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MEMORANDUM

To: Council of Mayors Executive Committee
From: CMAP Staff
Date: March 3, 2026
Subject: The Century Plan: Local Voices, Regional Vision
Action Requested: Discussion

On behalf of northeastern Illinois, The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is leading development of [The Century Plan](#), a long-term vision for a better, stronger future for northeastern Illinois. As part of this process, voices across government, civic spheres, business, and communities are coming together to prioritize what the region will need to thrive decades into the future.

Local governments are central to this effort and CMAP is working closely with local and regional partners to understand how communities experience regional challenges and opportunities.

The plans and investments that municipalities make everyday shape how the region meets future challenges. Understanding local perspectives and building on the strong planning initiatives already underway across the region will align The Century Plan to the realities and ambitions of our region's communities.

Staff will offer you a preview of its [preliminary findings](#) for regional trends and invite discussion on whether they align (or diverge) from members' local experiences. CMAP staff will continue the conversation in subsequent meetings with members of the region's councils of government.