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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board and Committees

From: CMAP Staff

Date: January 4, 2017

Re: Local Technical Assistance Program Update

The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 188 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 141 projects have been completed, and the remainder are underway.

Further detail on LTA project status can be found in the attached project status table. Projects that appear in this document for the first time, or that were recently completed, are noted and highlighted in italics. This report also includes detail on implementation progress for selected completed projects.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Arlington Heights bicycle-pedestrian plan (see website)	John O'Neal	May 2014-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	Steering Committee (BPAC) meeting held on December 15 on draft plan and incorporation of Village/BPAC comments. Minor edits proposed (draft language to be provided by BPAC chair). "First pass" InDesign layout of draft plan 95% complete.
Aurora downtown plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	May 2015-Apr. 2017	Staff assistance	Draft downtown plan is being revised after internal review. The draft plan will be sent to the Steering Committee in January. CMAP staff have developed a PAO for professional illustrations and will be meeting with City of Aurora staff and Bruce Bondy in early January.
Beach Park planning priorities report (see website)	Ricardo Lopez	Jan. 2016-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	Draft planning priorities report under internal review. The draft report will be sent to Village Staff in mid-late January for review.
Bensenville zoning update (see website)	Jake Seid	Oct. 2015-Dec. 2017	Staff assistance	The project team has prepared a Recommendations Memo and expects to meet with the Steering Committee to discuss these recommendations in January.
Berwyn stormwater management plan	Nora Beck	Jan.-Dec. 2017	Consultant assistance	CMAP moved the start date of this project to January given existing staff capacity and funding constraints. Staff to schedule first steering committee in January.
Berwyn zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jan. 2013-June 2017	Staff and consultant assistance	Final edits to draft underway. Adoption on hold until after municipal elections in April.
Brookfield comprehensive plan	Heidy Persaud	Oct. 2016-Oct. 2017	Consultant assistance	Consultants undertaking existing conditions analysis. Stakeholder interviews and focus group meetings scheduled for January 30.
Calumet Park planning priorities report (website)	Sam Shenbaga	May 2015-Dec. 2016	Staff assistance	<i>Newly completed. Final report submitted to Village in mid-December.</i>
Campton Hills zoning and subdivision regulations	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2014-Apr. 2017	Consultant assistance	A draft zoning ordinance was submitted by the consultant and is being reviewed by the Village and CMAP.
Chicago Heights zoning update	Maggie Jarr	Nov. 2016-Sept. 2017	Consultant assistance	Consultant will meet with City staff and CMAP on January 12 to discuss scheduling and steering committee makeup.
Chicago North River Communities neighborhood plan (see website)	Brian Daly	Nov. 2015-Sept. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff has received feedback from the community partner on the draft Existing Conditions Report. The steering committee will meet this month to discuss the findings.

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Chicago Pilsen-Little Village neighborhood plan (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Dec. 2013-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	DPD is completing revisions to the draft plan. In the next month, staff will provide comments on the new draft, as well as provide a summary of community outreach and engagement activities.
Chicago Pullman National Historic Park transportation plan (https://pullmantransportation.com/)	Lindsay Bayley	June 2015-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	The Technical Advisory and Citizen Advisory committees provided comments on the draft recommendations in early December. The draft recommendations were shared with CDOT as part of an application for a Federal Lands Access Program grant.
Chicago Riverdale area transportation plan	Tony Manno	Nov. 2016-Oct. 2017	Consultant assistance	An internal kick-off meeting was held on December 13 to discuss process, scheduling, and steering committee makeup. Outreach to various community organizations and partner agencies to create a steering committee is underway. The steering committee kick-off is planned for February.
Cicero comprehensive plan (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Apr. 2014-Feb. 2017	Consultant assistance	The Town and the contractor are finalizing changes associated with one illustrative plan.
Cook County subregional growth plan	Jonathan Burch	May 2016-Jan. 2017	Staff assistance	Major summary findings were presented to the Sounding Board at an early November meeting. Staff is working on a few mapping, data, and outreach requests needed to wrap up phase 1 work.
Cook County (Maine-Northfield) unincorporated area plan (see website)	John Carlisle	July 2016-Dec. 2017	Staff assistance	A residential focus group aimed at the many HOAs and neighbor groups in the area is scheduled for mid-January. Key stakeholder interviews are nearly complete, and focus groups and take-home workshop materials are being developed. CMAP staff attention will soon turn to existing conditions report.
Crystal Lake transportation plan (see website)	Nora Beck	Mar. 2014-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff to responding to City comments and sending an updated draft to the steering committee for review in January.
Des Plaines comprehensive plan	Heidy Persaud	Nov. 2016-Feb. 2018	Staff assistance	First Steering Committee meeting held on November 30 at Des Plaines City Hall. CMAP team developing general survey, Metroquest website, and beginning Existing Conditions Report.
DuPage County / Hanover Park Homes for a Changing Region (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Nov. 2014-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	Following a December meeting with Hanover Park, the contractor is developing a recommendations memo for the community.

