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# Economic Development Committee Site Visit Agenda Monday, October 24, 2016 9:30 to 11:30a.m.

Waubonsee Community College - Downtown Aurora

**Logistics:** Waubonsee's Aurora Downtown Campus is located at 18 S. River St. Aurora, IL 60506-4134. Parking information is available here. Aurora is also served by the BNSF and it's a 15-minute walk between Waubonsee and the station. Train #1225 will depart Union Station at 7:45 and arrive at 9:05 am. For the return, train #1266 departs Aurora at 12:20, arriving in Union Station at 1:47 pm.

#### Welcome and Introductions – 9:30 am

Coffee and pastries will be available.

### Downtown Master Plan for Aurora - 9:40 am

David Hulseberg, Invest Aurora, will provide an overview of the new **Downtown Master Plan for Aurora**. Developed in collaboration with the City of Aurora and with the support of CMAP's local technical assistance program, the plan will provide policy direction in the areas of sustainability, economic development, open space and recreation, arts and culture, and other quality-of-life factors. Invest Aurora is a public-private economic development partnership that works to increase the City's economic vitality by attracting, retaining and promoting commercial, industrial, retail, and mixed-use development that brings value to residents and reflects the dynamic and diverse nature of the City.

## Waubonsee Community College –10:15 am

The presentation will include the college's Transformational Plan and its historical background as well as highlights from Waubonsee's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year activities. Highpoints from the college's Workforce Development department will be included. The Aurora Downtown Campus, one of four, local campuses and online, is an anchor institution located in the heart of downtown Aurora.

### Walking Tour – 10:45 am

Staff from the City of Aurora and CMAP will lead a walking tour featuring highlights from the morning's presentations. The tour will feature redevelopment of unique architecture, multi-modal transportation improvements including bike share, and innovative work spaces.

Adjournment – 11:30 am

# **Economic Development Committee Members**

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