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MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: CMAP Staff

Date: August 27, 2025

Subject: The Century Plan update and previous plan successes

Action Requested: Information

Over the summer, the project team has made important, early progress in developing The Century Plan, the region's next long-range vision. As noted during the May board meeting, The Century Plan — together with companion action plans and initiatives — will gradually replace ON TO 2050 and collectively serve as the region's next 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.

ON TO 2050 and its predecessor, GO TO 2040, have enabled significant progress toward the region's goals since CMAP was first created in 2005. Regional planning creates both a process and a playbook. The process to develop these plans helped to mobilize and align leadership on issues that local governments and residents across northeastern Illinois share. And the resulting playbooks have created new regional partnerships, catalyzed policy and legislative change, and driven financial resources to priority transportation projects. CMAP is building on this strong legacy and organizing the region's opportunities for change in the next 20 years through The Century Plan.

The CMAP board will play an essential role in shaping the challenges the plan highlights and articulating the opportunities the region has to address them. Individual conversations held over the summer with board members have provided critical input on The Century Plan's direction and content. Staff will offer a summary of the key themes from these discussions.

Looking ahead, the fall will bring several key moments for board members to engage with and provide input into The Century Plan. This includes a scenario planning workshop with consultants KerrSmith in conjunction with the joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 8th.

Additionally, to launch The Century Plan and celebrate CMAP's 20th anniversary, CMAP will be hosting the State of the Region on Tuesday, November 4th. The event will showcase the diverse

local assets of the region, inspire innovative thinking about the future, and provide the opportunity to build connections across northeastern Illinois.