



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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## **Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning** **Annotated Agenda** **Wednesday, September 12, 2012** **9:30 a.m.**

**Cook County Conference Room**  
**233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800**  
**Chicago, Illinois**

- 1.0 Call to Order** 9:30 a.m.  
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Board Chair
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**  
Recognition of Alan Bennett for his service on the CMAP Board. He announced his resignation in August.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2012**  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Executive Director’s Report**
- 4.1 Annual Report
  - 4.2 Brief Summer Recap & Overview of October Joint Meeting with MPO Policy Committee
  - 4.3 Latino Survey Update
  - 4.4 Proposed Merger of CMAP and RTA
  - 4.5 Other Announcements – Working Committee Summaries available
- 5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**
- 5.1 Renewal of Contract for Market and Financial Analysis for Local Technical Assistance Projects
  - 5.2 Renewal of Contract for Visualizations for Local Technical Assistance Projects
  - 5.3 Award of Contract to Provide Assessment of Economic Development Incentives
  - 5.4 Award of Contract to Provide Assessment of Regional Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Local Development Decisions

5.5 Approval of Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Contract Changes

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

**6.0 Election of Officers**

The Nominating Committee will make a recommendation for appointing officers and members of the Executive Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the Nominating Committee recommendation

**7.0 Legislative Recap**

Staff will present an update on tracked bills signed by the Governor.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**8.0 Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Update**

Staff will update the Board on progress -- including a number of programmatic changes -- in implementing the \$25 million grant from U.S. Department of Energy, which promotes residential, commercial, and industrial building retrofits and works toward greater energy efficiency for the region.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**9.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Update**

Staff will update the Board on CMAP's recent call for projects for the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program that ended on August 1, 2012 and its initial review of the applications that were received.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

**10.0 Other Business**

**11.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair's discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

**12.0 Next Meeting**

The Board meets next with the MPO Policy Committee on October 10, 2012 meeting.

**13.0 Adjournment**

**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board Members:**

\_\_\_ Gerald Bennett, Chair  
\_\_\_ Frank Beal  
\_\_\_ Susan Campbell  
\_\_\_ Roger Claar  
\_\_\_ Michael Gorman  
\_\_\_ Elliott Hartstein

\_\_\_ Al Larson  
\_\_\_ Andrew Madigan  
\_\_\_ Marilyn Michelini  
\_\_\_ Heather Weed Niehoff  
\_\_\_ Raul Raymundo  
\_\_\_ Rick Reinbold

\_\_\_ Rae Rupp Srch  
\_\_\_ Dan Shea  
\_\_\_ Leanne Redden





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Agenda Item No. 3.0

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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2012

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members Present:**

Gerald Bennett, CMAP Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Roger Claar-representing Will County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties (via tele-conference), Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago (via tele-conference), Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

**Absent:**

Michael Gorman-representing Cook County and Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County.

**Staff Present:**

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Gordon Smith, and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**

Mike Albin-DMMC, Rita Athas-World Business Chicago, Allison Bos-SW Conference, Len Cannata-WCMC, Chalen Daigle-McHenry Council of Mayors, John Donovan-FHWA, Jason Duba-Metropolis Strategies, Juan Pablo ManManriquez-Metropolis Strategies, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Marta Perales-IL MPO, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Vicky Smith-SW Conference, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Bob Weissbourd-RK Ventures, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC and Marwa Zohdy-World Business Chicago.

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

To accommodate those who attended the meeting via tele-conference, Agenda Item Nos. 5.0 Procurements and Contact Approvals, 9.0 FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP), and 10.0 Proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan were considered by the Board first. In the following minutes, the items are shown in their original order.

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2012**

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Board meeting as presented, made by Susan Campbell, was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

## **4.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the following topics.

- 4.1 The Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) final program was held May 31, at the Girls Scout facility, Journey World was attended by Frank Beal, Rae Rupp Srch and Michael Gorman, Blankenhorn reported, with the City of Chicago, the Collar Counties and Suburban Cook being represented. Blankenhorn also congratulated Mayor Roger Claar on having received the Boy Scout Person of the Year award. An interesting fact learned was that the City of Chicago uses enough road salt in a season to fill Soldier Field 5 times. Next year's recruitment continues, Blankenhorn reported, and he encouraged connecting with schools for candidates for the program.
- 4.2 A motion by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to adopt a Resolution authorizing S-125 Flexible Spending Plan for CMAP employees. All in favor the motion carried.
- 4.3 The Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board packet and of particular interest, Blankenhorn reported is the August 1 deadline for this year's call for projects. Blankenhorn also noted that multi-jurisdictional projects are highly sought.
- 4.4 The proposed merger of CMAP and the RTA raised questions related to: what is good for the region (as well as CMAP); can it work; would such a merger narrow CMAP's scope of work; where's the benefit; what is the feasibility of combining the boards; is there a problem and if so-what is it; what impact would it have on funding; what do the business leaders say when we keep telling them this is the way it's always been done. The lengthy discussion by the Board ultimately resulted in the consensus that the conversation should occur and it is time for the public discussion.

## **5.0 Procurements**

A motion to approve the following procurements made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Susan Campbell and with all in favor, carried.

- 5.1 Approval of Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Contract Changes for the "clawback" of \$2,000,000 of the Loan Loss Reserve Account for the Commercial and Industrial Properties Retrofit fund held by SCIenergy, Inc., and an increase to the contract with Community Investment Corporation by \$1,000,000 for the multi-family retrofit loan loss reserve fund and the increase of the community outreach program by \$1,000,000 with Fleishman-Hillard and CNT Energy.
- 5.2 Contract Approval for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Program Projects for the prequalification of the following consultants

Camiro, HLA, Land Vision, Sam Schwatz, Teska and URS for assistance with the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Programs in a combined amount not to exceed \$1.76 million.

- 5.3 Contract Award to Develop a Web-Based Data Upload Platform for a one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Pangaea Information Technologies for \$39,850 for the first year; the option renewal years would be dependent on performance and the level of approved funding and while proposed that each renewal year come in at \$40,000, the maximum of the five-year contract would be \$139,850.
- 5.4 Contract Amendment for Design Integration Services for a one-year contract with an option of four one-year renewals with Thirst for \$100,000 to provide design integration services; the option renewal years would be dependent on performance and the level of approved funding and while proposed that each renewal year come in at \$100,000, the maximum of the five-year contract would be \$500,000.

## **6.0 Committee Reports**

Regional Coordinating Committee chair Elliott Hartstein reported that the committee had met earlier that morning, had received an update by staff on activities related to Performance Based Evaluation Criteria and Transportation Funding and that CMAP will host a peer exchange with the Volpe Center of U.S. DOT in July, that staff presented the FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) and associated FY 2012 Revision, had considered the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming and Management Policies, both of which are recommended for approval by the CMAP Board. Additionally, a presentation was given by John Rogner of IDNR regarding conservation initiatives in the Millennium Reserve, specifically the Calumet Core phase that included plans for improving open space and public-private partnerships and collaboration with others regarding economic development in the area. Staff presented on the Green Infrastructure Vision originally developed by Chicago Wilderness, that ultimately became a part of GO TO 2040 and that is now being revised and updated by CMAP to be used as a planning tool for conservation efforts. Staff also presented on the 53/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council (BRAC), convened in September 2011 for which GO TO 2040 had been the impetus. CMAP has played a very important role with the Council, with Randy having served as a member of one of the working groups and staff having provided numerous hours examining and analyzing various components. Hartstein reported that CMAP's involvement in the end result was very gratifying in this "beginning of a new beginning" as it was referred, and while there was no marriage between transportation and the environment, a civil union was created. Finally, staff had briefly updated the committee on state legislative matters.

## **7.0 Appointing a Nominating Committee**

Chairman Mayor Bennett announced this year's nominating committee of: Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, President Michael Gorman-representing suburban Cook County and Mayor Marilyn Michelini-representing the collar counties to work with staff, schedule a time to meet to prior to the Board's September meeting. Chairman also thanked everyone for serving.

## **8.0 Transportation Consent Agenda-CMAQ Programming and Management Policies**

CMAQ staff Patricia Berry presented the revised Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programming and Management Policies changes that had been developed by focus groups, considered by the Transportation Working Committee and the Regional Coordinating Committee, both of which recommended approval by the CMAP Board. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch that the Board approve the revised Programming and Management Policies as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

## **9.0 FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP)**

Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, Dolores Dowdle presented CMAP's FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) reporting that seven (7) core proposals and eight (8) of fifteen (15) competitive proposals were approved through the UWP process. Dowdle reported that this year's process was a little different than previous years because last June (after the UWP had been approved) an additional \$2.5 million had become available for the FY 2012 program. The Committee agreed to wait for the FY 2013 proposals to identify projects that would receive the additional funding. Therefore, Dowdle continued, the revisions to FY 2012 and FY 2013 program are being presented. The FY 2012 revision includes \$2,499,000 in FHWA regional planning funds and \$624,750 in local match, while the FY 2013 program includes \$14,847,734 in FHWA and FTA regional planning funds and \$3,914,071 in local match, Dowdle reported. A list of the projects, Dowdle concluded, had been included in the Board packet. A motion by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the FY 2012 Revision to the Unified Work Program (UWP) and a motion by Alan Bennett (after raising a question about contracts) was seconded by Dan Shea to approve the FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP) both of which had been considered by the Regional Coordinating Committee and recommended for approval by the CMAP Board. All in favor, both motions carried.

## **10.0 Proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn presented CMAP's proposed FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan reporting that this year's budget funds 103 staff (we have 101 and 2 vacant positions). Questions were raised regarding meeting expenses with Blankenhorn reporting that previous years' allocations had been significantly higher because of GO TO 2040 outreach efforts and staff at 103 versus 91.4 to which Blankenhorn reported that 103 are total staff, including those assigned to the LTA and EI2 programs which are broken out separately in the budget. Blankenhorn also reported that through the UWP process, an additional \$1,760,000 (as a pass through) had been secured for the Local Planning Grant program to be awarded during the next two years. This program is one CMAP partners with the RTA. Finally, Blankenhorn reported, the work plan is all about implementing GO TO 2040. A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Frank Beal to approve the FY 2013 Budget and Work Plan as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

Recently announced, the Chicago Community Trust (CCT) will award five (5) grants to GO TO 2040 efforts, Blankenhorn concluded.

## **11.0 State Legislative Update**

Gordon Smith, CMAP Staff, reported very briefly on what took place during the General Assembly's last months in session mainly concerned the budget, where the Governor and



General Assembly had numerous discussions regarding pensions and Medicare that are consuming general revenues and while progress was made with Medicare issue, the pension problem continued to be unresolved. A \$33.3 billion spending plan was passed, that includes \$6 million that IDOT has historically used to fund comprehensive planning that funds the \$3.5 million that CMAP needs to match federal funds and conduct other planning activities. CMAP was also tracking IDNR's budget that had been drastically cut over the past years, Smith reported, that may continue to see developments if the General Assembly is called back into session. In conclusion, Smith also stated that the report contained in the packet is really a summary of what had taken place to date and that the policy blogs on the website continue to be updated and suggested monitoring those through the coming weeks.

#### **12.0 World Business Chicago: A Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs**

Former CMAP Vice-Chair, now President of World Business Chicago, Rita Athas presented findings from World Business Chicago's recently published report on economic growth and jobs. Assisted by Marwa Zohdy-World Business Chicago and Bob Weissbourd-RK Ventures, Athas stated that Frank Beal had served as a member of the Steering Committee. Athas led the Board through the initial charge from Mayor Emanuel that began in May 2011 and resulted in the March 2012 publication. Covering each of the following topics: Goals, Framework, Analysis, Strategies and Initiatives, Athas concluded the presentation outlining an implementation structure that included ways to partner under specific initiatives, new collaborations, new support and finally by sharing the plan broadly for feedback and participation.

