website)	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – Nov. 2016	Staff initiated resource group recruitment among agency partners. Staff also completed a scope of work and continued work on assessing federal asset management regulations and the state of the practice.

Other Plan Development Tasks

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Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	Staff arranged for executive director Szabo to address the City Club of Chicago on June 29, the first major ON TO 2050 speech . Staff prepared a new template for ON TO 2050 snapshot reports, commencing with regional economic clusters and to be followed by demographics, each of which will have its own engagement strategy focused on social media, the web, and news media. Staff defined scope of web project to develop interactive maps and infographics in support of snapshots and other plan content, with anticipated start in Q4 of FY16 and rollout in Q2 of FY17 (contingent on resolution of CMAP budget challenges). Staff worked with plan leadership and outreach team to help conceive series of ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forums to commence in June.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff coordinated with snapshot and strategy paper managers (who requested project support) to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research. Outputs include vulnerable population scenarios for the inclusive growth strategy paper, block-group development trends for the infill and TOD snapshot, and analysis of annexation trends and undevelopable lands for the lands in transition strategy paper.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	No update.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	Since the ON TO 2050 launch events on February 24 and March 2, CMAP has heard from more than 2,500 northeastern Illinois residents, engaged over 190 community groups, and scheduled more than 60 workshops through the end of June, with new bookings daily across the seven

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			counties. The ON TO 2050 online survey is available until June 13 in English and Spanish . On social media, the hashtag #2050BigIdeas has caught on as a way for partners to help spread word about plan activities. The outreach team will compile these inputs for inclusion in a Regional Priorities summary report that will be released for public comment in late June.
Place-based approach	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	Staff are scanning local plans for reinvestment and conservation priorities as part of developing the two pilot layers. In addition, an initial brainstormed list of the potential layers that could be developed as part of ON TO 2050 has been created and discussions with working committees are planned for May and June.
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	Staff continued to coordinate with implementers to identify projects that meet the provisional thresholds for regional significance. A report on the number and types of projects that meet the thresholds will be given to the Transportation Committee in May.
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	Staff finalized a scope of work and is preparing a memo to introduce the scope and approach to committees.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Draft regional forecast totals were provided by consultant for internal review and discussion, and data needs for GO TO 2040 policy influence on forecasted employment were identified. The contract was awarded for local allocation work, with project kickoff scheduled for early May.

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