



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** October 8, 2018

**Re:** Near Term External Implementation of ON TO 2050

In preparation for a transition from ON TO 2050 plan development to implementation and based on input from the CMAP Board, committees, and other stakeholders, staff have prioritized a series of near term implementation projects. These initiatives listed below require support or participation from external stakeholders. At this time, staff are working to scope projects, form needed partnerships, or raise funds. In some cases, staff have already begun to execute project tasks.

All of these projects are moving forward with scoping and early stage development. Staff presented a first iteration of this memo to the Board and committees in June. The information below reflects progress made since then. It is anticipated that many of these projects will ultimately be reflected in the FY 2020 agency work plan. Processes already included in the FY 2019 work plan or already underway, such as development of programming criteria for the CMAQ program, are not included on this list.

Goal	Lead	Status
<b>Community</b>		
Develop a targeted reinvestment area (TRA) program.	Schuh, Elam	Staff are scoping a timeline and process to engage stakeholders in defining TRA criteria and structuring a program.
<b>Governance</b>		
Establish regional coordination on Inclusive growth.	Scott, Williams-Clark	A group of partners have completed a first phase of the project and drafted a set of materials for use in upcoming discussions with stakeholders.
Evaluate options to incorporate capacity building into CMAP programs as well as partner activities.	Ihnchak	The agency has secured \$1 million to support local government capacity building projects. Scoping is complete for the McHenry County Coordinated Investment Study and staff are in the process of drafting the first county survey. Scoping is also

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		underway for the SSMMA embedded staff planner pilot.
<b>Prosperity</b>		
Support development of an entity with the mandate and resources to implement a regional economic growth strategy.	Weil, Edwards	Staff continue to support the development of the Chicago Regional Growth Corporation (CRGC), recently providing input and data resources for forthcoming competitive grant applications.
Conduct additional analysis of the region's globally traded clusters.	Edwards, Cooke	Staff are currently conducting data analysis for a report that will assess the performance, workforce and planning needs, and contributions to inclusive growth of the region's specialized industry clusters, expected in early 2019.
Focus economic development and workforce training on pathways for upward economic mobility.	Cooke	Staff are in the process of scoping a report on current workforce programs, occupational trends and the state of jobs in the economy, expected in mid-2019.
<b>Environment</b>		
Explore land preservation strategies (open space, natural areas, agriculture...).	Daly	An LTA project to explore land conservation and infill strategies is in early stage. Scoping and conversations with potential partners are underway.
Focus CMAP's water quality work on ON TO 2050 priorities through partnerships with IEPA and others.	Navota	Staff met with IEPA in August 2018 to discuss future iterations of grant funding, and IEPA voiced support pending their review of CMAP request.
Advance water supply planning in the region in priority locations.	Beck	CMAP has submitted a funding proposal to IDNR for two years of support.
<b>Mobility</b>		
Charge a committee or task force with further exploring new vehicle technology and emerging mobility options.	Irvin	Staff are in the scoping phase of this project and working to coordinate and complement other similar efforts in the region
Conduct a series of truck routing, permitting, and delivery management studies in the region's freight-intensive land use clusters.	Schnobrich	Preliminary data collection and the hiring process for a staff person to support the project have been initiated. The first of three studies is anticipated to begin in early 2019.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion

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