#### **13.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

#### **14.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

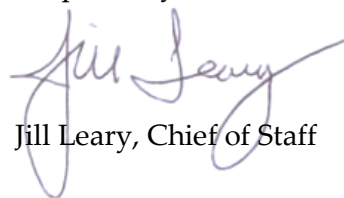
#### **15.0 Next Meeting**

The Board meets next in September.

#### **16.0 Adjournment**

At 11:05 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Rae Rupp Srch and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** Dolores Dowdle   
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

**Date:** September 5, 2012

**Re:** Renewal of Contract for Market and Financial Analysis for Local  
Technical Assistance Projects

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The CMAP local technical assistance (LTA) program is to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 by providing resources to local government. Projects include comprehensive plans, corridor or subarea plans, studies of special topics such as housing or water resources, and similar planning activities.

During the past year, Valerie S. Kretchmer Associates (VSKA) has assisted with a number of LTA projects by providing market analysis services to improve CMAP's understanding of a community or to check the viability of potential plan recommendations. The LTA program includes a focus on implementation, so it is important to consider the market and fiscal realities that face the plans prepared through the LTA program, and VSKA has helped to accomplish this. While CMAP has some ability to conduct market and fiscal analysis work internally, it has been helpful to have a professional market analysis firm to supplement staff work.

VSKA was initially selected through a competitive RFP in February 2012. Since that point, they have contributed to projects in Addison, Riverside, Morton Grove, and Lakemoor, with upcoming projects in Bronzeville and the mid-south side of Chicago. CMAP has been satisfied with the quality of work and the cost of the projects. Because their work has been useful to the LTA participants, VSKA's services have been used extensively, and their contract of \$50,000 is nearly expended.

The contract included a provision for an optional one-year renewal. Staff recommends exercising this option, extending the contract with VSKA to December 31, 2013, and increasing the contract amount by an additional \$80,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$130,000. Support for the contract is included in the FY 2011 UWP contract grants and FY 2012 IDOT grant.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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**Re:** Renewal of Contract for Visualizations for Local Technical Assistance  
(LTA) Projects

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The CMAP local technical assistance (LTA) program is to advance the implementation of GO TO 2040 by providing resources to local government. Projects include comprehensive plans, corridor or subarea plans, studies of special topics such as housing or water resources, and similar planning activities.

During the past year, Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), an architecture and design firm, has assisted with a number of LTA plans by preparing illustrations showing the impact that the plans' recommendations would have on a specific site or area within the community. This has been helpful in communicating planning concepts to the general public and elected officials. SCB has contributed to projects in Fairmont, Norridge, Blue Island, and Joliet, with upcoming projects in Lakemoor, Hanover Park, and Chicago's mid-south side. The visualizations produced by SCB have been very high-quality, and have been the focal points of the plans in which they have been featured. Their visualizations have also been used by CMAP in general presentations concerning the LTA program, as they provide visually compelling examples of the positive effects of local planning.

SCB was initially selected through a competitive RFP in November 2011. CMAP has been satisfied with the quality of work and the cost of the projects. The contract was approved at \$80,000 and included a provision for an optional one-year renewal. Staff recommends exercising this option, extending the contract with SCB to December 31, 2013, and increasing the contract amount by \$50,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$130,000. Support for the contract is included in the FY 2011 UWP contract grants and FY 2012 IDOT grant.


ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** Dolores Dowdle   
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

**Date:** September 5, 2012

**Re:** Award of Contract to Provide Assessment of Economic Development Incentives

To help implement GO TO 2040, CMAP convened a Regional Tax Policy Task Force to advise the CMAP Board on issues central to state and local fiscal policy viewed through the lens of the regional economy, sustainability, equity, and the connections between tax policies and development decisions. The Task Force submitted an advisory report to the CMAP Board in January 2012. The report included a recommendation to analyze how sales tax rebates affect development and land use decisions and to support policies that enhance transparency in these rebate agreements. While the Task Force focused specifically on sales tax rebates, the State and some local governments have historically utilized a range of other abatements and economic development incentives to spur economic development. The CMAP Board of Directors requested that CMAP staff conduct a detailed study on how and where these tools have been used and the impact of the tools on local and regional economic development.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to assist CMAP staff with designing the project and developing methodology for assessing economic development incentives, create a comprehensive database of economic development incentives utilized by local governments that is representative of the 7-county CMAP region, and collaborate with CMAP staff to model the regional economic impact of incentives in terms of direct and indirect employment relative to expenditures on incentives. Seven proposals were received.

<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Cost Proposal</u>
S.B. Friedman	\$ 74,777
Houseal Lavigne Associates	\$178,818
Johnson Consulting	\$ 78,156
Northern Illinois University, Center for Governmental Studies	\$163,300
RCF Consulting	\$233,919

Regional Economic Models, Inc.	\$164,241
University of Illinois Chicago, Center for Urban Economic Development	\$ 76,490

The proposals were reviewed by a team comprised of Lindsay Hollander, Matt Maloney and Liz Schuh. The team based the following evaluation on the criteria listed in the RFP:

- A. The strength of the applicant’s plan for collecting a comprehensive dataset on economic development incentives that is representative of the 7-county CMAP region.
- B. The strength of the applicant’s approach to analyzing or modeling the regional economic impact of economic development incentives.
- C. The applicant’s experience in collecting data related to economic development incentives and local government finance in Illinois.
- D. The applicant’s experience in liaising with local government agencies.
- E. The applicant’s experience in performing economic impact analyses and conducting research on economic development, planning, and public policy topics, in general.
- F. The qualifications of the personnel to be assigned to the project.
- G. The demonstrated ability of the applicant to conduct the project within the short timeframe provided.
- H. The reputation of the applicant based on references.

The review team reviewed all proposals and rated the proposals on the above criteria. Based on the initial ratings, it was determined that S.B. Friedman and University of Illinois at Chicago, the two highest ranked proposals, would be interviewed. As a result of the interviews, there were slight adjustments made to their ratings based upon those discussions.

Criteria	Maximum Score	S.B. Friedman	Houseal Lavigne	Johnson	NIU	RCF	REMI	UIC
Plan for collecting comprehensive dataset	30.0	24.0	9.0	3.0	18.0	9.0	3.0	15.0
Approach to analyzing or modeling economic impact	20.0	14.0	7.3	8.7	7.3	12.7	9.3	12.0
Experience in collecting data	15.0	13.0	6.5	4.5	9.0	9.0	3.0	14.0
Experience in liaising	5.0	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.8	3.2	1.5	3.5
Experience in performing economic impact analyses	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.2	4.7	3.0	4.7
Qualifications of personnel	2.5	2.2	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.2	1.3	2.3
Ability to conduct project in timeframe	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.3
Reputation	No score	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cost	20.0	20.0	6.0	20.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	20.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>72.8</b>
<b>Rank</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>



The recommended proposal is from S.B. Friedman, based on the strength of their approach to collecting economic development incentives data and modeling economic impacts. S.B. Friedman's proposal was selected for several reasons: (1) a detailed, fact-finding plan for data collection and sampling that would be feasible in the short timeframe, (2) the approach to measure the economic impact most closely matched the RFP scope, (3) the strength of their previous experience working with data related to economic development incentives, including sales tax rebates.

The proposal from University of Illinois Chicago - Center for Urban Economic Development reflected a strong understanding of CMAP's goals for the project and detailed previous experience with collecting and analyzing data on economic development incentives. However, the approach to data collection was not as specific or detailed as the selected firm's proposal. In addition, the difference-in-difference regression analysis approach to modeling the economic impact of economic development incentives did not match the approach requested in the RFP.

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with S.B. Friedman for \$74,777 to provide an assessment of economic development incentives. Support for the contract is included in the FY 2013 budget from FY 2012 IDOT funds.


ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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MEMORANDUM

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**Re:** Award of Contract to Provide Assessment of Regional Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Local Development Decisions

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To help implement GO TO 2040, CMAP convened a Regional Tax Policy Task Force to advise the CMAP Board on issues central to state and local fiscal policy viewed through the lens of the regional economy, sustainability, equity, and the connections between tax policies and development decisions. The Task Force submitted an advisory report to the CMAP Board in January 2012. The report included data and information about the fiscal impacts of different land uses and a discussion of the relationship between fiscal priorities and development decisions. The CMAP Board of Directors requested that CMAP staff build on its prior work to conduct a detailed study on the fiscal and economic impacts of development decisions.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued to assist CMAP staff with assessing the short-and long-term, regional, fiscal and economic impacts of local development decisions. Five proposals were received.

<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Cost Proposal</u>
Economic Development Research Group (EDRG)	\$222,288
S.B. Friedman	\$ 74,983
Houseal Lavigne Associates	\$138,870
Northern Illinois University, Center for Governmental Studies	\$197,890
Oxford Economics	\$167,460

The proposals were reviewed by a team comprised of Lindsay Hollander, Matt Maloney and Liz Schuh. The team based the following evaluation on the criteria listed in the RFP:

- A. The strength of the applicant’s plan for collecting data for analyzing the regional, subregional, and local fiscal and economic impacts of development decisions of the 7-county CMAP region.

- B. The strength of the applicant’s approach to analyzing or modeling the regional, subregional, and local economic impact of development patterns.
- C. The applicant’s experience in collecting data related to fiscal and economic impacts in Illinois and in estimating transportation and other infrastructure costs for fiscal impact analyses. The applicant’s experience in conducting research on regional economic development, planning, and public policy topics, in general.
- D. The applicant’s experience in liaising with local government agencies.
- E. The qualifications of the personnel to be assigned to the project.
- F. The demonstrated ability of the applicant to conduct the project within the timeframe provided.
- G. The reputation of the applicant based on references.
- H. Cost to CMAP.

The review team reviewed all proposals and rated the proposals on the above criteria. Based on the initial ratings, it was determined that SB Friedman and EDRG, the two highest ranked proposals, would be interviewed. Following completion of the two interviews, staff modified scores and developed a final document ranking each of the interviewed firms reflecting new information and understanding gained during the interviews.

Criteria	Maximum Score	EDRG		S.B. Friedman		Houseal Lavigne	NIU	Oxford
		Initial Score	Revised Score	Initial Score	Revised Score			
Plan for collecting data	30.0	18.0	15.0	15.0	21.0	11.0	11.0	13.0
Approach to analyzing or modeling	20.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.0	6.0	8.7	10.7
Experience in collecting data	10.0	8.3	4.3	8.3	8.3	5.0	8.3	5.0
Experience in liaising	5.0	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	1.8
Qualifications of personnel	10.0	6.0	6.0	8.3	8.3	6.0	8.3	8.3
Ability to conduct project in timeframe	5.0	2.7	2.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.0	3.8
Reputation	No score	--		--		--	--	--
Cost	20.0	0	16.0	20.0	16.0	6.0	0	6.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>42.6</b>
<b>Rank</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

During the interview with SB Friedman, initial concerns were discussed that the proposal to sample of six communities were not enough to represent the region. After the interview, SB Friedman outlined a revised scope and budget of \$93,838 to increase the sample to 10 communities. The team felt the higher number of sample communities was necessary to meet the goals of the project and provide a more complete representation of the region. This revised cost proposal with additional communities resulted in a data collection score increase and a cost score decrease.

EDRG was notified prior to the interview that their budget was well above the available funds. They presented a revised and flexible scope during the interview. However, the downscaled scope focused on the land use prototype and economic impact analyses, with benchmarks and averages being used for fiscal data and infrastructure costs. The team's lesser emphasis on the fiscal and infrastructure data collection, which was a core component of the RFP, was of concern. While the land use typology and economic impact analyses were innovative and appealing, they exceeded the simpler approaches requested in the RFP at the cost of the essential data collection portions of the project. As a result, scores on data collection were adjusted downward and the cost scores were revised upward to reflect the ability to revise the budget.