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DuPage County Elgin-O'Hare Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (see website)	John O'Neal	May 2015-Apr. 2017	Consultant assistance	Interim/key recommendations memo finalized. Preparation/organization underway for revived stakeholder outreach in the form of an advisory group(s) webinar. New contacts being provided by DuPage DOT.
Franklin Park comprehensive plan (see website)	John Carlisle	Apr. 2015-Apr. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff is still revising the draft plan to incorporate the final work of engineering consultant T.Y. Lin, which made bicycle and pedestrian recommendations and tested them for feasibility. Other small revisions to the draft are being made based on Village comment. Partner agency review of the draft will begin after a follow-up meeting with Village staff in January. Steering Committee will have its review period and meeting in February.
Governors State University green infrastructure plan	Holly Hudson	June 2015-Apr. 2017	Consultant assistance	The consultant team continued to finalize the stormwater management plan. An amendment was executed to extend the consultant's contract through April 2017.
Hampshire planning priorities report (see website)	Tony Manno	Mar. 2016-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	The draft community profile is complete and the previous plans and key opportunities/issues sections are being drafted. These sections will be ready for Village review in in early January.
Harvard zoning update	Jake Seid	Jan. 2017-June 2018	Consultant assistance	Consultant selection to be considered at the January Board meeting.
Homer Glen plan commissioner training	Patrick Day	Feb. 2016-Jan. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff are currently completing the final phase of this pilot project (Phase 4: Project Assessment).
Huntley zoning update	Patrick Day	May 2015-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	Village and CMAP staff are currently reviewing the completed draft ordinance.
Impact DuPage affordable housing strategy	Jonathan Burch	Mar. 2016-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	Staff is finalizing a recommendations memo that will likely be discussed with the steering committee at a late January meeting.
Joliet Chicago Street plan	Stephen Ostrander	Dec. 2016-Dec. 2017	Consultant assistance	Contract signed with consultant (Ginkgo Planning and Design). In January, consultant will meet with City and CMAP in preparation for kickoff meeting with project steering committee.
Lisle downtown parking plan (see website)	Lindsay Bayley	Mar. 2016-June 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff met with Houseal Lavigne Associates to discuss the Downtown Master Plan for Lisle and how to continue to work with their process for the parking plan. Staff continues to develop the Existing Conditions Report.

