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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. 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 website)	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The snapshot was finalized and published. Copies were disseminated at relevant meetings, and to stakeholders electronically, via email and social media.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Jun. 2016	Staff continued research on network scoring , truck origin-destination analysis , and highway-rail grade crossings , along with land use issues and identify trucking bottlenecks . Staff produced draft text and graphics for report.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Broad regional trends in development, population, and density were explored, as well as trends in development, population, and density near transit assets. Draft findings were presented to CMAP’s Environment Committee and Land Use Committee , and the draft snapshot is being compiled.
Travel behavior trends (see website)	Elizabeth Irvin	Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016	The draft snapshot was completed and comments from internal review are being addressed. Findings were presented to partner agencies.
Demographic trends (see website)	Jacki Murdock	Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2016	The draft snapshot was completed and comments from internal review are being addressed. Findings were presented to several CMAP working committees.
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 – Oct. 2016	This snapshot will summarize the status of regional transit goals, ridership trends, and system condition. Metrics have been identified, and data collection and analysis are in progress.
<i>Tax policy</i>	<i>Simone Weil</i>	<i>Jun. 2016 - Nov. 2016</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Scoping underway.</i>
<i>Local food</i>	<i>Brian Daly</i>	<i>Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2016</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Scoping underway.</i>

Assessment of New Policy Directions

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Green infrastructure co-benefits (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	The strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Highway operations (see website)	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Internal review and editing of the draft report is underway.
Transportation system funding concepts (see website)	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	The draft report was presented to the Transportation Committee in May 2016 and subsequent revisions were made based on feedback. The document is currently undergoing editorial review.
Climate resilience (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Jul. 2016	Feedback from the final resource group meeting on May 25 and presentations to the Environment and Land Use Committees in June is being incorporated into the draft paper.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Jul. 2016	In May and June , staff facilitated discussions with the Housing Committee on possible strategies for CMAP and others to address barriers that stand in the way of housing choice in the region.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Jul. 2016	An early draft report addressing strategies for ensuring sufficient municipal service and infrastructure funding for various land use types was presented to Economic Development Committee in June, as well as shared with several other partners for feedback.
Lands in transition (see website)	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Aug. 2016	In May, resource group members met to review refined data on land preservation and development as well as the existing policy landscape for natural resource preservation. In June, the resource group met to discuss additional data on land acquisition funding levels, key findings from interviews with municipal staff, and the preliminary framework for the strategy paper. The resource group will meet in July to review a draft set of strategies.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Tony Manno	Oct. 2015 – Sep. 2016	The resource group met in May to discuss and review a memo on barriers and strategies in disinvested areas. A strategy paper draft will be prepared for review in advance of the July resource group meeting.
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 research on

			customer needs and the primary drivers of demand for transit.
Asset management (see website)	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – Nov. 2016	There was no progress in the period from April to June.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Jacki Murdock, Andres Torres	Oct. 2015 – Dec. 2016	In conjunction with the resource group, a principles memo was developed that will support strategies for inclusive growth and draft geographies of excluded populations were identified. Staff also convened a focus group in partnership with the Federal Reserve on financial inclusion and community capacity.
<i>Transportation technology</i>	<i>Elizabeth Irvin</i>	<i>Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2016</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Staff are reviewing consultant responses to the RFP.</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>Dan Olson</i>	<i>Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Scoping underway.</i>
<i>Community capacity</i>	<i>Patrick Day</i>	<i>Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017</i>	<i>Newly added to report. Scoping underway.</i>

Other Plan Development Tasks

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	On June 29, executive director Joe Szabo spoke to a sold-out crowd at the City Club of Chicago in the first major ON TO 2050 speech . Each of the 300 attendees received a copy of the first ON TO 2050 snapshot report, on regional economic clusters. The first ON TO 2050 strategy paper -- on green infrastructure -- was published in mid-June. Work has begun on a web project to develop interactive maps and infographics in support of snapshots and other plan content, with anticipated rollout in Q2 of FY17. Staff worked with plan leadership and the outreach team to conceive and execute the ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum series that commenced in June.
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 include identification of “greenfield” vs. “infill” development for the infill and TOD snapshot and muni-level protection and development summaries for the lands in transition strategy paper.

Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Scoping and initial data collection is currently underway.
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 potential layers that could be developed as part of ON TO 2050 was discussed with working committees in May and June.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	On June 20, nearly 150 attendees gathered at the Stony Island Arts Bank for "Reimagine Our Region," the inaugural ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum. Moderated by Terry Mazany of The Chicago Community Trust -- which co-sponsored the event with CMAP -- the panel covered a wide range of issues that could shape the region for decades to come. The next forum will feature young people discussing the region's future on July 20 as part of the 2016 Future Leaders in Planning summer program. Outreach staff has heard from more than 6,000 residents, engaged over 220 community groups, and scheduled more than 100 workshops, and an online survey was completed by over 500 people. The outreach team compiled these various inputs for inclusion in the Emerging Priorities for ON TO 2050 report , released for public comment on June 29.
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	A report on the number and types of projects that meet the thresholds was given to the Transportation Committee in May and MPO Policy Committee in June .
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	A memo introducing the scope and approach was presented to the Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development committees. Staff also organized a series of meetings with CMAP topical experts to develop the initial list of trends for consideration for analysis.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Finalized the methodology for incorporating GO TO 2040 policy recommendations into the regional forecast. A kickoff meeting with consultant for the local allocation work was held in May; the early focus for this project is developing necessary input datasets and devising the conceptual approach.

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