



MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Climate Committee

From: CMAP staff

Date: February 19, 2026

Subject: Update on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago

Action Requested: Discussion

Purpose

The project team will update the Climate Committee on the development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Greater Chicago, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Since the October meeting, the team finalized the plan and submitted it to USEPA in advance of the December 2025 deadline. Staff have since focused on preparing the document for public release, including design, formatting, and accessibility enhancements. The plan will be published in March 2026.

Thank you for your expertise and input through this process—your contributions have directly shaped the plan. Members are encouraged to visit [CMAP's climate action webpage](#) in March to access the full document. As the plan is released, staff would appreciate the committee's help amplifying it. A social media toolkit will be shared, and members are encouraged to distribute the CAP through their networks.

At the meeting, staff will provide an overview of the three policy scenarios illustrating the range of emissions reductions achievable under different levels of policy ambition and coordination. Staff will then highlight five core actions, alongside the most effective modeled strategies. Staff will also share implementation efforts already underway and engage the committee in a conversation on how CMAP can best support CAP implementation moving forward.