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Lower Salt Creek Watershed-based Plan	Holly Hudson	Jan. 2016- Dec. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff and project partners DuPage County Stormwater Management and DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup continued on revisions and additions to the watershed resource inventory, of which a final draft is due to Illinois EPA in mid-January. CMAP staff also made final preparations for and hosted a successful pollutant load modeling workshop on December 12 for project and regional partners and Illinois EPA staff.
McHenry County Fox River corridor study	Kate Evasic	Sept. 2016- Dec. 2017	Staff assistance	Staff conducted interviews with key stakeholders on December 7, 8, and 14.
Metropolitan Planning Council Great Rivers project	Evy Zwiebach	Dec. 2015- Mar. 2017	Staff assistance	Per feedback from the Cal-Sag Coalition, staff has been researching alignment between previous plans and the <i>Our Great Rivers</i> vision, and opportunities for the <i>Our Great Rivers</i> planning initiative to assist with implementation of previous plans. Staff is also discussing the possibility of holding a design charrette for a site along the Cal-Sag Channel with stakeholders.
Midlothian 147 th Street corridor improvements (see website)	Tony Manno	Apr. 2016- Apr. 2017	Staff and consultant assistance	The consulting engineer continues to perform flooding analysis along the corridor as well as an examination of the MWRD Natalie Creek project and how it may indirectly improve the corridor's flooding issues. Upon completion of this analysis, the project team will begin outlining recommended improvements for three key locations along the corridor. The next steering committee meeting will take place in March and will focus on the key locations and recommended improvements. CMAP staff is also working with the Village on a business outreach plan to ensure that any improvements recommended will be complementary and not obstructive.
North Lawndale community plan (see website)	Brandon Nolin	Feb. 2016- Sept. 2017	Staff assistance	Existing conditions report available for public review on project website. CMAP presented at NLCCC Volunteer Appreciation Event on December 15. LISC Quality of Life coordination and outreach schedule is being created with workshops anticipated in early 2017.
O'Hare area truck route coordination	Alex Beata	July 2016- June 2017	Consultant assistance	Received revised draft existing conditions report; provided comments to consultant. The Steering Committee will meet January 6 to review technical progress and discuss a project vision.

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Palos Park bikeways and trails plan	John O'Neal	Apr.-Dec. 2017	Consultant assistance	Team meeting to coordinate new project schedule held on December 2. Project start-date delayed – due to Village staff leave-of-absence – to April.
Park Forest zoning revisions (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	June 2013-Mar. 2017	Staff and consultant assistance	Comments from Terra Engineering are being incorporated into the draft subdivision regulations.
Richton Park capital improvement plan (see website)	Brandon Nolin	June 2015-Mar. 2017	Staff assistance	Draft CIP due to staff in February to ensure adoption by end of Village's fiscal year. Village staff are in the process of scoring projects. The CIP will include available results of the stormwater management plan (described below) with MWRD collaboration.
Richton Park stormwater management plan (see website)	Kate Evasic	Apr. 2016-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	Project is on hold until a separate floodway study that will inform the plan is complete. CMAP staff continues to check in with consultant performing floodway study. CMAP shared final retail market study with the Village and is scheduling a presentation by the consultant for January.
Romeoville comprehensive plan (see website)	Brandon Nolin	Apr. 2016-June 2017	Consultant assistance	Sub-area Design Charrette hosted by consultant and Key Recommendations Memo presented to Steering Committee in December. Draft Plan (incl. Sub-area Plan) anticipated in March. Project website is https://bigpictureromeoville.com .
South Elgin zoning update (see website)	Patrick Day	Oct. 2014-June 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff have completed a draft Module 1 (of 3) of the UDO, currently undergoing internal review, and have begun drafting Module 2.
South Holland comprehensive plan (see website)	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2015-Apr. 2017	Staff assistance	CMAP staff and the Village held community-wide open house event on December 13, in which CMAP staff presented findings and identified issues and opportunities for community feedback. Consultants SB Friedman continued in-depth office and hotel market analysis for major site in Village's Interstate Zoning District.
SSMMA Complete Streets plan (see website)	John O'Neal	July 2014-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	Draft plan narrative finalized and awaiting final internal review.
Sugar Run Creek area plan (see website)	Brandon Nolin	May 2015-Feb. 2017	Staff assistance	Steering Committee approved plan will be presented to the Will County Land Use and Development Committee in January. Presentation to Will County Board anticipated in February.

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Villa Park zoning ordinance	Patrick Day	July 2015-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	Village and CMAP staff are currently reviewing the completed draft ordinance.
Westchester zoning ordinance	Kristin Ihnchak	Nov. 2014-Mar. 2017	Consultant assistance	No update.
Wilmington downtown plan	Maggie Jarr	Jan. 2017-Mar. 2018	Staff assistance	CMAP staff met with the Interim City Administrator and Mayor on December 20 to discuss process, scheduling, and steering committee makeup. Outreach to create a steering committee is underway and the steering committee kick-off is being planned for late January. CMAP staff held an internal kick-off meeting on December 22 and began work on the Existing Conditions Report. Public kick-off meeting will likely take place in February.

Selected Projects with Active Implementation*

* This list only includes projects with significant recent implementation actions. A full list of completed projects is available at www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta.

