
Freight Planning from an MPO Perspective: Chicago's Experience

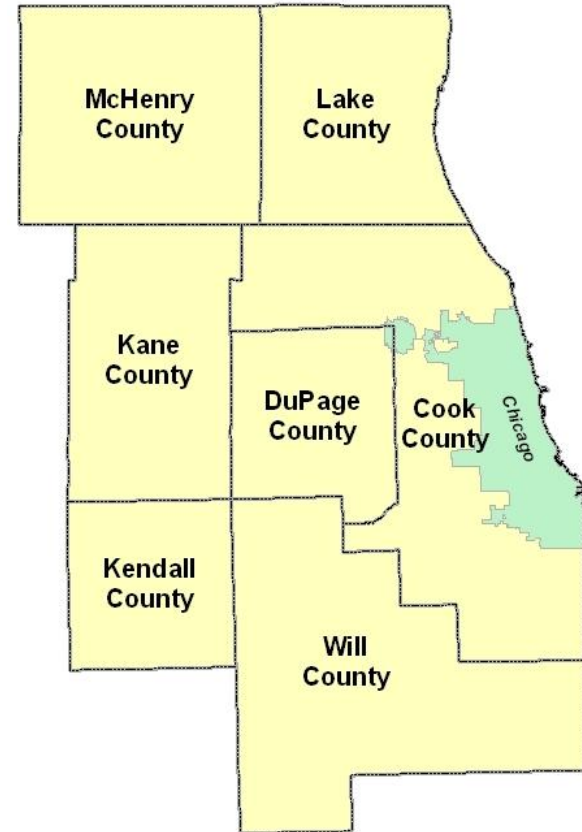
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What is CMAP?

- ***Established in 2005 by the State of Illinois with support from the region's mayors.***
- ***Central purpose is to better integrate planning for land use and transportation.***
- ***CMAP's staff was created by merging the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) and Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS).***
- ***Chicago Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)***



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MPO Long-Range Plan

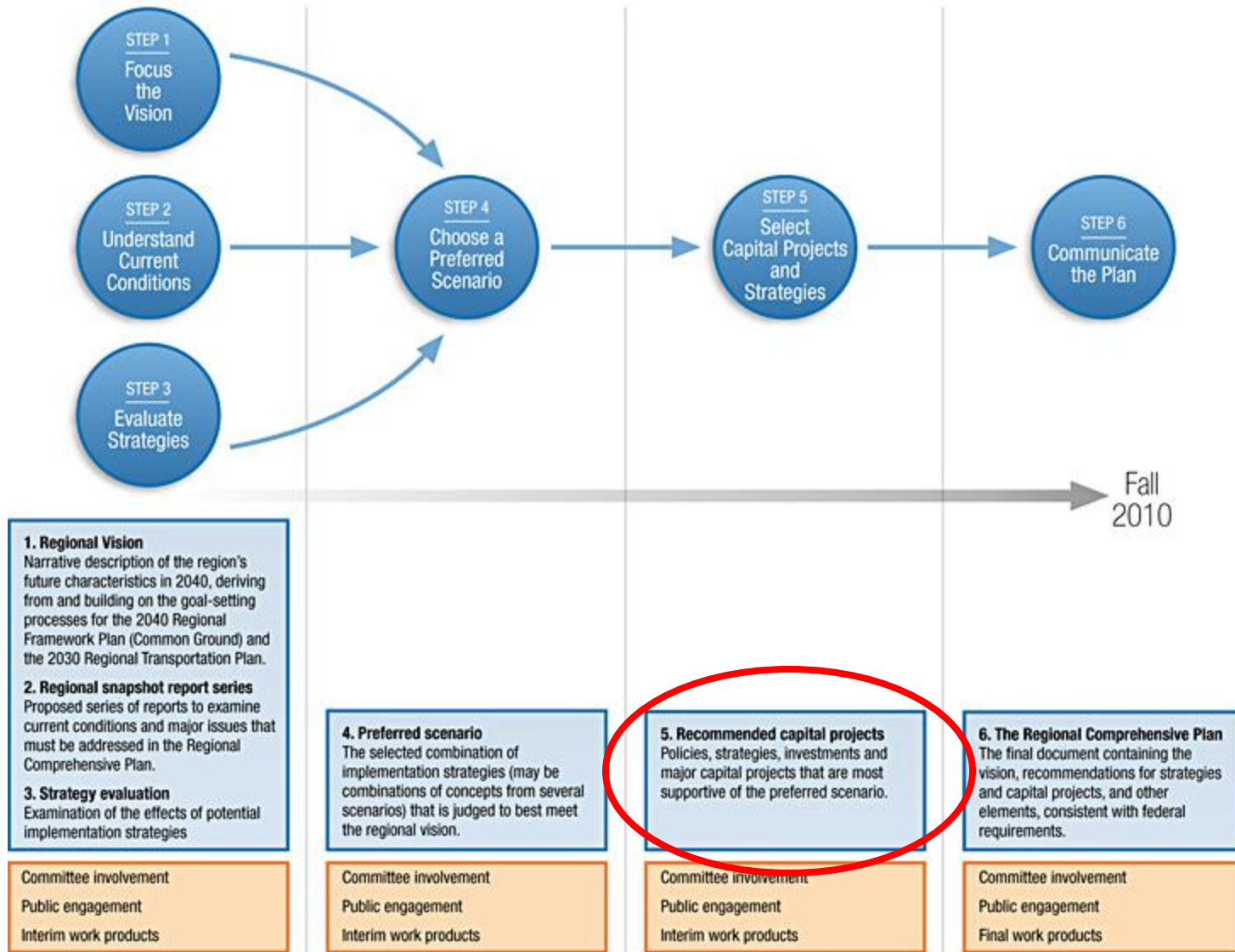
- **GO TO 2040**

- 1st for CMAP
- Regional perspective of freight
- Works to mitigate impacts to communities
- Address infrastructure issues, funding and operations
- Incorporate freight into other disciplines



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The 2040 Regional Comprehensive Planning Process



Not just growth, but *progress*

The Chicago metropolitan area must plan proactively to:

- House 2 million more people by 2030
- Make wise transportation investments that mitigate congestion
- Deal with potential water shortages
- Protect air quality
- Avoid premature consumption of land
- Protect important open space and natural resources
- **Accommodate growing freight needs**
- Aggressively shape a sustainable future rather than react to ongoing development trends



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Current Freight Issues in the 7-County Region

- ***Rail Congestion***
 - Nearly 40,000 rail cars annually
- ***Truck Congestion***
 - Local and through trips
- ***Urban Challenges***
 - Last mile delivery, building use changes, continued growth
- ***Continued Growth***
 - 2.8 million people by 2040
- ***Environmental Concerns***



Freight Committee

- *Meets 10 times a year*
- *Reviews strategies, indicators and project recommendations*
- *Connected to transportation and policy committee directly*
- *Other committees indirectly*
- *Speaker series every other meeting*
- *Represents freight industry – including all modes, researchers and planners*



What Other States are Doing

- *Indiana*
- *Minnesota*
- *Washington*
- *New Jersey*



Role of the MPO

- *Facilitate discussions among freight stakeholders*
- *Coordination between freight stakeholders and municipalities, agencies and elected officials*
- *Plan for the long-term as well as short-term*
- *Coordinate funding efforts*



Thank you!

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