The proposed firm is SB Friedman, at a budget of \$93,838, based on the strength of their approach to collecting fiscal data and modeling economic impacts. SB Friedman's proposal was selected for several reasons:

- The fine-grained, local approach to fiscal and infrastructure data collection that plans for significant communication with local communities and finance officials
- An approach to measure the economic impact that most closely matched CMAP's desired approach
- The strength of their previous experience working with fiscal impact analyses

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with S.B. Friedman for \$93,838 to provide an assessment of economic development incentives. Support for the contract is included in the FY 2013 budget from FY 2012 UWP contract funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** Dolores Dowdle   
Deputy Executive Director, Finance and Administration

**Date:** September 5, 2012

**Re:** Approval of Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Program Contract Changes

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As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) is one of the 25 Better Buildings Neighborhood programs grants totaling \$452 million awarded nationally in April 2010. EI2 represents the competitive portion of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) and consists of a regional collaboration led by the CMAP in partnership with the City of Chicago and City of Rockford, the utilities, as well as support from other local and regional stakeholders. EI2 was awarded the \$25 million grant to fund three major initiatives designed to mitigate the barriers to energy efficiency retrofitting activities across multiple building sectors in the northeastern Illinois region.

The grant allows up to 10% (or \$2,500,000) to be used for administration activities. The administration funds support the CMAP staff (\$1,267,121) and CNT Energy, Delta and Shaw (\$1,232,879). The Board approved the contract with CNT Energy to administer the implementation of EI2 in October, 2010.

The program portion of the grant has three elements: (1) Communication; (2) Finance Tools; and (3) Workforce. The Board has approved the full expenditure of the program funds in 2010 and 2011 with awards to various contractors. During this final year of the grant, the performance metrics, goals and timeframes of each contractor are being closely monitored. If the goals are not being met, allocation to more successful programs will need to be made this fall to assure there is sufficient time to implement the expanded programs. The reallocation of funds is limited to existing contractors and their programs. The staff and CNT Energy have met with the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the status of each program and possible changes. DOE has concurred with the potential expansions and reductions of the programs, also outlined in the table below.

COMMUNICATIONS			
Contractor	Purpose	Amount	Comments
Fleishman Hillard (F/H)	Development and execution of a communications strategy	\$4,665,830	F/H has conducted a successful communications strategy. In June, the Board approved an expanded on-the-ground outreach effort to drive leads to contractors. Additional outreach staff was hired in August and the expanded effort was funded through September. <b>If successful, recommend the expanded outreach effort be funded for a longer period of time.</b>
Efficiency 2.0	Development and execution of an information system	\$1,188,000	The information system has been completed. Efficiency 2.0 is continuing to work on the enhancements of the system. No additional resources are needed.
MyHomeEQ	Develop a residential-focused building energy tool	\$400,000	The residential building energy tool is being completed. <b>Recommend funding for additional development.</b>
PositivEnergy Practice	Develop a commercial building energy tool	\$600,000	The commercial building energy tool is being completed. <b>Recommend funding for additional development.</b>
<b>Total, Communications</b>		<b>\$6,853,830</b>	

FINANCIAL TOOLS			
Contractor	Purpose	Amount	Comments
Community Investment Corp. (CIC)	Program administrator of the Multifamily Retrofit Loan Loss Reserve Fund	\$2,500,000	CIC has established a successful program to increase the multifamily units for retrofit. In July, the loan loss reserve fund was increased from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million. <b>Recommend funding for an incentive program.</b>
Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)	Program administrator for Regional Employer Assisted Housing (REACH) to provide employer assisted retrofit financing	\$70,000	The contract with MPC was originally for \$500,000. Since only three employers were interested in participating in the program, the contract has been reduced to \$70,000.
Village of Oak Park	Local program administrator of a Multi-Unit Retrofit Improvement Program	\$150,000	The Village of Oak Park has completed multifamily unit retrofits totaling \$35,000. The participants in the Oak Park program are limited to certain requirements and at this time no additional participants have been identified.



FINANCIAL TOOLS			
Contractor	Purpose	Amount	Comments
			<b>Recommend reducing the contract to a level appropriate to the actual retrofits expected – an estimated \$100,000 reduction.</b>
City of Chicago – Dept. of Housing and Economic Development	Local program administrator of a Multi-Unit Retrofit Improvement Program	\$1,100,000	The City of Chicago is in the process of completing all retrofits funded under this contract. No action is required.
IFF	Serve as a Loan and Program Administrator for the Commercial Nonprofit Retrofit Fund	\$1,000,000	The program for the nonprofit commercial buildings has been successful. <b>Recommend funding for an incentive program.</b>
SCIenergy, Inc. (Transcend)	Serve as a Loan and Program Administrator for the Commercial and Industrial Properties Retrofit Program	\$7,000,000	The program is currently separated into (1) a \$1,000,000 revolving loan fund for feasibility analysis and (2) a \$6,000,000 for a loan loss reserve fund. In June the Board approved a reduction of the loan loss reserve fund from \$8,000,000 to \$6,000,000. After this reduction was made, an incentive program has been developed for the feasibility analysis. <b>Recommend reducing the loan loss reserve fund by an additional \$3,000,000 – from \$6,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The available \$3,000,000 will be re-allocated to programs as noted in this memo.</b>
Priority Energy	Serve as Program Administrator of the Rockford Residential Retrofit Rebate program	\$500,000	The Rockford residential retrofit rebate program has not been competitive with other programs in the area. A revision to the program is being considered, though reduction or additions to the funds are not contemplated.
Delta Institute	Serve as the Loan and Program Administrator for the Residential Retrofit Fund Program	\$2,000,000	Adjustments were made to the contract in July to provide for an incentive program. <b>If the incentives are successful, recommend an expansion of the incentive program.</b>
<b>Total, Financial Tools</b>		<b>\$14,320,000</b>	

<b>WORKFORCE</b>			
<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Centers for New Horizons (CNH)	Develop and execute a Workforce Development Intermediary	\$200,000	The Workforce Development Intermediary program is progressing as planned. No adjustments are required.
CNT Energy	Program development	\$696,170	The support provided by CNT has been adjusted to accommodate the revised program requirements. No additional adjustments are anticipated.
<b>Total, Workforce</b>		<b>\$896,170</b>	

Because of the exigency of negotiating the expanded programs, reducing current programs and finalizing the contracts, it is recommended that the Board approve the following concepts:

Expanded Programs

1. Increase funding to Fleishman Hillard to continue outreach efforts to drive leads to contractors.
2. Increase funding to MyHome EQ for program development.
3. Increase funding to PositivEnergy Practice for program development
4. Increase funding to CIC for rebates of the Energy Savers multifamily retrofit program.
5. Increase funding to IFF for incentives of the nonprofit program.
6. Increase funding to Delta for rebates of the EI2 residential retrofit program.

Reduce/Reallocate Programs

1. Reduce Village of Oak Park by \$100,000.
2. Reduce SCIenergy, Inc. by \$3,000,000.
3. Reallocate \$430,000 from MPC contract.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Nominating Committee:  
Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago  
President Mike Gorman-representing suburban Cook County  
Mayor Marilyn Michelini-representing the collar counties

**Date:** September 5, 2012

**Re:** Nominations – CMAP Officers



After due consideration, the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency Planning (CMAP) Board:

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| Chair      | Gerald Bennett, Mayor-Suburban Cook County |
| Vice Chair | Susan Campbell-City of Chicago             |
| Vice Chair | Elliott Hartstein-Collar Counties          |
| At Large   | Raul Raymundo-City of Chicago              |
| At Large   | Al Larson, Mayor-Suburban Cook County      |
| At Large   | Rae Rupp Srch- Collar Counties             |

The nominating committee believes the slate represents the desired geographical balance while providing a good mix of position and experience.

Additionally, the nominating committee would like to work over the next few months and come back to the Board at your January or February meeting with a proposal for consideration regarding a rotation procedure for future membership of the Executive Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** CMAP Staff

**Date:** September 5, 2012

**Re:** State Legislative Update

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Since concluding the 97<sup>th</sup> spring session on May 31, the Illinois General Assembly has been on hiatus as members campaign in their newly-drawn districts in advance of the November general election. Only a handful of new bills have been introduced, including one addressing water usage during droughts ([HB 6216](#)). Governor Quinn called members back on August 17 for a special session to consider changes to the state's underfunded pension systems, but no legislative actions were taken. The legislature is not scheduled to meet again until the fall veto sessions, which are scheduled for November 27-29 and December 4-6.

With one notable exception, the Governor has been busy signing bills into law while legislators have been campaigning. On August 28, he vetoed [SB 1849](#), which would have expanded gaming in the state by creating five new casinos and allowing slot machines at race tracks.

Following is a summary of the actions taken by the Legislature and Governor that are of interest to CMAP and the region since our last report to the CMAP Board in early August. The 19 bills are classified into four core issue areas of GO TO 2040.

### NEW LEGISLATION

**Water Usage ([HB 6216](#))** Bradley (D-Marion) – Amends the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act. Defines "secretarial disaster area" as any portion of a county which meets severe drought intensity for 8 consecutive weeks, or any portion of a county which meets extreme drought or higher drought intensity value at any time during the growing season. Provides that whenever the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture declares a secretarial disaster area to exist, the Governor shall exercise his or her authority under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act to provide the Department of Natural Resources the authority to regulate and permit all water use, including but not limited to riparian rights, of surface and groundwater resources within the secretarial disaster area. Provides that the DNR shall have the authority to prioritize permitted water usage based on the needs of the affected

area. Permitted uses shall include but not be limited to public drinking water supply, in-stream flows, industrial uses, and navigation. Provides that the Department shall have the authority to make available all public and private water within Illinois to alleviate water supply demands within a secretarial disaster area, excluding federal reservoirs and Lake Michigan. Provides that the Department is not required to follow state procurement rules when implementing this Section within secretarial disaster areas and that all compensation shall be set by the Office of Water Resources. Provides procedural requirements concerning water use regulation under the new provisions. Limits the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Filed with the Clerk 8/17/12.

## LEGISLATION THAT PASSED

### Bills Impacting State Revenues

**Gaming (SB 1849)** – Creates five new casinos in the State and allows slots at race tracks. The bill also provides provisions for a new inspector general regarding casino oversight. Effective January 1, 2013. For more details, a Chicago Tonight [report](#) examined the policy implications for the state. The Governor vetoed this bill on August 28.

### Livable Communities

**Wastewater (HB 5319)** – Authorizes the board of trustees of a sanitary district to enter into an agreement to sell, convey, or disburse treated wastewater with any public or private entity located within or outside of the boundaries of the sanitary district. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-1000](#).

**School Construction (SB 639)** – The law currently prioritizes funds for the replacement of aging school buildings. This bill as amended would allow for the replacement or rehabilitation of aging school buildings using school construction funding, giving school districts discretion to evaluate the option of rehabilitation or replacement of older and/or historic school buildings. This bill is aligned with GOTO 2040's emphasis on infill and using existing building stock to achieve greater livability through land use. Effective June 1, 2012. Public Act [97-0880](#).

**Air Quality (SB 3672)** – Limits the authority of the Illinois Pollution Control Board to prescribe ambient air quality standards for criteria air pollutants, such as Nitrogen Dioxide, if those standards are more exacting than the National Ambient Air Quality Standards set by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Exempts those rulemakings from the ordinarily applicable rulemaking requirements of Title VII of the Environmental Protection Act. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-0945](#).

**Energy Efficiency (SB 3724)** – Requires the Capital Development Board to adopt the International Energy Conservation Code as minimum requirements for commercial and residential buildings and to make training available to builders to ensure compliance within one year of publication. Effective January 1, 2013. Public Act [97-1033](#).

### Efficient Governance

**DNR Operations (HB 404)** – Eliminates legislative mandates the DNR cannot or no longer fulfills. Provides the DNR flexibility to restructure its operational priorities in order to meet basic agency demands. Effective January 1, 2013. Public Act [97-0916](#).