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Algonquin-Carpentersville Fox River corridor plan	Brian Daly	The Village of Algonquin is exploring the creation of a formal Main Street organization. They have convened an 8-member committee of downtown property owners to develop plans for an organization, and are researching how establishing an SSA could help fund it. The Village is also completing engineering/design plans for a rebuild of streetscaping and underground infrastructure downtown. The Village also presented the Fox River corridor plan to the Algonquin Economic Development Commission and has met with the private owner of riverfront property to discuss potential use of dormant boat slips for increased public access to the river.
Carol Stream comprehensive plan	John Carlisle	In addition to development proposals that are supported by the Comprehensive Plan's land use recommendations, the Village is investing resources in studying a multiuse path recommended in the Plan . The trail would connect the regionally important Great Western Trail with the Village's southeast side, a somewhat underserved area that is also its densest cluster of housing and commercial development.
Chicago Heights comprehensive plan	Maggie Jarr	<p>Following completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the City applied for additional assistance through the LTA program to create a downtown subarea zoning code update. CMAP contracted with a consultant in 2016 and the project kick-off activities are being planned for mid-January 2017. The City has undertaken additional efforts to implement recommendations in the Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City hired an in-house engineer to help implement the Plan's recommendations and expand its staff capacity overall. • The City created the Chicago Heights Economic Development Corporation to help support economic development efforts. • The City formed a Flood Committee to help increase awareness of initiatives and programs to address flooding. • The City is pursuing coordination efforts with the Cook County Land Bank Authority, South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority, Housing Authority of Cook County, and Illinois Housing Development Authority. The City applied to IHDA's

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		<p>Abandoned Property and Blight Reduction Programs for additional resources to target blighted, vacant residential properties on the City's east side.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City is also engaging Franciscan St. James Health and Mercy Housing on the redevelopment of St. James Hospital in downtown Chicago Heights (closing in 2018). The City is focusing its efforts on supporting senior and veteran housing on this site, in line with its goal to achieve higher residential density and a greater mix of housing types in the downtown. • The City is creating a Capital Improvement Plan.
Chinatown neighborhood plan	Stephen Ostrander	<p>The community continued to work with Alderman Daniel Solis on implementation of plan recommendations, including community input on CDOT's realignment of Wentworth Avenue (and phased implementation of new Wells-Wentworth Connector), community gardening regulations, and improving options for neighborhood high school students. Community partner received a \$1,000 grant to implement a community-led walkability study in early 2017; CDOT will be advising community partner to tailor walkability study to complement anticipated traffic study related to improving Cermak Road/Archer Ave/Princeton Ave intersection.</p>
Crete comprehensive plan	Brandon Nolin	<p>Crete continues to see expansion in its business parks including two businesses that have located along a newly extended Old Monee Road. Balmoral Park, a key economic engine for the Village, is under new ownership and undergoing renovations with a 14-week schedule of shows planned for 2017. There is also continued interest in the development of large properties to the north and south of the downtown, including the large property owned by CenterPoint. The Village is also improving its infrastructure, including the passage of a half-cent sales tax increase to be dedicated to roadway improvements, receiving STP funding to reconstruct Crete Road (a key north-south route in the community), and low-cost EPA loan to install iron removal systems at Village wells.</p>
DuPage County sustainability plan	Kate Evasic	<p>The County continues to implement strategies to increase the sustainability of its operations. Ongoing activities by the Division of Transportation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CNG conversion grant from IEPA has been approved and bids open on December 29th. The County will be converting 4 trucks to bi-fuel. • The County has continued working with the DuPage Salt Creek Workgroup hosting chloride reduction workshops. The fall events were extremely well attended. Topics were targeted for both the public roads as well as parking lots & sidewalks.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed another 15 intersections to convert from incandescent to LED traffic signal indications in 2016. • First phase of Central Signal System is operational which includes 70 intersections and approximately 20 PTZ cameras which will help improve traffic signal coordination and incident response. • Next round of Incandescent to LED traffic signal conversion plans are nearly complete and will be let in the first quarter of 2017. Conversion will be made to approximately 30 traffic signals dependent upon the pricing. • LED street light replacement program has been included in the budget and plans are being prepared to be let in first quarter of 2017. Approximately 100 street lights will be converted depending upon the pricing.
Franklin Park industrial areas plan	Sam Shenbaga / John Carlisle	<p>CMAP staff is continuing work with the Village on a comprehensive plan, which is in its final stages, and is beginning work on a O'Hare subregional truck routing study in collaboration with other communities. In addition to fostering an active local industrial development market, the Village is also prioritizing workforce development objectives. Coordination is occurring with Triton College, Leyden High School District 212, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, Alliance for Illinois Manufacturing, the Illinois Manufacturing Association, and the German American Chamber of Commerce. For example, to celebrate Manufacturers' Day in the Fall, Village staff and local industrial businesses hosted East Leyden High School students to learn about careers in advanced manufacturing, mechanical engineering, and other trades.</p>
Hanover Park Irving Park Road corridor study	Tony Manno	<p>CMAP staff and the Active Transportation Alliance conducted a pedestrian workshop in the Village in late October. Village staff, local business owners and elected officials participated in the workshop and provided input on priority areas in need of improvement. CMAP staff, Active Trans and the Village are currently working on prioritizing the draft recommendations in order to develop a plan for implementation. CMAP, Active Trans and the Village will meet in January to discuss next steps.</p>
Harvard comprehensive plan	Nora Beck	<p>CMAP is working with the City to update their zoning ordinance. The City is focusing on updating its wastewater treatment plant and is now providing City Council minutes in Spanish as well as English.</p>
Kane County / Geneva Homes for a Changing Region project	Tony Manno	<p>CMAP and various partners began meeting regularly in August to discuss ways to create an ad hoc Community Acceptance group to advocate for and provide information on the benefits of market-rate and subsidized development. CMAP continues to facilitate these meetings and</p>

