



MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee

From: CMAP Staff

Date: May 23, 2025

Subject: 2026 Regional Transportation Plan Existing Conditions Report

Action Requested: Informational

Northeastern Illinois is collaborating to develop the 2026 Region Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP will summarize the region's vision for its transportation system and identify the investments and strategies needed to get there.

The forthcoming *Existing Conditions* report is the next major milestone deliverable in the development of the RTP. The report uses data to understand conditions affecting the preliminary goal areas identified in the *Emerging Priorities* report, which was released in February 2025. The purpose of the report is to inform future discussions about actions the region should take to achieve its vision for transportation.

At the committee meeting, CMAP staff will present a preview of the *Existing Conditions* report, highlighting key transportation findings related to demographics, mobility, safety, the environment, the economy, system preservation, and more. Information in the report will be organized by the five preliminary goal areas:

- Strengthen connections between people and places
- Prioritize safety and public health
- Mitigate pollution and invest in resilient infrastructure
- Support economic prosperity and inclusive growth
- Strategically, govern, fund, and preserve the system

The *Existing Conditions* report will be made available at the RTP's website, engage.cmap.illinois.gov/2026-rtp.

Following this report, the project team will transition to the strategy development phase of the RTP, which will continue to be informed by policy briefs, robust engagement, evaluation and prioritization of project submissions, and identification of funding options.