



MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 30, 2025

Subject: Regional Vision update and emerging regional trends

Action Requested: Information

ON TO 2050, the region's current long-range plan and its three pillars – inclusive growth, prioritized investment, and resiliency – continue to guide CMAP's work.

Initial planning for the region's next comprehensive plan is underway, including development of a new regional Vision. This "north star" will articulate long-term goals and aspirations while also identifying potential challenges and opportunities that could shape regional progress.

With the help of a consultant team, CMAP is evaluating the region's existing conditions as it relates to demographics, the economy, fiscal capacity, housing, the environment, transportation, safety and affordability. The findings will help define the region's challenges and opportunities, inform regional planning efforts and give context for future-focused discussions.

In May, we will provide more context on the Vision planning process and preview early insights from the existing conditions assessment phase of the project.

Background

CMAP is shifting away from a single, large-scale regional comprehensive plan to a multi-plan framework with a regional vision at the center.

An [April 2024 CMAP memo](#) to the Board provides additional details on this approach.

With our partners and stakeholders, we will define *what* the region must do together and *why* it matters to the region, while providing topline policy guidance on *how* we can approach topical initiatives and implementation.

Together, the Vision and sub-plans will replace ON TO 2050 over time and collectively serve as the region's comprehensive plan. This new approach leverages the significant progress and direction provided by ON TO 2050 while providing a more dynamic and responsive approach to our region's challenges and opportunities.

We are targeting approval of the Vision by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in fall 2027.

The project team will be engaging the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee throughout this process and providing updates at your meetings.