

MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board

From: The Century Plan project team

Date: June 10, 2026

Subject: The Century Plan update

Action Requested: Information

Throughout 2026, CMAP has made substantial progress toward developing The Century Plan, a new, long-term vision for northeastern Illinois. Activities include four Catalyst Series events focused on key regional topics, six Local Insights workshops with municipal leaders, and strategic foresight planning exercises to inform The Century Plan so that it is forward-looking, actionable, and relevant long-term.

CMAP will continue to facilitate more of these conversations across the region over the next several months as the region defines its vision for the future. At these convenings, leaders representing government, business, and civic spheres are developing a collective understanding of the challenges northeastern Illinois is facing and the commitments needed to orient ourselves toward a shared vision for the future.

CMAP is beginning to synthesize findings and narrow in on priorities for The Century Plan. The Board will hear about notable challenges and opportunities that are emerging as priorities for regional coordination: infrastructure, drinking water, the electric grid, housing supply, and open space.

The Board will also hear about next steps in The Century Plan development.

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