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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: Erin Aleman, Executive Director
Date: November 2025
Subject: Executive Director's report
Action Requested: Information

Dear Board Members,

This report provides an update ahead of our November meeting with the goal of greater transparency to CMAP's work and to supplement the agenda.

Should you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Erin Aleman", is positioned above the printed name.

Erin Aleman

The Century Plan

At your November meeting, we will provide a recap of the November 4th State of the Region event. Nearly 1,000 people, including state officials, mayors, and county board chairs, along with transportation, business, and civic stakeholders, are expected to attend the event to kick off The Century Plan and celebrate CMAP's 20th anniversary.

Starting in January 2026, we will ramp up our engagement activities around The Century Plan. Over the next two years, CMAP will engage with government, business, and civic groups, along with residents and communities. There will be opportunities to participate in meetings and events to discuss what the region needs to thrive decades into the future. We will provide an overview at your upcoming meeting and welcome feedback and discussion.

The Century Plan adoption by the CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee is targeted for fall 2027.

Visit [The Century Plan website](#) to learn more and stay connected.

Transit reform legislation

In the early morning hours of October 31st and the final hours of the veto session, the Illinois General Assembly approved landmark legislation to strengthen and sustain northeastern Illinois' transit system.

Informed by the Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART), the legislation advances a modern, integrated, and financially stable transit network, with a goal of ultimately providing better service and access for communities across the region. CMAP, in partnership with you — our Board — MPO members, transportation partners, advocates, and state leaders, developed PART at the request of the General Assembly in 2023.

While there is still important work ahead, this moment shows what can be accomplished when we ground our decisions in data and work together toward a common purpose.

New eTIP website to enhance project management and transparency

CMAP launched a new, modernized [eTIP website](#) providing partners and the public with improved access to information about federally funded transportation projects across northeastern Illinois. The new public site offers regional insight into project funding, schedules, and locations, featuring enhanced mapping and interactivity that allow users to customize results by project type, funding type, and funding year(s). A new "Projects by County" tool also enables residents to easily explore projects in their own communities. On the secure side of the platform, system improvements give CMAP staff and external users greater ability to filter and sort through more than 2,000 project records, generating customizable reports that include project summaries, financial details, milestone tracking, and geospatial data integrated with Esri ArcGIS.

Together, these enhancements will greatly strengthen CMAP's ability to manage and monitor programmed projects, while improving transparency and understanding of how federal

transportation investments advance regional priorities.

Regional freight assessment begins with first report: *The Freight Landscape*

CMAP has initiated a [comprehensive, four-part assessment of northeastern Illinois' freight system](#), which encompasses the region's extensive network of trucks, trains, ships, planes, and delivery vehicles. The first installment, [The Freight Landscape](#), introduces "goods movement" as a critical regional issue — one that influences economic growth, environmental quality, and roadway performance. The report provides an overview of freight activity and key data points, including that nearly 700 million tons of goods valued at more than \$1 trillion moved to, from, or within the region in 2023, supporting more than 210,000 jobs across 14,000 establishments. This foundational analysis will inform subsequent reports examining system performance, infrastructure, and policy strategies, with the next report expected in early 2026.

Update on the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan

CMAP is inviting individuals from across northeastern Illinois to share their transportation stories as part of the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). To help tell our region's transportation story, CMAP is seeking volunteers who reflect the rich diversity of our region — people who walk, drive, bike, take transit, use accessibility features, or move goods — to participate in short interviews and creative photo and video sessions. These stories will help bring the RTP to life by showcasing the real people who make our transportation system work every day. Participants' voices and images may appear in CMAP materials, including the final plan and across digital and social media platforms.

Please share this opportunity widely with your communities, neighbors, and networks by inviting interested individuals to complete the [participation form](#).

New bike and pedestrian bridge opens in Streamwood

I recently joined community members and local leaders to celebrate the opening and dedication of a new bike and pedestrian bridge over Illinois Route 59 in Streamwood. CMAP is proud to help support the [Bartlett & Streamwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) to create a safe, seamless connection across a four-lane roadway, giving residents more options to walk, bike, and access key destinations on both sides of the corridor.

CMAP worked with local partners to allocate more than \$7.5 million in federal Surface Transportation and Transportation Alternatives program funds, along with \$2 million from IDOT's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program.