**Tax Revenue Sharing Agreements/FOIA (HB 3859)** – This is the sales tax rebate disclosure bill. Main proponents included the RTA, the City of Chicago, and Cook County. Requires municipalities and counties to file reports with the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) concerning sales tax rebate agreements. It also amends the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to include tax rebates or refunds. IDOR and the county or municipality would be required to redact sales figures, the amount of sales tax collected, and the amount of sales tax rebated. Redacted information would be exempt from the FOIA. IDOR is required to post the reports, excluding the copy of the agreement, to their website and update the information monthly. Effective January 1, 2013. **SUPPORT.** Public Act [97-0976](#).

**Road Closure Notification (HB 5180)** – Requires IDOT to develop and publish a policy for procedures for notification to local authorities and elected officials about road or lane closures that will last 5 days or longer. Effective January 1, 2013. Public Act [97-0992](#).

**Tax Tribunal (HB 5192)** – Creates an independent administrative tribunal with tax expertise to resolve tax disputes between the Department of Revenue and taxpayers prior to requiring the taxpayer to pay the amounts at issue. It does not cover property tax issues and is limited to matters where the tax liability exceeds \$15,000. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-1129](#).

**State Actuary (SB 179)** – Creates a state actuary to oversee the five state-funded pension systems. The purpose of the law is to increase transparency of the systems. This bill originally was a River Edge Redevelopment Zone Act bill that was amended in the last days of session. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-0694](#).

**Road Districts (SB 3047)** – Provides that any municipality that is part of a road district in a county not under a township organization may compel the county board to organize the municipality into a separate road district. Currently, this provision is only applicable for any municipality with a population of more than 15,000 and part of two or more road districts in a county not under a township organization. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-0908](#).

## **Human Capital**

**Enterprise Zones (SB 3616)** – Over the past three years, municipalities and chambers of commerce have been trying to pass Enterprise Zone extension legislation. Over the course of the session several bills with a similar intent, to extend enterprise zones, were introduced. The legislature finally passed SB 3616. It adds new qualifications to the eligibility of enterprise zones, creating open enterprise zone designations for areas set to expire. New zones will have a 15-year lifespan with the possibility for renewal for an additional 10 years. An Enterprise Zone Board within the DCEO will be formed and charged with determining which designated areas are approved and certified as enterprise zones. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-0905](#).

**Tax Incentives (SB 3619)** – Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act regarding the Angel Investment (AI) tax. The AI tax credit is provided to businesses that meet the following criteria: must be headquartered in the state; at least 51% of employees are in the state; has potential for increasing employment and/or capital investment; and is engaged in innovations in manufacturing, biotechnology, nanotechnology, communications, agricultural sciences, clean energy creation, or storage technology. The bill also provides for the continuation, validation,

and re-enactment of the Business Location Efficiency Incentive Act, which was inadvertently repealed on December 31, 2011. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-1097](#).

## **Regional Mobility**

**Transportation Public-Private Partnerships (SB 3216)** – Makes technical changes to the legislation passed last year regarding public-private partnerships. Makes the following changes: hearing requirements for candidate public-private partnership (PPP) projects; eliminates restrictions on the length of PPP agreements; directs net proceeds from PPP agreements to a new PPPs for Transportation fund; excludes the Illiana Expressway project from the provisions of the Act; and makes various changes to the procurement process for PPPs. These modifications would replace the prequalification process with new “shortlisting” provisions, provide that public and private entities have equal opportunities to contract for a PPP candidate project, permit successful public applicants to follow the Illinois Procurement Code rather than the provisions of the Act, require qualifications-based selection of design work, and remove language requiring a transportation agency to be subject to liens granted to a contractor on a PPP project’s revenues. The bills are aligned with GO TO 2040’s recommendations around innovative financing, specifically targeted use of public-private partnerships. Effective immediately. **SUPPORT.** Public Act [97-0858](#).

**Tollway (HB 4078)** – Amends the Toll Highway Act to provide that upon written approval of the Governor, ISTHA may exercise its authorities under the Act to design and construct new railroad tracks. The Tollway may charge fees to passenger and freight rail operators using its tracks. No monies from the Road Fund may be used to implement these new provisions. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-0977](#).

**IDOT Rail Services (SB 2861)** – Creates an escrow account for IDOT to draw on to pay for grade crossing and other railroad repair projects. This bill ensures that railroads would get paid for grade crossings and other railroad repairs through the new escrow account and potentially lowering costs to the State for these projects. Effective immediately. Public Act [97-1080](#).

**Metra (SB 2937)** – Creates the Northwest Metra Commuter Rail District to include all municipalities within McHenry County. As a municipal corporation, the District would have eminent domain powers and the ability to levy property taxes. A property tax would have to be approved by a majority of voters, and the property tax rate would not exceed 0.25 percent of assessed value. If signed by the Governor, SB 2937 would join the Southeast Commuter Rail Transit District as the region’s second new transit district created in the past year. Effective January 1, 2013. Public Act [97-1116](#).

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board and Committees  
**From:** CMAP Staff  
**Date:** September 5, 2012  
**Re:** Local Technical Assistance Program Update

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The CMAP Board and committees receive regular updates on the projects being undertaken through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, including those receiving staff assistance and grants. To date, 62 local projects have been initiated. Of these, 14 projects have been completed, 40 are fully underway, and 8 will get actively underway in the near future. Two projects were completed in August; these include the comprehensive plan for Campton Hills and a water conservation plan for Evanston. Further detail on LTA project status can be found on the attached project status table.

Proposals for the second round of LTA projects were received and began to be reviewed in August. A summary of the applications received is available on the main LTA website, <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta/>.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion.

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## Projects Currently Underway

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Addison comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	July 2011 – Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft plan completed and submitted for Plan Commission and Village Board review. Plan Commission meeting to present Draft plan recommendations set for September 12. Public Open House scheduled for September 27 at Village Hall from 6pm-8pm. Draft plan to be submitted to Pace, RTA, and Choose DuPage for review after Plan Commission presentation.
Algonquin downtown plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Hala Ahmed	Feb. 2012- Jan. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Results of the first public meeting were summarized and presented to Village and CMAP staff for review. The Existing Conditions report was modified to reflect all comments gathered and will be presented to the Steering Committee along with the public meeting summary at the next meeting scheduled for September 19. A joint Village Commission (Planning & Zoning, Economic Development, Historic, Public Arts) meeting to provide an update on the study is scheduled for October 11.
Alsip comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	Jan. 2012 - Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Public Visioning workshop held on August 1 with over 60 attendees. Recommendations memo currently being prepared by staff and to be presented to Steering Committee in mid-September. Project team charrette held in August to discuss Future Land Use Map.
Antioch greenway plan	Shafaq Choudry	Apr. 2012- June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Kickoff meeting with Steering Committee and Village Board meetings took place on August 20. Existing Conditions Report and mapping are underway. Tentative date scheduled for the first public workshop on October 2.
Berwyn comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	June 2011 – Sept. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Final Plan reviewed and approved by Steering Committee. Printed plan distributed to City Council. Public Hearing and Plan adoption meeting scheduled for September 25 at City Hall.
Bronzeville Alliance Retail corridor study, phase 2 (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sef Okoth	Phase 2: Nov. 2011 – Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The existing conditions report was modified and presented to the steering committee for discussion on August 22. It is being updated to reflect the comments received. Staff began drafting the land use and zoning recommendations. A draft memo on the retail market analysis is being finalized.
Bronzeville national heritage area feasibility study	Sef Okoth	July 2012 - June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Project kick-off meeting was held on August 29 at CMAP. Partners discussed the approach for public engagement and also agreed on the composition and structure of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC). Outreach

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
				and communication plan is being developed. Research on the historical significance of the study area is still underway.
Chicago "Green and Healthy Neighborhood" plan for Englewood, Woodlawn, and Washington Park (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jason Navota	Mar. 2011 - Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. First phase complete and summarized in draft existing conditions summary posted online. Second phase planning and outreach is underway, including group tours and planning for 20+ "zones." Housing analysis complete, retail analysis in draft form. Separate analyses of green infrastructure and food systems are underway. Two public meetings complete, two scheduled for September and November. Detailed zone planning and land use policy development are underway.
Chicago Housing Authority LeClaire Courts redevelopment	Sef Okoth	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Consultant procurement complete. CMAP and CHA selected URS as the lead contractor for the project, with SB Friedman & Associates and MKC Associates as subcontractors. Project kick-off meeting is scheduled for September 6. The steering committee is being assembled and will include all the major transit agencies.
Developing Communities Project support for CTA Red Line extension (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kendra Smith	Oct. 2011 - Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. CMAP is continuing work on a quantitative analysis and has completed a draft interim project report for the project area. To date, eleven of fifteen community focus groups have taken place. CMAP has selected Left Brain Right Brain Productions for filming and editing of the Red Line livability video. Filming is set to begin the week of September 17; the video is expected to be completed by mid-October. Community Education Session planning in conjunction with CTA is currently underway.
Downers Grove bicycle and pedestrian plan	Hala Ahmed	Mar.-Dec. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. The draft Existing Conditions report was revised based on comments and resubmitted to the Village. A walkshop and a bike tour were completed in August. An Americans with Disabilities Act report is being drafted and will be submitted in September along with outline of recommendations.
DuPage County unincorporated areas plan	Jack Pfingston	Oct. 2012- Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	The RFP for this project has been released to CMAP's prequalified firms, with responses due August 22. The project should get underway in October.
Elburn comprehensive plan	Jack Pfingston	Apr. 2012 - Feb. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Consultant (Images, Inc.) delivered Existing Conditions Report in late August; village currently reviewing the report. A student workshop is tentatively scheduled for September 20, and a visioning charrette will take place on September 26. The Existing Conditions Report is expected to go before the Elburn Plan Commission in early October.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Elgin sidewalk gap and transit stop study	Lindsay Bayley	June 2012-Apr. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Second steering committee meeting planned for first week of October. Existing conditions inventory underway.
Elmwood Park comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	June 2011-Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff is currently drafting the Comprehensive Plan.
Fox Lake bicycle plan	Jack Pfingston	July 2012-Mar. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Consultant currently involved in data collection and analysis to support Existing Conditions Report, which is expected in late September. The next Steering Committee meeting will occur after delivery of Existing Conditions Report, with public workshops to be held in October.
Glen Ellyn downtown streetscape and parking study	Lindsay Bayley	July 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Internal meeting held with staff and consultant. First steering committee meeting planned for mid-October.
Hanover Park corridor study (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Stephen Ostrander	Feb. 2012-Sept. 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Underway. The ULI Chicago Technical Assistance Panel (studying the Irving Park Road corridor) was held on August 1 and 2. The panel presented its draft recommendations to the Village and the general public on August 28, which was attended by approximately 50 residents and local business owners. The recommendations received broad approval from the Village and local residents/business owners. The panel is expected to complete its final report by early October.
Hillside comprehensive plan	Hala Ahmed	TBD	Grant funds	Staff interviewed three of the firms that submitted proposals in response to the RFP. Board approval for selected consultant is expected in September.
Kane County local food project	Amy Talbot	Sept. 2012-Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Hosting kick-off meeting in September to start developing site criteria and steering committee.
Kane County transit plan implementation	Trevor Dick	July 2012-June 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. A kick off-meeting for the Oversight Steering Committee (OSC) including representatives from each municipality in Kane County and from Pace and RTA will be held on September 11.
Lake County sustainability plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	Mar. 2012 - Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. A draft of the existing conditions analysis has been drafted and is being reviewed by County staff. A steering committee meeting to present the draft is scheduled for September 25. Delta Institute and Openlands are both on contract to assist with some plan elements.
Lakemoor comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nora Beck	Nov. 2011 - Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft plan is under development. Village and steering committee to begin review in mid-September.



Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Lansing comprehensive plan	Sam Shenbaga	Oct. 2012-Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	Resolution approving MOU and scope of work was approved in August. An RFP for consultant assistance was issued August 17, with responses due September 7. The project is targeted for kickoff in early fall.
Liberty Prairie Conservancy local food system plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jessica Simoncelli	Aug. 2011 – Oct. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Informational presentations to Lake County Board and Forest Preserve District committees occurred in late August. The needs assessment report draft identifies regulatory and systemic gaps in developing a sustainable food system in Lake County. Staff is also drafting recommendations for the Liberty Prairie Reserve master plan update.
Lynwood comprehensive plan	Pete Saunders	Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2013	Consultant assistance	RFP released on August 31, with responses due September 21. Pursuing resolution and MOU passage by Village in September. Consultant selection expected to be made in early October with project start soon following.
Maywood economic development strategy	Drew Williams-Clark	Oct. 2012-Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Resolution passed by Village Board of Trustees in July approving scope and MOU. Project is expected to kick off in October.
McHenry County subarea plan	Jack Pfingston	Dec. 2011-Oct. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. Initial Findings report accepted by Planning and Development Committee on August 2. It was agreed that local access roads/driveways and sewer disposal issues are beyond the scope of the study. Neighborhood case studies will be used to illustrate how regulations will apply. The public meeting for affected neighborhoods is scheduled for September 24.
Morton Grove industrial areas plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	Feb. 2012 - Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Data research for the existing conditions report is underway.
New Lenox corridor plan	Jack Pfingston	Aug. 2012-June 2013	Grant funds	Underway. The steering committee met for the first time August 17. Houseal Lavigne discussed scope and schedule and offered a short presentation of web-based interactive capabilities for the project. September activities include stakeholder group discussions and a Route 30 Corridor workshop.
Niles environmental action plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012-Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The team has drafted the existing conditions report, which is being reviewed by Village staff. A steering committee meeting to review the draft report is scheduled for September 5.
Norridge comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	May 2011 – Sept. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Due to plan commission scheduling, the public hearing will be held September 20 and the Village Board is expected to adopt the plan later that month.



Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Northlake comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Mar.-Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The existing conditions report was presented to the steering committee on August 9. CMAP staff is currently working on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. A draft is expected to be presented to the Steering Committee in October followed by a public open house later that month.
Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative “Homes for a Changing Region” project (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Drew Williams-Clark	Feb.-Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Staff received feedback on the sub-regional section of the report from staff and elected officials in August. Municipal recommendation memos will be distributed to staff and elected officials in September.
Oak Lawn 95th Street corridor study	TBD	Nov. 2012- Oct. 2013	Consultant assistance	Development of an RFP for this project is underway and is expected to be released to the prequalified firms in mid-September. Project startup is expected in November.
Oak Park water conservation program (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Amy Talbot	Aug. 2011 – Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Draft released to public in August. Presenting revised draft to Board in October with final draft to be presented to Board for approval in December.
Olympia Fields zoning ordinance update.	Drew Williams-Clark	Nov. 2012- June 2013	Grant funds	Resolution, MOU and draft scope submitted to the Village for feedback. MOU and resolution will be put to the Village Board in September. RFP to be released in mid-October.
Plainfield downtown transportation plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Pete Saunders	Aug. 2012 – Jun. 2013	Grant funds	Underway. Consultant team of Baxter & Woodman/Teska preparing for initial steering committee meeting in mid-September and initial public workshop in October.
Regional arts and culture toolkit	Stephen Ostrander	Apr. 2012- Jan. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The anticipated content of the toolkit has been updated, expanded, and defined at a more detailed level. Work continues on researching relevant best practices (led by hired consultants Camiros), while CMAP staff is proceeding with interviews of key stakeholders to complement the knowledge, feedback, and guidance provided by members of the project’s expert advisory group.
Regional climate change adaptation toolkit	Jesse Elam	July 2012- Mar. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. This toolkit aims to help municipalities understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change in the Chicago region, with a focus on public infrastructure and land. An advisory committee of municipal leaders working on climate change is scheduled to meet on November 8 to review a partial draft of the toolkit.

Project	CMAP lead	Timeline	Assistance type	Status and notes
Richton Park comprehensive plan	Pete Saunders	Aug. 2012- July 2013	Consultant assistance	Underway. Houseal Lavigne Associates selected as project consultant. CMAP staff is working with community to establish steering committee, and consultant is preparing for late September steering committee meeting.
Riverside downtown area plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nora Beck	Feb. 2012- Feb. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. Second public meeting focused on visioning scheduled for September 5. Steering committee to review draft recommendations memo soon after.
Round Lake Heights comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jonathan Burch	May 2012- Apr. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. A public meeting took place on August 7. The existing conditions report is currently being laid out with the target of presenting it to the Village in early October.
SSMMA interchange land use planning	Jessica Simoncelli	July 2012- June 2013	Consultant and staff assistance	Underway. CMAP and SSMMA selected Land Vision as the lead contractor for the project, with TranSystems, Baxter & Woodman, and Business Districts Inc. as subcontractors. The steering committee is being assembled, including local and regional partners, and will meet in September.
Waukegan subarea plan	Stephen Ostrander	Sept. 2012- Aug. 2013	Staff assistance	Underway. The Waukegan City Council unanimously approved the MOU and scope of work for the phase two project (resulting from the planning prioritization report prepared in phase one), in which CMAP will assist the City with local planning for a key commercial corridor on Washington St. (between the Waukegan River ravine and Lewis Ave). Outreach in the corridor, formation of the steering committee, etc. begins in September.
Westchester comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Samantha Robinson	Nov. 2011 - Dec. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. Presented "aging in place" concepts to Human and Community Development Committee on August 13. Sending draft plan recommendations memo to Village staff on September 4.
West Cook Housing Collaborative, phase 2: Challenge Grant support	Drew Williams-Clark	Mar.-Nov. 2012	Staff assistance	Underway. The steering committee approved the methodology for a tool to prioritize sites for investment with HUD funds. Site rankings are also drafted and under review. A recommendations memo will be delivered in the fall.
Wheeling active transportation plan	Lindsay Bayley	Jan-Oct. 2012	Grant funds	Underway. Second steering committee meeting held, outline of plan presented, sidewalk gap analysis completed. Draft plan expected by the end of September.

## Completed Projects

Project	CMAP Lead	Completion Date	Assistance type	Implementation Status
Blue Island comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sam Shenbaga	June 2012	Staff assistance	Implementation memo created and reviewed internally. Meeting held with Blue Island Planning Director to discuss next steps. Meetings scheduled with CNT, MPC, RTA, and SSMMA to discuss ways to move forward with as well as roles and responsibilities for plan implementation.
Bronzeville Alliance retail corridor study, phase 1 (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Sef Okoth	Feb. 2012	Staff assistance	Two ongoing activities are helping to implement the recommendations of the study. A second phase of the project, focusing on land use change, is underway and is described above. Also, the Chicago Community Trust's recent grant to the Renaissance Collaborative, announced in May, directly implements the recommendations of this project. The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) has hired an Economic Development Coordinator to help implement the recommendations of the study. She will be starting on September 17.
Campton Hills comprehensive plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Jason Navota	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Final plan approved by Plan Commission June 25 and approved 'with changes' by Village Board on August 21. EPA-led Building Blocks workshop follow-up memo received by Village.
Carpentersville "Old Town" Area Action Plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	July 2012	Staff assistance	The Village Board unanimously adopted the Plan at their July 10 meeting. An implementation memo is being created and reviewed internally. This will be followed by a meeting with Village Staff to discuss next steps.
Evanston water efficiency program (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Amy Talbot	Aug. 2012	Staff assistance	Plan accepted by Council in August. Implementation actions started by City and Utility.
Fairmont Neighborhood Plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Trevor Dick	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	The County and CMAP have prepared a quarterly update on the implementation of the plan's recommendations, which identifies activities for CMAP, the County, and other groups. Staff is scheduled to meet the first week in September to discuss next steps. Openlands has expressed interest in assisting with plan implementation and CMAP is working to identify a role with them.
Homes for a Changing Region in south Cook (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Drew Williams-Clark	Dec. 2011	Staff assistance	Three of the four communities covered by the project have follow-up LTA projects. One, the Park Forest sustainability plan, was adopted in May. Lansing, Olympia Fields, and Park Forest received additional technical assistance under the EPA "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities" program in May. Future LTA projects in Lansing and Olympia Fields are now being scoped.
Homes for a Changing Region in west Cook (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Drew Williams-Clark	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Phase 2 of this project, which involves supporting a Community Challenge grant in the same communities, is underway.

Project	CMAP Lead	Completion Date	Assistance type	Implementation Status
Joliet “Old Prison” redevelopment (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Pete Saunders	May 2012	Staff assistance and small grant	Follow-up implementation activities have begun with ULI and City of Joliet. Meeting held in August to discuss implementation priorities and responsibilities. Regular status checks including ULI and CMAP will be held quarterly.
Lake Zurich comprehensive water resources project	Amy Talbot	Apr. 2012	Staff assistance	Lake Zurich has submitted an application for further LTA assistance to implement the recommendations of this project. This will be reviewed in the coming months.
Orland Park water conservation ordinance (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Hala Ahmed	June 2012	Staff assistance	A meeting to initiate the regionalization process for the water conservation ordinance was completed on August 31. Based on meeting outcomes, staff from Orland Park will draft a Guiding Principles document to be distributed to the other five largest communities that purchase water from the Oak Lawn system. The document will address outdoor watering regulations that may be agreeable to all communities.
Park Forest sustainability plan (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Kristin Ihnchak	May 2012	Staff assistance	Plan was unanimously adopted by the Village Board on May 14 and an implementation memo is currently being drafted. The Chicago Community Trust’s grant to Park Forest directly implements the recommendations of this project. Also, Park Forest submitted a new LTA application for zoning updates to help implement the recommendations of the sustainability plan.
SSMMA housing investment prioritization (see <a href="#">project website</a> )	Nicole Woods	June 2012	Staff assistance	Tool was approved by the Collaborative and SSMMA in May. Currently, the Collaborative is working with the Southland communities to create a housing project inventory and analyzing how the tool can be part of the Southland Loan Fund underwriting criteria process. Additionally, the Collaborative is presently using the tool to help a community prioritize the best neighborhood to focus their housing rehab efforts.
Waukegan planning prioritization report	Stephen Ostrander	July 2012	Staff assistance	CMAP staff presented the recommendations of the planning prioritization report to the Waukegan City Council Meeting of the Whole on July 30. Following questions and discussion, Mayor Sabonjian and assembled aldermen indicated their support for the report’s primary recommendation, to have CMAP assist the City with local planning for a key commercial corridor on Washington St. (between the Waukegan River ravine and Lewis Ave), and asked CMAP staff to prepare the next phase’s Memorandum of Understanding and associated Scope of Work for their approval on August 20.

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## Summary of Community Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program Applications August 8, 2012

Since the adoption of GO TO 2040, CMAP has established two programs, the Community Planning program and the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. The [Community Planning program](#) provides grants and consultant assistance to projects that link land use and transportation planning, and is administered in partnership with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The [LTA program](#) provides staff assistance and small grants for a wide range of projects. Both programs held a call for projects in spring and summer 2012. Applications were due on August 1, 2012.

The remainder of this document provides basic statistics about the applications received, describes the project selection process, and includes short summaries of each project submitted. CMAP's understanding of some of these projects may change through discussions with the applicants, so the descriptions and figures in this document should be considered preliminary.

### Basic application statistics

Between both programs, 88 applicants submitted projects. Of these, 76 submitted only to the LTA program, 5 submitted only to the Community Planning program, and 7 submitted to both program. This approximate breakdown was expected, as the Community Planning program has stricter limitations on the types of projects that can be pursued and also has a more detailed application form.

Some applicants submitted more than one project idea, and in total, 109 project ideas were received. Of these, 96 were submitted to only the LTA program, 10 were submitted to only the Community Planning program, and 3 were submitted to both programs. (Some applicants submitted different ideas to the LTA and Community Planning programs.)