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		provide data and support as needed. Various partners are working to create an entity and identify a funding source for targeted advocacy. This work is ongoing and the next meeting will be held at CMAP in late January.
Lake County Homes for a Changing Region study	Stephen Ostrander	CMAP and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus staff held a workshop on October 13 with the five project municipalities to jointly discuss options for improving local rental regulation programs (as recommended in the <i>Homes</i> report). They were joined by experts from the Center for Community Progress and law firm of Ancel Glink, who have worked closely recently with the Mayors Caucus to develop best practice policy recommendations in this area for Illinois municipalities (both home rule and non-home rule). At end, five communities and partners agreed to form a task force to tackle rental regulation improvement, with initial help from MMC and CMAP staff; the first meeting of the new task force is anticipated in first quarter 2017.
Lemont development review analysis	Jake Seid	The Village is in the process of undertaking a major reorganization of departments related to development and permitting, which will provide the structure necessary to implement significant portions of the development review analysis. The reorganization has delayed implementation of the recommendations in the document, but the Village intends to develop a formal implementation schedule by March 2017.
Lincolnwood corridor study	Tony Manno	CMAP staff created marketing sheets for 3300 W. Devon and 3420 W. Devon to help the Village visualize how they can market these sites in a regional context. Recently the Village issued a permit for a bakery at 3300 W. Devon site. The 3420 W. Devon site remains a priority. Additionally, the Devon Avenue streetscape improvement project continues to move forward in collaboration with the City of Chicago with a 2018 completion goal.
Lyons comprehensive plan	Brian Daly	The village has implemented a number of infrastructure projects, including replacing 32 full streets and 9 alleys, completing renovations on Smith Park and Emil Schieve Park, and continuing to install new water meters. Lyons is also pursuing intergovernmental agreements to install tot lots at public schools. The Village continues to plan for the completion of the quarry project and have retained consultants to plan for future land use and engineering of the quarry site.
North Chicago comprehensive plan	Jake Seid	Since the plan was adopted in September, the City has begun working closely with the Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County on a housing rehabilitation program. City staff has also reengaged the Lake County Council of Mayors to discuss how projects are submitted to CMAP's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The City will be working with CMAP staff to develop a community outreach and engagement plan in early 2017.

