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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	Project complete. The snapshot was published . Copies continue to be disseminated at relevant meetings and shared via the website and social media.
Travel behavior trends (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	Design and layout is complete. Upon final approval by executive staff, this report will release in January.
Freight system trends (see website)	Alex Beata	Jul. 2015 – Dec. 2016	Design and layout have begun. Publication is expected in February.
Infill and TOD trends (see website)	Evy Zwiebach	Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2016	Completed draft anticipated in January. Design and layout will begin in February. Updated findings will be presented to the RTA TOD Working Group in January.
Highway system trends	Jesse Elam	Jul. 2015 – Jan. 2017	No update.
Transit network trends	Martin Menninger	June 2016 – Feb. 2017	Analysis is underway. Findings will be presented to the Transportation Committee in March.
Local food	Brian Daly	Jun. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Staff is drafting the snapshot narrative. Interim findings will be presented to the ENR Committee in February.
Tax policy	Simone Weil	TBD	This project is on hold due to staffing changes.
Non-motorized transportation	Lindsay Bayley	Oct. 2016 – May 2017	Analysis is underway. Introduction and initial findings will be presented to the Transportation Committee in January.
Natural resources	Jared Patton	Oct. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Newly added to report. A project scope was developed and is undergoing internal review.

Assessment of New Policy Directions

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
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 – Jan. 2017	The draft was presented to the Transportation Committee in November and has completed internal review. Publication is expected in January.
Reinvestment and infill strategies (see website)	Tony Manno, Liz Oo	Oct. 2015 – Feb. 2017	Staff met with the Resource Group on November 1 st to solicit feedback on the draft strategy paper. The document is undergoing final internal review. Publication is expected to be delivered in early February.
Tax policies and land use trends (see website)	Lindsay Hollander	Dec. 2015 – Jan. 2017	The draft is undergoing internal review. Release is expected in January.
Climate resilience (see website)	Kristin Ihnchak	Jul. 2015 – Nov. 2016	Project complete. This strategy paper was finalized and posted on the web for feedback. Promotion will coincide with a Climate Resilience forum in April 2017.
Housing supply and affordability (see website)	Jonathan Burch	Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2017	The draft is undergoing internal review and will be presented to Housing Committee in January.
Transit modernization (see website)	Martin Menninger	Jan. 2016 – Mar. 2017	Initial findings from interviews with transit agencies about modernization strategies were discussed with the Resource Group, as were the potential impacts of emerging transit technology. The group will be convened in the Spring to discuss draft project findings.
Inclusive growth (see website)	Jacki Murdock, Elizabeth Scott	Oct. 2015 – Apr. 2017	A draft of the inclusive growth strategy paper was completed and is now undergoing internal review. Staff will present a draft paper to the Resource Group and relevant CMAP working committees in February and March.
Transportation technology	Elizabeth Irvin	Jun. 2016 – Feb. 2017	The consultant conducted interviews with experts in transportation technology and presented initial findings to CMAP committees in

			November and December. A draft document is due at the end of December. Publication is expected by February.
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 – Apr. 2017	Interim findings were presented to Transportation Committee in November. Staff will develop a draft strategy paper for presentation in March.
Water	Jason Navota	Sep. 2016 – May 2017	Preliminary findings including issues and challenges were presented to the ENR Committee in early November. Staff is currently conducting Research and Analysis (data gathering, mapping) in three areas: water quality, water supply, and waterways and waterbodies. Next ENR committee presentation anticipated in March 2017.
Energy	Dan Olson	Jun. 2016 – May 2017	The consultant (Foresight Design Initiative) held several Steering Committee meetings in October and November to develop the scope of five resource groups that will subsequently be meeting throughout the winter and spring. The main focus areas will be Building Energy Efficiency, Grid Innovation and Resilience, Transportation Energy, Generation Sources, and Workforce/Economic Development.
Community capacity	Patrick Day	Jun. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Staff and consultants convened a resource group focusing on shared services and technical assistance needs. The consultants held a focus group of mayors and elected officials. Staff are developing analyses of shared services, consolidation, and similar efforts at peer MPOs and in other states. This and other work will be presented at a January Resource Group. The consultant will also convene a focus group of municipal staff working on infrastructure.
Stormwater	Nora Beck	Nov. 2016 – Jun. 2017	Project scope was presented to the ENR committee in November. CMAP staff are currently reviewing the causes of flooding and exploring the impacts of flooding on structures, transportation, open space, and water; findings to be presented to the ENR committee in February.
Economic resilience	Simone Weil	Nov. 2016 – Oct. 2017	Staff finalized the project scope and established a timeline. Staff are working to identify resource group members and conduct literature review.

<i>Public Health</i>	<i>Ricardo Lopez</i>	<i>Jan. 2017 – Jan. 2018</i>	<i>Resource group membership is being finalized, and the group is expected to be convened in January.</i>
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Other Plan Development Tasks

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Status and links
Communications strategy	Tina Fassett Smith	Ongoing	To date, three strategy papers and two snapshot reports have been released. In early 2017, a Demographics snapshot will be released. In addition, new CMAP interactive infographics in support of snapshots and other plan content will be deployed starting in January. Staff are using individual projects' engagement strategy documents to develop high-level messaging for use by CMAP leadership to convey the plan's emerging priorities. Five separate iPad applications are in development for use across the regions in kiosks to involve the public April through August 2017 during the alternative futures engagement phase.
Data and tool development	Zach Vernon	Ongoing	Staff continued to develop data products to inform topical research. Outputs for the lands in transition strategy paper included completed developments by year and an updated conservation easement summary, while outputs for the infill/TOD snapshot included block group household size, access to transit, and remaining unprotected land area.
Financial plan	Lindsay Hollander	Ongoing	Outreach with experts to flesh out expenditure forecasting assumptions continues. Initial expenditure forecasting and modeling is also underway. Draft revenue forecasts are undergoing internal review and will be presented to committees in January. Options for reasonably expected revenues are being researched and forecasted.
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 completed its fifth event on December 5: Will We Continue to Suburbanize? Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns and Carolyn Schofield of the McHenry County Board, Colette English Dixon from Libra Investments, and Curt Paddock from the Will County Land Use department served on the panel at the Two Brothers Roundhouse in Aurora.</p> <p>Planning has begun for CMAP's the next forum on housing, to be completed in February or March. 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.</p>
Regionally significant projects	Jesse Elam	Ongoing	The public call for projects ended on October 31. Staff brief TC on project ideas and comments received at its November meeting. Staff is currently analyzing the proposed projects. An update will be provided in the spring.
Scenario development	Liz Oo	Ongoing	In November and December, staff presented the five alternative futures at the CMAP all staff meeting, the Board meeting, and Quad State Directors meeting. Staff is drafting a memo on a future with intensified climate change; the final version is anticipated in January. Staff has also worked with a consultant to create a pilot interactive app for the climate change future. Initial discussions have also begun for apps about mixed-use environments and diminished public resources.
Socioeconomic forecast/Local area allocation	David Clark	Ongoing	Staff received final 2050 regional forecast from consultant. Ongoing design/refinement of local allocation tool with consultant; workshop held for stakeholders in mid-November to collect feedback on proposed factors that will affect the tool. Staff are finalizing data and planning for a February workshop on the initial results of the tool.

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