As noted above, the Community Planning program is jointly administered by CMAP and the RTA. In addition to the applications submitted to CMAP through this program, 13 additional applications were submitted to the RTA. Details of the projects being reviewed by the RTA are available [on their website](#). CMAP and the RTA communicate during the project evaluation process, so it is possible that projects initially under review by the RTA may ultimately be funded by CMAP, and vice versa, although this is not expected.

Applications were received from across the entire region. The chart below shows applications received by geography, using County and Council of Mayors boundaries. Please note that

projects are placed in only one geography in the below table, based on where the bulk of their population is (for example, the Village of Bartlett is in both northwest Cook and DuPage, but is classified as northwest Cook below). In addition, there were several projects that crossed multiple geographies and are classified as regional.

Geography	Number of applicants
Chicago	10
North / Northwest Cook	10
West Cook	8
Southwest Cook	3
South Cook	9
DuPage	9
Kane	11
Kendall	2
Lake	11
McHenry	6
Will	3
Regional / multiple geographies	6

Applications were submitted by a variety of groups. Most were submitted by local governments (municipalities and counties) but some were submitted by other units of government or by nongovernmental groups. The number of multijurisdictional applications this year is noteworthy, as CMAP encouraged multijurisdictional applications. At least 20 of the applicants included some significant form of coordination between jurisdictions, and many others identified partnerships with other government or nongovernmental agencies.

A variety of project types were submitted. The most common type of project was a comprehensive plan (with 22 comprehensive plan requests submitted), followed by a subarea or corridor plan (20). Other project types are shown in the table below. Please note that these figures sum to 109, rather than 88, because this table shows individual project ideas, rather than applicants.

Project type or topic	Number of applications
Comprehensive plan	22
Subarea plan	20
Transportation	16
Zoning or other regulation	12
Water	11
Sustainability or other environmental focus	8
Housing	6
Other	14

## Comparisons to previous year

This is the second year that CMAP has offered the Community Planning program and LTA program, so comparisons to the first year of the program may be useful. During the first year, CMAP was overwhelmed with the number of responses to its initial call for projects, nearly 230 project ideas received from 140 applicants. This year, the response was more manageable, with 109 project ideas from 88 applicants. Even so, this is an enormous response, and far exceeds the resources that CMAP has to support these programs.

In the first year of the program, CMAP selected projects submitted by approximately half of the 140 applicants, leaving nearly 70 applicants who did not receive assistance. Given this, it is somewhat surprising that most of the applicants this year are new to the program. Only 15 of last year's unsuccessful applicants reapplied; around half resubmitted the same project for reconsideration, and half submitted a different project this year. In contrast, applicants that have already had experience with CMAP were likely to submit second projects, with 28 applicants doing so (either submitting follow-ups to past projects or entirely new ideas). Finally, 45 applicants – just over half of the total – are entirely new to CMAP's programs.

Geographic comparisons are shown below. The distribution of applications between last year and this year is fairly similar. A smaller percentage of applications was submitted from all parts of suburban Cook County this year, possibly because many of last year's successful projects were from this area. On the other hand, projects that spanned multiple geographies increased, and more projects were submitted from Kane County, possibly in response to the newly formed Kane County Planning Cooperative, through which the County encouraged LTA applications from municipalities.

Geography	Number of applicants, 2012	Percent of applicants, 2012	Number of applicants, 2011	Percent of applicants, 2011
Chicago	10	11%	16	12%
North / Northwest Cook	10	11%	19	14%
West Cook	8	9%	15	11%
Southwest Cook	3	3%	8	6%
South Cook	9	10%	15	11%
DuPage	9	10%	20	14%
Kane	11	13%	9	7%
Kendall	2	2%	2	1%
Lake	11	13%	16	12%
McHenry	6	7%	10	7%
Will	3	3%	8	6%
Regional / multiple geographies	6	7%	2	1%

Project types were consistent as well. No dramatic changes in project type were observed between last year and this year.

Project type or topic	Number of applications, 2012	Percent of applications, 2012	Number of applications, 2011	Percent of applications, 2011
Comprehensive plan	22	20%	48	21%
Subarea plan	20	18%	36	16%
Transportation	16	15%	40	17%
Zoning or other regulation	12	11%	23	10%
Water	11	10%	24	10%
Sustainability or other environmental focus	8	7%	21	9%
Housing	6	6%	11	5%
Other	14	13%	26	11%

### **Selection criteria**

The LTA program and the Community Planning program have slightly different selection criteria. Both are meant to implement GO TO 2040 through assistance to local governments, but because of their different histories and funding sources (the LTA project is funded through a recent HUD grant, and the Community Planning program arose from coordination with an existing RTA grant program), the criteria do differ.

Criteria for the LTA program include alignment of the project with the recommendations of GO TO 2040; local need for assistance; feasibility and ability to implement; collaboration with other groups, including neighboring governments and nongovernmental groups; input from relevant Counties and Councils of Government (COGs); and geographic balance. Of these, the most quantitative criteria is local need for assistance, which is calculated by combining median income, Equalized Assessed Value (EAV), and community size; communities that have lower median incomes, lower property values, and smaller sizes are categorized as higher-need.

For the Community Planning program, applications are screened for eligibility and then scored for their consistency with GO TO 2040 (specifically the Livable Communities and Regional Mobility recommendations), public engagement approach, inclusion of partners, and the quality and completeness of the application.

### **Review process and timeline**

Applications for both the LTA program and the Community Planning program were due on August 1, and both recommended programs will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee on October 10.

Between early August and early September, a summary of applications received will be shared with CMAP's working committees for discussion and comments. The same will occur with



other stakeholder groups, including technical assistance providers, transit agencies, Counties, the City of Chicago, COGs, and others.

The Community Planning program grant recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Transportation committee on September 14. Both the Community Planning program and the LTA program recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their joint meeting on October 10. The Local Coordinating Committee will discuss the recommendations immediately prior to the Board/MPO meeting on October 10, and also may have a special meeting to review the applications in more detail in late September (scheduling TBD).

Following the Board/MPO meeting, CMAP will work closely with the sponsors of selected projects to handle any needed administrative work, develop full project scopes and schedules, and get projects started. It is expected that newly selected projects will be initiated on a rolling basis beginning in winter and spring 2013.

## Project descriptions

Projects are organized by geography. Please note that not all projects below are entirely consistent with the purpose of CMAP's local programs, and more information is needed to fully understand many of them; project proposals are described regardless of eligibility and completeness. Most projects were submitted to the LTA program, and those submitted to the Community Planning program are specifically noted.

### Chicago

Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development (DHED)

- **Community planning process for the Pilsen and Little Village communities** to build on work of Fisk Crawford Reuse task force, which has focused on next steps for the two coal-fired power plants scheduled to close in 2012. Affordable housing, local retail, historic resources, parks and access to the river should be addressed, in a process similar to Green Healthy Neighborhoods (GHN) project currently in progress in five Chicago neighborhoods.
- **Garfield Park Kedzie Avenue Corridor Plan:** Plan seeks to attract new businesses, support existing ones, stabilize the housing stock, enhance transit access, and create safe outlets for recreation through the formulation of strategies that create a more attractive neighborhood, provide increased access to CTA rail and bus facilities, and transform vacant and underutilized properties into more appealing locations for economic development. Additionally, plan proposes development of recommendations that focus on public health by providing improved access to an interconnected trail/sidewalk system and diverse food options. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*
- **Back of the Yards 47<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan:** Develop recommendations to improve access to CTA facilities, enhance walkability and biking opportunities along 47<sup>th</sup> Street, expand economic development opportunities by identifying redevelopment capacity, and focus on public health by providing improved access to an interconnected trail/sidewalk system and diverse food options. Additionally, plan seeks to create an attractive and welcoming environment along the 47<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor by improving street lighting, installing murals, and working with local organizations to improve and diversify the housing stock. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

- **Development of a public space use policy** to address requests for public plaza space, dedicated ROW parking spots, and installation of plug-in electric vehicle (PEV) charging stations. These requests currently require extensive collaboration between various City departments and are not addressed clearly by City code.
- **Garfield Ridge Community Plan:** Plan seeks to integrate the Garfield Ridge community's land use concerns in a larger project study that seeks to improve movement of vehicles and bicycles. Proposed plan will be in conjunction with a current

IDOT study on the construction of an underpass beneath railway tracks which overlaps with the limits of the study area (Central Avenue from 63<sup>rd</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup> Streets). Additionally, plan will address acute lack of continuous north-south pedestrian and bike routes and assess freight movements associated with Midway International Airport and the CSX intermodal freight railroad yard. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)

- **Altgeld Gardens: Comprehensive land use plan** for remaining undeveloped acreage. Also propose TOD plan that coordinates land use and zoning policies for the Altgeld redevelopment and the CTA's Red Line extension. CTA is a partner in the application.
- **Washington Park: Feasibility study** for the implementation of a Learning Community model in Washington Park and neighboring communities, with University of Chicago as the educational partner.

#### Chicago Lakeside Development

- **Green infrastructure plan** to improve stormwater management in the South Chicago neighborhood near the proposed Lakeside development on the former U.S. Steel South Works. The project includes compiling data on land use, rainfall and flooding, and a geographic analysis of stormwater management to help stakeholders prioritize infrastructure improvements. The project was submitted on behalf of Chicago Lakeside Development LLC by Skidmore Owings & Merrill.

#### Chicago Southside NAACP

- **Creation of an integrated land use and transportation plan** for a proposed community garden in the Englewood community. The NAACP proposes to develop the Freedom Garden, an urban agriculture site, at 62<sup>nd</sup> and State streets in the Englewood community. The project would potentially build on similar efforts taking place elsewhere in Englewood and would provide opportunities for educational and economic enrichment for local residents. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

#### Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community

- **Comprehensive community plan** to shape the Chinatown area's development, building on its recent centennial celebration. Stakeholder meetings to discuss concerns and priorities with regard to land use, workforce and economic development, housing, transportation, education, social services, arts and culture, and recreation.

#### Sustainable Englewood

- **Creation of cultural plan for the Englewood** community. Englewood is noted as having a rich music, art and recreational cultural legacy. Sustainable Englewood wishes to develop a cultural plan that utilizes this rich history as an educational tool in Englewood schools and an economic development strategy for the redevelopment of its commercial corridors. Sustainable Englewood is a non-profit agency working with other community groups in Englewood.

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

- **Review of transit and streetscape infrastructure** in to improve safety and accessibility for residents and visitors to the UIC area. Address outdated street signalization which does not accommodate persons with disabilities, missing bus shelters and street furniture, needed signalization for safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and incomplete biking network. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

Victory Heights Community Organization

- Victory Heights, a neighborhood within the West Pullman community, seeks assistance to formally document, enhance and add value to their collaboration with the City and other partners to develop as a **Green Neighborhood District**. VHCO wishes to develop a green initiatives strategy for the area that educates residents on green practices that help improve resident quality of life.

Wicker Park Bucktown (WPB) Chamber of Commerce / Special Service Area #33

- **Comprehensive parking study** and recommendations to develop a state-of-the-art parking strategy while addressing the needs of all stakeholders. Includes inventory of existing parking, a demand analysis, and a review of zoning and local ordinances.

## North and Northwest Cook County

Barrington Hills (also included in McHenry)

- **Creation of an active repository of natural resource data**. Repository would be an ongoing public-private partnership that would allow better understanding of the impact of land use decisions on the natural environment.

Bartlett (also included in DuPage)

- **Update of 30+-year-old zoning ordinance**, including a recommended overlay district for the W. Bartlett Road Corridor. Review of ordinance was previously completed by consultant, Teska and Associates. Village staff have written and adopted three chapters of the ordinance in the past four years.

Evanston

- **Update to the 2003 Bicycle System Improvement Plan** with consideration for safety and implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Plan seeks to increase bicycling, walking and transit use, improve traffic safety, enhance local businesses, and foster a healthier, more environmentally friendly community. Proposed plan update will be guided by Evanston's three value areas: economic viability, environmental sustainability, and community strengthening. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Glencoe Park District

- **Development of a comprehensive parks master plan.** The Park District last undertook a comprehensive plan in the mid-60's, but completed an open space plan that addressed only neighborhood parks in 2001.

