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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: Information

Regional Snapshot Analyses

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
<i>Regional economic clusters</i> (see website)	Simone Weil	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Project complete. The snapshot was published . Copies continue to be disseminated at relevant meetings and shared via the website and social media.
<i>Travel behavior trends</i> (see website)	Elizabeth Irvin	Jul. 2015 – Sep. 2016	Project complete. The snapshot's release coincided with a transportation-related ON TO 2050 Big Ideas forum . Media coverage and promotion of the report continue.
Demographic trends (see website)	Jacki Murdock	Aug. 2015 – Nov. 2016	Internal review is nearing completion and graphics treatment is underway.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Dec. 2016	The draft is undergoing internal review.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2016	The draft snapshot narrative continues to undergo internal review. Updated findings were presented to CMAP's Council of Mayors, Land Use, and Transportation Committees in October.
Highway system trends	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Jan. 2017	No update.
Transit network trends	Martin Menninger	June 2016 – Feb. 2017	Initial findings will be presented at TC in November.
Local food	Brian Daly	Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017	The project scope and initial findings from research and data collection on local food indicators and policy activities were presented to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee in September. Staff is outlining the snapshot and beginning to draft the narrative.
Tax policy	Simone Weil	Jun. 2016 - TBD	This project is on hold due to staffing changes.
<i>Non-motorized transportation</i>	Lindsay Bayley	Oct. 2016 – May 2017	<i>Newly added to report. A project scope was developed and is undergoing internal review.</i>
<i>Natural resources</i>	Jared Patton	Oct. 2016 – Jun. 2017	<i>Newly added to report. A project scope was developed and is undergoing internal review.</i>

Assessment of New Policy Directions

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Green infrastructure co-benefits (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016	Project complete. The strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Transportation system funding concepts (see website)	Lindsay Hollander, Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – May 2016	Project complete. The strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback.
Highway operations (see website)	Claire Bozic	Jul. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The draft is undergoing internal review.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Tony Manno, Liz Oo	Oct. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The draft policy framework and strategies were presented to Land Use and Housing Committees in October. Staff will meet with the Resource Group on November 1 to seek feedback on the draft strategy paper.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The draft is undergoing internal review.
Climate resilience (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Nov. 2016	The draft is undergoing final edits and formatting.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2016	The draft is undergoing internal review.
Transit modernization (see website)	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Dec. 2016	Interviews with transit agencies have been completed and are being summarized for review by the Resource Group. An initial framework and findings are being developed.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Jacki Murdock	Oct. 2015 – Feb. 2016	A draft of the inclusive growth strategy report was completed and is now undergoing internal review. Staff presented draft strategies to CMAP working committees.
Transportation technology	Elizabeth Irvin	Jun. 2016 – Dec. 2016	The consultant conducted interviews with experts in transportation technology and presented initial findings to CMAP staff on October 27.
Lands in transition (see website)	Nora Beck	Jan. 2016 – Jan. 2017	The policy framework will be presented to the Land Use and Economic Development Committees in November. Staff are drafting the strategy paper and will ask for Resource Group review in December.
Asset management (see website)	Tom Murtha	Feb. 2016 – Jan. 2017	Staff reviewed final rules for transit system and National Highway System asset management that were issued by USDOT. Research

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			continued on the state of the practice. Findings will be presented to Transportation Committee in November.
Water	Jason Navota	Sep. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Project underway; internal project initiation meeting completed. Scope was presented to the ENR Committee in early August. Background research and initial challenges to be presented to ENR in November.
Energy	Dan Olson	Jun. 2016 – May 2017	The consultant held a first meeting of Resource Group in September and plans to hold monthly meetings in addition to sub-group meetings once final topic organization for the paper has been decided.
Municipal capacity	Patrick Day	Jun. 2016 – Jun. 2017	The Resource Group will review staff research on definitions and metrics of municipal capacity at its second meeting on November 3. Staff will present the project scope and initial research at a joint LU/ED working committee meeting on November 16. The consultant will convene the first project focus group in late November.
<i>Stormwater</i>	<i>Nora Beck</i>	<i>Nov. 2016 – Jun. 2017</i>	<i>Newly added to report. The scope will be presented to the ENR Committee in early November.</i>
<i>Economic resilience</i>	<i>Simone Weil</i>	<i>Nov. 2016 – Oct. 2017</i>	<i>Newly added to report. A project scope was developed and is undergoing internal review.</i>

Other Plan Development Tasks

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Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	The final Emerging Priorities report was approved by the CMAP board and released in October. The second ON TO 2050 snapshot report -- on travel trends -- was published in September. Development continues and is nearing completion on a new CMAP web page template that will house interactive maps and infographics in support of snapshots and other plan content, with anticipated rollout during this quarter. Four ON TO 2050 Big Ideas forums have been planned and executed, with the next – on the future of urbanization in the region – to take place in Aurora on December 6. Development of digital public engagement tools to assist with outreach during summer

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			of FY17 has begun. Detailed ON TO 2050 communications and engagement plans for FY17 and FY18 are also in development.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff assembled documentation for datasets and tools generated in FY16, and coordinated with snapshot managers and communications staff to release tabular data from completed snapshots on the CMAP Data Hub . Continued to develop analytical tools and data products to inform topical research. Outputs for the tax policies and land use trends strategy paper included standardized tax district boundaries using 2014 parcel/assessor data for 3 counties.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Outreach with experts is taking place to flesh out expenditure forecasting assumptions. Draft revenue forecasts are underway.
Layers	Kristin Ihnchak	Ongoing	A scan of local plans for reinvestment priorities was completed and the layers team is working with the local area allocation team to incorporate the findings, along with identified infill opportunity areas, into the forecast tool. The conservation layer team completed a review of other organizations' schemes for identifying high quality natural areas and is in the process of applying thresholds to conservation data to obtain preliminary conservation maps.
Outreach activities	Jane Grover	Ongoing	<p>The ON TO 2050 Big Ideas Forum Series is continuing with the third, fourth, and fifth events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) September 22: Have we reached peak driving? CMAP and the Northwestern University Transportation Center hosted this event on future travel in the region. 2) October 27: Designing the Future: Gen X and Millennials in 2050. Enterprise Community Partners and the Lifetime Communities Collaborative, joined CMAP as partners for this forum at the University of Illinois Chicago. 3) December 5: Will We Continue to Suburbanize? Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns and Carolyn Schofield, McHenry County Board Member, will serve on the panel to take place at the Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora.

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			Planning has begun for CMAP's sixth forum – on transportation technologies – in early 2017. Staff will maintain continuing contact with the over 250 regional organizations engaged in the first phase of public outreach, as well as expand the agency's network to build new partners and allies. Finally, staff has begun to craft outreach strategies for public engagement for the scenario development phase of ON TO 2050 plan development in 2017.
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	The public call for projects ended on October 31. Staff will brief TC on project ideas and comments received at its November meeting.
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	A memorandum was created to introduce five possible futures on which to focus research, analysis, and public engagement. In September and October, staff presented these futures to the Economic Development, Environment and Natural Resources, Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committees, as well as the Council of Mayors. In October, staff hosted a working session with representatives from the media to discuss the five futures and ON TO 2050. Staff has also begun initial discussions with the consultant about interactive visual engagement tools.
Socioeconomic forecast	David Clark	Ongoing	Staff reviewed and commented on the draft regional forecast final report and (with consultant) presented 2050 forecast totals to the working committees and the Regional Coordinating Committee. Staff gave an introductory presentation about the local allocation tool to working committees and is working with the consultant on refining the tool and developing the necessary data inputs.

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