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Park Forest sustainability plan and bicycle-pedestrian plan	Kristin Ihnchak / Lindsay Bayley	<p>The Village is developing a brochure on bicycle and pedestrian improvements and bicycle safety. Park Forest has awarded a repaving project for several Village roads and has included bicycle route signage as part of the project, on routes recommended in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This should start in March. Plans continue to develop for pedestrian cut-through improvements that will widen existing paths, add lighting, install ADA ramps, paint crosswalks, and signage. This work will be completed in 2017. Additional bike route signage has been proposed on all routes recommended in the plan and is going to bid in early January.</p> <p>Recent implementation actions for the sustainability plan include incorporating native plantings, edible fruit trees, and public art into the new Village Green plaza and festival space; working with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network and International Economic Development Council to develop stronger ties between sustainability and economic development professionals; replacing four miles of water mains, funded by a \$5 million low interest loan from the Illinois EPA; and coordinating a Growing Green Recycle Fest, which took place in July 2016.</p>
Pingree Grove comprehensive plan	Brandon Nolin	The Village PZC has formed an Action Committee and has developed a list of over 30 priority implementation tasks identified in the Comprehensive Plan. CMAP staff have been coordinating with the Village engineer to provide guidance on how best to pursue funding for priority implementation projects and help coordinate with partner agencies.
Richton Park comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance	Kate Evasic / Brandon Nolin	The Village is continuing to work with CMAP on developing a Capital Improvement Plan and a consultant-led project to address stormwater management on the west side of the community (I-57 Corridor). As part of the stormwater work, CMAP contracted a consultant to conduct an independent market analysis to determine commercial potential within the corridor.
Steger planning priorities report	Jonathan Burch	The village hired engineering firms to do both a comprehensive flooding study and a complete streets study, both of which are now proceeding to implementation. State issues in regards to parkland have been almost addressed via joint projects with the Crete Park District.
UIC multimodal transportation plan	Tony Manno	The Office of Sustainability is working with Illinois Medical District to coordinate pedestrian and transit access improvements and identify potential funding sources (locally and otherwise). CMAP staff is providing guidance and coordination assistance as UIC works with other agencies to identify improvements that will benefit the campus, the IMD and the City.
Waukegan Washington Street corridor plan	Stephen Ostrander	The City Council formally adopted the corridor plan on November 7. TownSquare consultancy continued its work to implement key recommendations in the plan, including: submitting a

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		proposal to the RTA for Access to Transit program funds to install eight bus shelters, enhance crossings, install wayfinding, and construct covered bike parking at Waukegan’s Metra Station; working with the City on a STP proposal for road and pedestrian lighting, and wayfinding; forming the new Washington Street Merchants and Neighbors Association, which meets with the Mayor to address issues and opportunities in the corridor and is currently reviewing branding concepts for the corridor. The City has formed a new City “action team” focused on the corridor, which recently held ribbon cuttings for two new businesses, including West Coast Treats, a candy and video game hangout for teenagers (which addresses a key issue highlighted in the plan).
West Pullman corridor plan	Evy Zwiebach	Far South CDC is working with the EPA to complete a Phase I study of the 26 acre-site on 119th Street. Far South is also partnering with Delta Institute and Calumet Area Industrial Commission regarding land ownership and applying for grants to clean up the site. Far South CDC also held a transportation committee meeting to discuss Metra initiatives and continues to advocate for the designation of the southeast corner of 119th Street & Halsted Street as Taylor Park. Finally, Far South CDC is working on a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to assist in implementation of elements in the plan.
West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry cargo-oriented development plan	Evy Zwiebach	The Village of Willow Springs continues to work with stakeholders to support the development of vacant sites along the Sanitary and Ship Canal. Full Circle, the lessee of the sites, is conducting a new study of the sites to determine if creating two access points, as requested by the Village, is feasible. In the coming month, the Village, Full Circle, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County will meet to discuss the various possibilities for site access.
Winthrop Harbor comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Village and CMAP met with the IDNR representatives and community department staff from the Beach Park, Zion, North Chicago, and Wadsworth to discuss bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts. Communities to jointly identify their trail planning priorities and meet with IDNR to seek ways to move project forward.
Zion comprehensive plan	Nora Beck	Working together, Zion, Winthrop Harbor, and Beach Park jointly hired Retail Strategies to market the three communities to attract more retail businesses. In addition, Zion continues to pursue compensation for the impact of having spent nuclear fuel stored within the city limits.

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