#### Glenview

- Assist Glenbrook South High School's Project Earth environmental club students in producing a presentation that **documents the benefits of existing green infrastructure in the Village**, which they will present to Natural Resources Commission and Board of Trustees and post online. Also, analyze existing codes and ordinances to identify barriers and propose revisions that will encourage green infrastructure in future developments and retrofits.

#### Hoffman Estates

- **Creation of education and workforce development plan for the I-90 Golden Corridor** manufacturing cluster. Also, assistance in identifying and contacting education and manufacturing partners in the corridor. Hoffman Estates serves as coordinating agency for a group of municipalities, trade organizations, school districts, and community groups along the I-90 corridor.

#### Lincolnwood

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 2001). The Village recognizes that although it is built-out, it continues to evolve in part due to redevelopment forces. Without a history or culture of planning, the Village sees an opportunity to engage citizens to consider how the community ought to evolve.
- **Subarea corridor plan for Devon Avenue**, from McCormick Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue. The development pattern of this commercial corridor is unusual in that the Village side of the corridor was built in an "urban" development form, while the City of Chicago side of the corridor has been developed more in the suburban development model. This project request includes a market study of the corridor, alternative land uses, and a streetscape plan.

#### Niles

- **Development of a plan to promote an environmentally-friendly multi-modal transportation system** that will build off of the existing Comprehensive Plan, the Arterial Rapid Transit Plan, and the Environmental Action Plan currently under development. The plan seeks to develop a comprehensive active transportation network that integrates with existing roadway and transit networks, enhance awareness of existing and planned transportation networks, and implement policies and programs supportive of the multi-modal transportation network. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Northwest Municipal Conference

- **Study and recommend improvement to Forest Preserve access** for the Northern Cook County Des Plaines River corridor, an underutilized recreational facility. Scope of the

plan would be to review the existing access to and within the Forest Preserve, review regional and community plans for non-motorized transportation, and formulate a strategy for improving access. The communities involved include Des Plaines, Glenview, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling, with participation from the Forest Preserve District and Active Transportation Alliance as well. *This project was submitted to both the LTA program and the Community Planning program.*

#### Prospect Heights

- **Update of Comprehensive Land Use Plan** with a focus on transportation. City is in the second phase of roadway improvements made possible by the passing of a referendum in 2010 that allowed \$15 million for road and drainage improvements. Proposed plan will provide a definitive direction on the City's requirements for zoning and transportation upgrades, specifically maximization of the usage and accessibility of the Metra station, the bus service and the Chicago Executive Airport. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Schaumburg

- **Update of Comprehensive Green Action Plan (C GAP)**, approved in 2008. Since approval of C GAP, sustainability planning documents have evolved and become more robust to include economic development and equity, leaving Schaumburg's plan somewhat outdated. These considerations to be added to C GAP, and new performance metrics should be created.

## West Cook County

#### Berwyn

- **Study and plan to address parking challenges** faced within the City's historic Depot District. Parking focus is a result of previous planning work involving Depot area, including 2007 RTA TOD Study, 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update, and 2012 Homes for a Changing Region study.

#### Broadview

- **Parking study** and a related update of ordinance and land use regulations regarding parking regulations in the downtown commercial district. Configuration of municipal parking lots and parallel parking in the downtown area does not currently meet local needs.

#### Cicero

- **Update to the Town of Cicero comprehensive plan.** Cicero has completed several supplementary planning studies in recent years, but has been without an updated Comprehensive Plan since the mid-1970s.
- Assistance to conduct a **multi-jurisdictional sewer reconstruction study** in collaboration with the City of Berwyn and the Village of Oak Park.

#### City of Homes

- **Creation of a Cermak Corridor Plan** for Berwyn. Cermak Road area currently houses a large percentage of Berwyn's residents in high density, rental housing, as well as providing several public transportation options. Goal is to increase public transportation ridership, and encourage development that enhances Corridor's attractiveness. Project was submitted by a nonprofit organization with support from the City of Berwyn.

#### Franklin Park

- **Study of the community's western industrial area**, a significant site due to its proximity to O'Hare International Airport. Currently, no plan exists to address degrading infrastructure at the site, increased competition from other areas, or potentially significant impacts from the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass project.

#### Lyons

- **Development of a comprehensive plan** to aid in the redevelopment of several central business areas, an industrial corridor, and a soon-to-be-reclaimed quarry. Lyons also looking for ways to capitalize on its access and proximity to county parks, and linkage of these areas to retail and commercial corridors.

#### River Grove

- **Transit-oriented development plan** for 2.16 acres of available land located immediately adjacent to the River Grove Metra station. TOD was recommended by the Village's 2006 comprehensive plan. *This project has also been submitted to the RTA for funding through their Community Planning program, and will be primarily reviewed by the RTA.*

#### Seven Generations Ahead

- **Assist in data aggregation of community resource use** per Environmental Sustainability Plan for Oak Park and River Forest. Also, request assistance in aligning indicators with GO TO 2040 Plan indicators, and in developing a protocol for data aggregation that can be used by other communities.

#### Summit

- **Develop first comprehensive plan for the city.** Utilize Full Circle technology to capture information regarding land use and housing. Promote transit-oriented development at Summit's commuter rail station, as well as new transit options to capitalize on Summit's proximity to Midway Airport.

## Southwest Cook County

#### Palos Heights

- **Creation of overlay district for the Harlem Avenue Business Corridor**, as is recommended in the City's comprehensive plan (2008). Palos officials believe this tool will allow the City to address increasing vacancy and encourage redevelopment of Harlem Ave.

#### Palos Park

- **Creation of a water conservation ordinance;** revise existing policies related to water sales in the community. Currently, Village practices are confusing for residents and encourage overconsumption of water.

#### Worth

- **General planning assistance, including updates to comprehensive land use plan, zoning ordinance, and TOD planning.** Throughout planning process, Worth would like special attention to be paid to needs of its senior population.

### South Cook County

#### Calumet City

- **Development of a Stormwater System Capital Improvement Plan.** Calumet City suffered losses due to the storms and floods produced by Hurricane Ike in 2008; storm water management has become a top priority for the city.
- **Create a comprehensive plan** that integrates land use and transportation, specifically by addressing gaps and inconsistencies in the existing transportation network and the increase in vacant lots that may be repurposed or redeveloped. Plan will be in conjunction with the Stormwater System Capital Improvement and the Pavement Management Plans currently underway. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Chicago Heights

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 1994), focusing on revitalization through economic development and housing. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity, which is heading a housing task force collaborative.
- **Update to water ordinance and water conservation codes.** Chicago Heights wishes to align with the recommendations of *Water 2050* and address water conservation, quality, and aging infrastructure issues. The city supplies water to several neighboring cities, including Glenwood, Thornton, Ford Heights, and South Chicago Heights.

#### Crete (also included in Will)

- **Development of new comprehensive plan** (workbook adopted 1997) in order to address potential growth due to proposed third regional airport, Illiana Expressway, and recently approved intermodal facility in Crete. Planning staff anticipate need for additional housing and transportation infrastructure, and believe a comprehensive plan is needed to manage growth and address potential negative impacts.

#### Dixmoor

- The Village of Dixmoor submitted a **variety of planning requests**, including general community planning assistance, development of a comprehensive plan, review of local codes and ordinances that relate to land use, and creation of a web portal for improved access to municipal services and venue for resident input.



#### Glenwood

- **Development of a Stormwater System Capital Improvement Plan.** Village suffered losses due to the storms and floods produced by Hurricane Ike in 2008, including increase in number of vacant lots, abandoned homes and homes in foreclosure.
- **Create and implement a comprehensive pedestrian, bicycle, and transit plan** for the entire Village as a response to residents' feedback during the public engagement process for the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The objectives of the plan include developing a pedestrian and bicycle network, developing non-motorized transportation and land use policies, and providing educational and encouragement strategies for residents and Village staff. The plan is also in response to the anticipated extension of the Grand Illinois Trail and the upcoming Metra SouthEast Service. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Lan-Oak Park District

- **Update of comprehensive plan** (adopted 1994). Either through update or separately, also request assistance determining what role the park district can play in the revitalization of downtown Lansing, explore expansion of their service area, and study the impact of a local portion of the Grand Illinois Trail.

#### Markham

- **Update current comprehensive plan.**
- **Create a new parks comprehensive plan** for the Park District.

#### Matteson

- **Update to comprehensive development plan** (adopted 1987) to address best practices including public transportation and "complete streets."
- **Review and update of zoning ordinance** (adopted 1984, with subsequent amendments through November 2011) to meet current uses and minimize need for variances and reviews relating to parking and signage.

#### Midlothian

- Enhance accessibility and mobility within the whole Village and specifically to the Midlothian Village Center by **reducing the congestion on 147<sup>th</sup> Street**. Plan aims to integrate the new Midlothian Bike Path Plan with the Phase II Midlothian Village Center Enhancement TOD plan, produce a step-by-step plan for widening the bridge on 147<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the Metra Station, create a streetscape plan for the Village Center area, provide recommendations for financing strategies for plan implementation, and create a green space and a flood control area south of 147<sup>th</sup> Street within the Village Center. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

#### Park Forest (also included in Will)

- **Revision of the zoning ordinance**, including up-to-date development ordinances and infrastructure design standards, and streamlined development review processes. Village has undertaken TOD planning and land banking; revisions to zoning ordinance needed to ensure these tools can be used effectively.

## DuPage County

Addison, Bensenville, Villa Park, and Wood Dale

- Neighboring municipalities with similar housing stock seek a **Homes for a Changing Region analysis**. Addison to serve as the coordinating agency for the project, with participation from Bensenville, Villa Park, and Wood Dale.

Bartlett (also included in Northwest Cook)

- **Update of 30+-year-old zoning ordinance**, including a recommended overlay district for the W. Bartlett Road Corridor. Review of ordinance was previously completed by consultant, Teska and Associates. Village staff have written and adopted three chapters of the ordinance in the past four years.

Bensenville

- **Updates to comprehensive plan** (adopted in 1980, with updates in 2004) in light of predicted impacts of the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass project. Coordination with Homes for a Changing Region project (led by Addison, described above) will occur.
- **Revisions to the zoning ordinance** to reinforce the comprehensive plan update and apply current best practices.

Carol Stream

- **Creation of a new comprehensive plan** (1982). Village is approaching "built out" status, and needs a comprehensive planning document to address a range of issues.

DuPage County, Economic Development & Planning

- **Update unincorporated land use plan** pertaining to the Illinois Route 53 and Illinois Route 83 corridors. 22-year-old development plan no longer addresses the current planning and development trends along these corridors.

DuPage Water Commission (DWC)

- **Survey of utility managers and conservation coordinators** to get a better understanding of their barriers to promoting water conservation. Develop a workshop and training curriculum (manual) based on analysis of survey responses, and outreach materials geared toward elected officials. Also, DWC proposes that one DWC municipality would receive 40-60 hours of CMAP staff time to assist with implementation of an activity highlighted during the training and/or in DWC Program document.

Glen Ellyn

- **Creation of a bicycle and pedestrian facilities plan**, including a Safe Routes to School component. Village will serve as coordinator between various park and school districts.

#### Hinsdale

- **Analysis and recommendations for improving downtown parking system.** Currently, metered, on-street parking serves a compact, walkable central business area. However, some business owners feel metered parking puts them at a competitive disadvantage.

#### Oak Brook

- **Residential enhancement study to analyze housing trends** and vacancies in the Village, as well identifying ways to market itself to potential residents. Oak Brook would like to attract younger families to fill vacancies and stabilize the community.

#### Villa Park

- **Develop strategy for rejuvenation of commercial corridors** throughout the city, through update of City's comprehensive plan, dating from 2009, or another planning mechanism.

