



A discussion on Health, Land Use, and Transportation

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 17, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

Meeting summary: CMAP staff convened the first meeting of the Counties Committee, an annual advisory committee meeting, to discuss various topics and implementation strategies from ON TO 2050. This first meeting included key partners in public health fields, and also included the City of Chicago, to address how land use and transportation can help ensure beneficial public health outcomes for all residents of the region. This document is a draft summary of the meeting.

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

1:00 pm

Ricardo Lopez, CMAP

The goal of this meeting was to convene staff from regional County and City of Chicago Departments of Public Health, Transportation, and Planning for a discussion on health, land use, and transportation in the Chicago region. It focused on CMAP’s public health research and efforts to incorporate public health planning into the development of ON TO 2050.

2.0 Moderated Panel Discussion on Health, Land Use, and Transportation

1:15 pm

Speaker: Jackie Forbes, Transportation Planner, Kane County Division of Transportation

Speaker: Melody Geraci, Deputy Executive Director, Active Transportation Alliance

Moderator: Gina Massuda Barnett, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Cook County Department of Public Health

Kane County Integrated Planning

- After a series of public health surveys and planning, Kane County has worked to integrate public health into the planning process—including transportation planning, community planning, and land use planning.
- Kane County Planning Cooperative: created with the goal of training, education, and technical assistance—provided a venue to unite health outcomes with other planning goals

- Discussed methodology update to Kane Kendall Council of Mayors scoring for STP funding.

Active Transportation Alliance:

- Active Trans provides technical assistance to communities that boost public health outcomes, such as bike and pedestrian plans, and advocating for infrastructure upgrades that keep all roadway users safe.
- “Call to Action” for walkable communities, making this connection to public health. Public health is connected to the built environment—so we need to design the built environment with people and safety in mind.
- Equity concerns for transportation: data shows that people with low income, people of color, older adults, and people with disabilities suffer lower life expectancies and higher chronic disease rates than others. These groups of people are also overburdened by transportation costs and do not have access to the same transportation amenities as other system users.

3.0 Break

2:15 pm

4.0 CMAP’s Approach to Health Equity in ON TO 2050

2:25 pm

Ricardo Lopez, CMAP

Ricardo Lopez from CMAP staff provided an overview of the existing agency work on health equity, including strategies for ON TO 2050 to advance health equity in the region.

Findings:

- The public health strategy paper was meant to develop new agency direction based on GO TO 2040 recommendations.
- Goal: articulate how a health equity lens will be incorporated into strategies across ON TO 2050 topic areas.
- Stakeholders commonly identified the marginalization of certain groups as the key health equity barrier.
- Overall, community health improvement plans have a strong programmatic approach focused on changing individual behavior.
- Majority of CMAP’s peer agencies detail active transportation, access to open spaces and parks, environmental pollutants, and health education as opportunity areas to promote community health.
- Strategies for incorporating health equity into ON TO 2050 include standardizing best practices, improving data collection, analysis, and availability, ensure environmental justice and climate resilience, integrate healthy community design approaches, and ensure all communities have equitable economic opportunity.

- 5.0 Facilitated Workshop: ON TO 2050 implementation** 2:45 pm
Participants submitted reactions to the the draft health strategy paper, as well as participated in an open-ended discussion about the interconnection between health, land use, and transportation in an in-depth group atmosphere. This feedback informed the forthcoming implementation plan for ON TO 2050.
- 6.0 Next Steps** 3:55 pm
Simone Weil, CMAP
- 7.0 Adjournment** 4:00 pm

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