## Kane County

#### Big Rock

- **Update to original comprehensive land use plan**, written and adopted in 2003. Kane County Development Department has committed provide technical assistance to this project, which would supplement CMAP's work. New topics to be included in this update include community health, sustainability, food, and energy.

#### Campton Hills

- **Developing ordinances and guidelines for implementation of new comprehensive plan**, created with LTA assistance. Specifically, assistance is requested for natural resources, open space, transportation, development standards, and design guidelines.
- Also interested in **designing and developing a trail plan and map** to enhance connections between the village and the Great Western Trail.

#### Carpentersville, East Dundee, Elgin, and West Dundee

- Develop a **Homes for a Changing Region study** and implementation plan for communities in northeastern Kane County. The application was led by Carpentersville, with participation by Elgin, East Dundee, and West Dundee.

#### Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed

- **Review of the land development regulations of local governments within the watershed** and preparation of specific amendments to implement the recommendations of the Ferson-Otter Creek Watershed Plan (2012). Watershed Plan found development policies in several municipalities within the group to be harmful to health of the watershed. It is necessary to tailor recommendations to each community's situation and governmental structure. The application was submitted by Elgin, with participation in the watershed plan by Campton Hills, Lily Lake, South Elgin, St. Charles, and Kane County.

Geneva, Batavia, North Aurora, and St. Charles

- Batavia, Geneva, North Aurora and St. Charles propose multi-**community Homes for a Changing Region study**. Specifically, they request an analysis of existing housing, forecast of housing needs in each community, and policy and strategy recommendations to needs.

Gilberts

- **Rewrite of comprehensive plan**, dating from 2003. Village has since tripled in population. Also, Gilberts seeks assistance integrating maps, resources and recommendations into GIS system, making the information more usable and relevant to the public and future Village leaders and staff.

Huntley (also included in McHenry)

- **Preparation of a form based code and/or overlay district** for the Village's downtown area. Downtown Revitalization Plan was adopted in 2010, with a recommendation to "explore opportunities to implement Form Based Codes and Overlay Districts for the Downtown." This request also includes preparation of educational material, facilitation of public meetings, and assistance in drafting ordinance amendments.

Kane County Department of Transportation

- **Development of a Randall Road Corridor Multimodal Plan**. Builds on Kane County's existing Randall Road Route 529 Plan, which identified pedestrian and transit infrastructure improvements along Randall Road between IL 38/Kane County Court House (on the north) and Sullivan Road (on the south).

Montgomery (also included in Kendall)

- **Assistance in updating its comprehensive plan** (adopted 2002) in light of significant population growth. Village has recently done a TOD plan, which needs to be considered. Water resources and flooding issues are also key items for a new plan.

North Aurora

- Village wishes to heavily **invest in non-motorized transportation infrastructure to provide linkages to commercial centers**. Proposed study will link high population densities to alternative transportation modes, amend related zoning ordinance text to reflect land use changes, and amend the land use plan to include bikeway and open space elements as well as show future roads and alignments to improve the roadway network with the inclusion of public transit centers. The project will link the Village's 2006 Comprehensive Plan with its recently updated Zoning Ordinance. *This application was submitted for grant funding under the Community Planning program.*

South Elgin

- **Development of a bicycle and pedestrian plan**, as recommended by Village's recent comprehensive plan and transit improvement plan. Pedestrian infrastructure was found to be lacking or non-existent in parts of the Village, as were neighborhood connections to regional trails such as the Fox River Trail and Illinois Prairie Path.

## St. Charles

- **Watershed plan for Seventh Avenue Creek** to improve water quality and mitigate the impacts of flooding. FEMA is in the process of remapping the floodplain of Seventh Avenue Creek, with results expected in 2012. St. Charles also interested in the possibility of new bike routes, and other new land uses adjacent to the Creek.

## Kendall County

### Montgomery (also included in Kane)

- **Assistance in updating its comprehensive plan** (adopted 2002) in light of significant population growth. Village has recently done a TOD plan, which needs to be considered. Water resources and flooding issues are also key items for a new plan.

### Oswego

- **Village-wide market analysis** to determine retail, commercial, and industrial uses that will be most beneficial to the community. Village also interested in review of past economic development efforts to identify best practices.

### Yorkville

- Assist zoning commission with **update of 35-year-old zoning ordinance**; including addition of overlay districts for Yorkville's historic downtown and Route 47 districts; sections relating to off-street parking and loading, signs, and alternative energy systems.

## Lake County

### Gurnee and Waukegan

- **Unified corridor development plan for Grand Avenue** from US 41 in Gurnee to McAree Rd. in Waukegan. Serves as an important gateway to the two communities, but has experienced significant economic and physical decline. 2008 Homes for a Changing Region report for Gurnee identified the corridor as a focus area for redevelopment.

### Hawthorn Woods

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (adopted 2004) to manage impacts to Village of extension of Illinois Route 53 into Lake County.

### Lake County Community Foundation

- **Homes for a Changing Region study** in partnership with communities in western Lake County, including Grayslake, Hainesville, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, and Round Lake Park.

#### Lake County Department of Transportation

- **Comprehensive land use plan** for the area affected by the Illinois Route 53/120 project. This plan was recommended by the Illinois 52/120 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council, and includes numerous communities in central Lake County.

#### Lake County Forest Preserve District

- **Planning assistance in conversion of public lands to local food production** utilizing sustainable farming practices and promotion of improved conservation practices for conventional row-crop agriculture. A wide variety of public, private, and nonprofit partners have been identified. Propose recommendations that each participating agency can adopt to promote local food production and sustainable agricultural practices on public lands at a regional scale.

#### Lake Forest Consortium for Environmental Leadership

- **Sustainability plan** to address tree loss, water conservation, ravine/bluff restoration and preservation, energy conservation and increased use of renewables, and transit connectivity. Consortium also requests assistance with community engagement around plan.

#### Lake Zurich

- **Implementation assistance regarding Recommendations for Integrated Water Resources Planning in Lake Zurich**, a 2012 report completed through the LTA program. City has selected two provisions in the report – integration of green infrastructure and defining a level of service for municipal water delivery – as focus of continued work.

#### Libertyville and Mundelein

- **Coordinated land use plan for unincorporated area** adjacent to the proposed right-of-way for the Illinois Route 53 extension. Planning process to bring together local communities, Lake County, Illinois Department of Transportation and Pace. The properties comprise roughly 155 acres.

#### Long Grove

- **Planning and impact analysis for the proposed Illinois Route 53 extension** through the Village, including assistance in clarifying issues, identifying locations of concern and the creation of design solutions for the project within the Village.

#### Waukegan, North Chicago, Park City, and Zion

- **Homes for a Changing Region housing plan** to address a number of housing-related challenges in the member communities, including foreclosures and vacant and abandoned buildings. Also request for design visualizations for each community, with a 3-D flyover and 2-D photomorph. The application was led by Waukegan, with participation from North Chicago, Park City, Zion and Great Lake Naval Station.

## Winthrop Harbor

- **Update comprehensive plan** (1995) to better align future development with land use objectives. Village has limited staff expertise and financial resources to accomplish this task.

## McHenry County

### Barrington Hills (also included in Northwest Cook)

- **Creation of an active repository of natural resource data.** Repository would be an ongoing public-private partnership that would allow better understanding of the impact of land use decisions on the natural environment.

### Bull Valley

- **Update of zoning and subdivision ordinance** to complement a comprehensive plan created in 2011.
- **Creation of a strategic plan**, covering issues such as water resources, economic development, housing, transportation, and others.

### Huntley (also included in Kane)

- **Preparation of a form based code and/or overlay district** for the Village's downtown area. Downtown Revitalization Plan was adopted in 2010, with a recommendation to "explore opportunities to implement Form Based Codes and Overlay Districts for the Downtown." This request also includes preparation of educational material, facilitation of public meetings, and assistance in drafting ordinance amendments.

### Lakewood

- **Update to comprehensive plan** (last updated in 2005). Annexation of approximately 600 acres, as well as completion of boundary agreements with surrounding communities, has led to a significant increase in Village area. In addition, newly annexed land includes the intersection of Illinois Routes 47 and 176, presenting a unique location for the Village to create "town center" type development. This request also includes a sub-area plan to examine appropriate use, marketing, and design for this area.

### McHenry County Stormwater Management Commission

- **Review and update of stormwater management ordinance** to correct inconsistencies and incorporate best practices. Update will help county officials better enforce provisions of the ordinance, as well as making compliance easier. Also request assistance in related public engagement efforts. Participating communities include Cary, Crystal Lake, McHenry, Prairie Grove, Union, and Woodstock, in addition to McHenry County.

### Silver Creek Watershed Coalition

- **Implementation of recommendations in December 2011 Watershed Action Plan**, prepared by CMAP. To include review and modifications of relevant policies in comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, stormwater management plans, and other

municipal documents for participants. Communities involved include Crystal Lake, McHenry, Oakwood Hills, and Prairie Grove.

## Will County

Crete (also included in South Cook)

- **Development of new comprehensive plan** (workbook adopted 1997) in order to address potential growth due to proposed third regional airport, Illiana Expressway, and recently approved intermodal facility in Crete. Planning staff anticipate need for additional housing and transportation infrastructure, and believe a comprehensive plan is needed to manage growth and address potential negative impacts.

Frankfort Park District

- Review and confirm, modify, or add to existing park classifications and preferred facility standards as part of **comprehensive parks plan update**. Frankfort also proposes creation of inventory with strategic recommendations and capital improvements needed for each individual park.

Park Forest (also included in South Cook)

- **Revision of the zoning ordinance**, including up-to-date development ordinances and infrastructure design standards, and streamlined development review processes. Village has undertaken TOD planning and land banking; revisions to zoning ordinance needed to ensure these tools can be used effectively.

Will County

- **Develop inventory of brownfield parcels in Will County**, as well as evaluation criteria to be used to assess each site's potential for use for renewable energy production.

## Regional or multiple geographies

Cook County

- Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Planning & Development: **Development of HUD Consolidated Plan** (housing). Cook County is required to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan at least every five years to HUD.
- Cook County Forest Preserve District: **Trail usage study**, will analyze a linear trail such as the North Branch and a circular trail such as the one in Tinley Park; extrapolate information for other trail systems in the District.
- Bureau of Administration, Department of Environmental Control: **Sustainability plan**.
- Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Building & Zoning: **Comprehensive land use plan**.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Office of Water Resources (OWR)

- IDNR, OWR is the regulatory agency responsible for managing the Illinois diversion of Lake Michigan, overseeing approximately 200 permittees with an allocation of Lake



Michigan water for domestic pumpage. Of these, over 160 permittees are municipal-run public water suppliers. IDNR, OWR proposes **consultation with six or more permittees regarding constraints and reasons for chronic noncompliance** with regard to annual water loss. Strategic partner is the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT).

#### Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

- **Creation of toolkit for municipalities to address diversity needs** in their communities; a follow-up to previous survey distributed to suburban mayors, which resulted in a collection of current practices. This “how to” guide would help municipalities better integrate immigrants into the civic life of their communities.

#### Morton Arboretum – Regional Trees Initiative

- **Develop process to gather, assess and develop information for the Regional Trees Initiative (RTI)**, an effort that builds on the 2010 Tree Census to ensure a healthy forest for the future. To include GIS support, a policy inventory, a web portal, and an economic analysis of procurement and management procedures.

#### Northwest Water Planning Alliance

- **Ongoing support, including rewrite of drought preparedness plan.** Also, development of school education program as recommended in Water 2050 plan, and outreach around the new lawn-watering restriction to be in effect 2013. This multijurisdictional group includes many partners, including five Counties and five COGs.

#### Openlands

- **Planning for a viable regional food system.** To include examination of existing resources, potential costs and benefits, identification of obstacles and implementation strategy. The project includes Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties as partners, as well as nonprofit organizations.

