

Connecting Cook County

2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

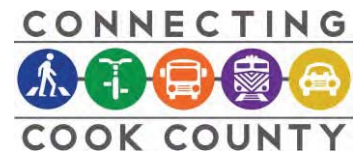


Welcome!

Public Open House



Honorable Toni Preckwinkle, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners





Where do you Live and Work?

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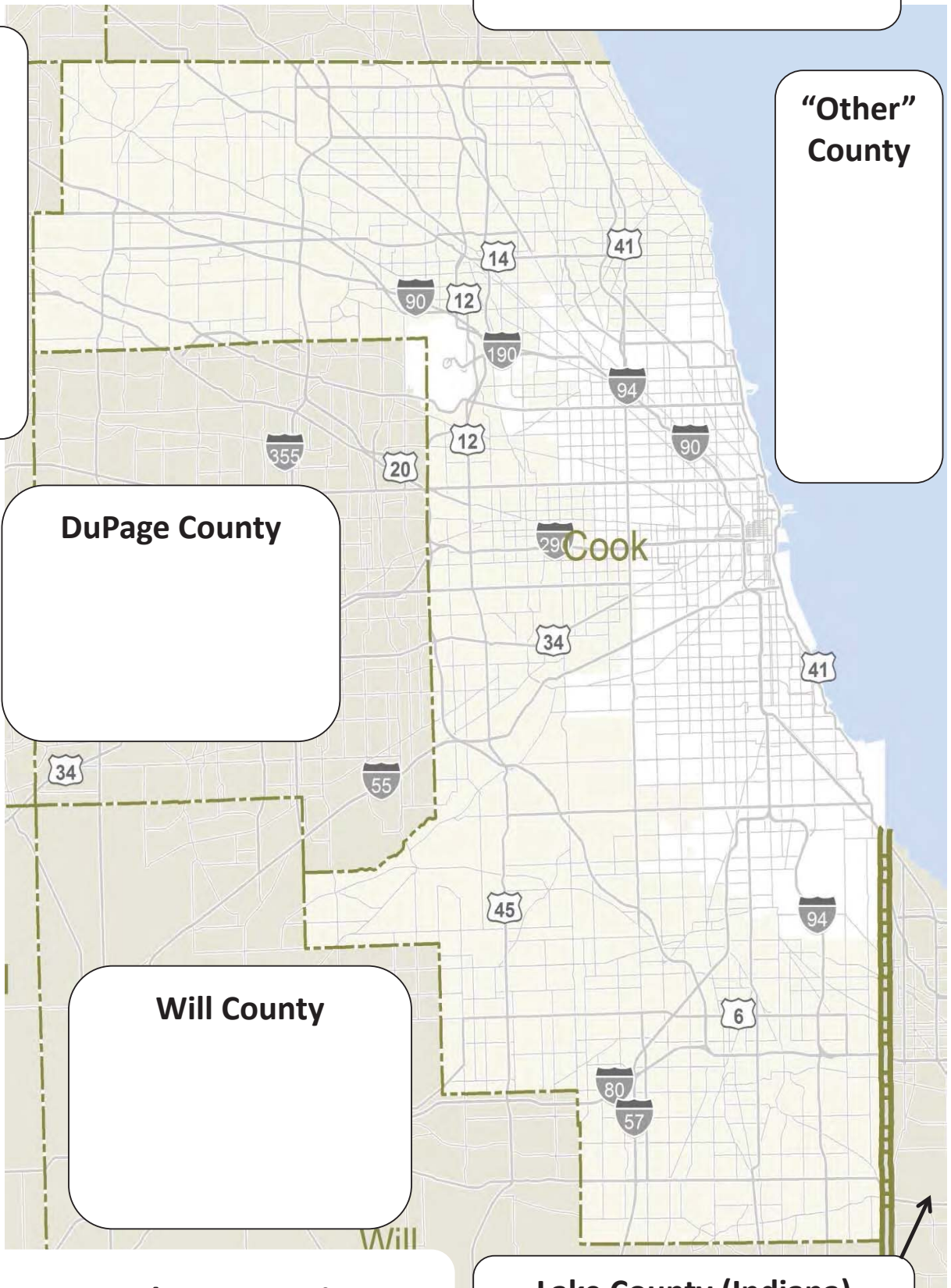
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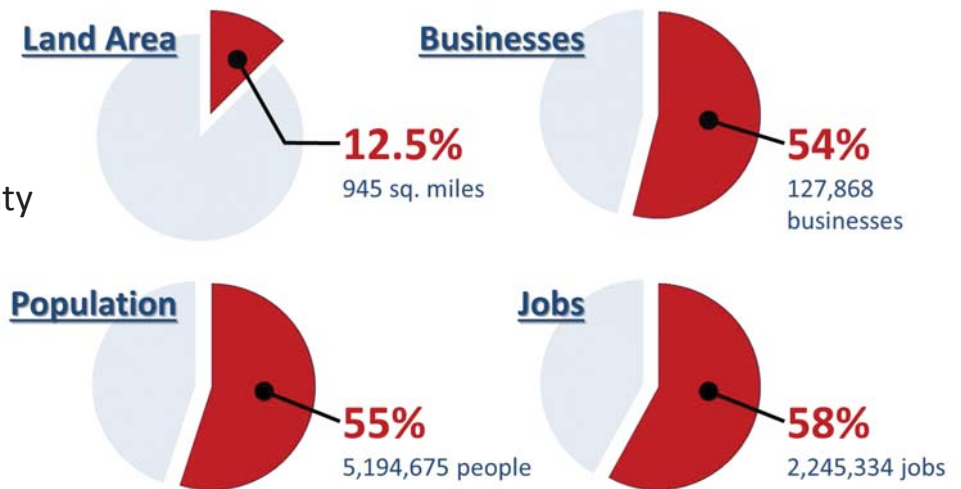


About the 2040 LRTP

Why Embark on this Plan?

With over 5.2 million residents, Cook County accounts for 41% of the total households within Illinois. It is the second most populous county in the United States. While Cook County makes up 12% of the land area in the seven county metropolitan region, it accounts for 55% of the population, 54% of businesses, and 58% of jobs. Cook County is also a major freight and transportation logistics center, handling one-fourth of the nation's freight rail traffic. Over the next 30 years the demand for freight rail service in the region is expected to nearly double. This is a great opportunity to add jobs and grow our economy, but if we don't plan for the transportation infrastructure needed to accommodate this growth it could adversely impact our economy and quality of life. The Cook County LRTP provides an opportunity for the County to evaluate the current and future year transportation needs and ultimately identify priority improvements that keep pace with continued development.

Cook County's Share of the Region's...



SOURCE: Partnering for Prosperity

Does the LRTP only include roadway improvements?

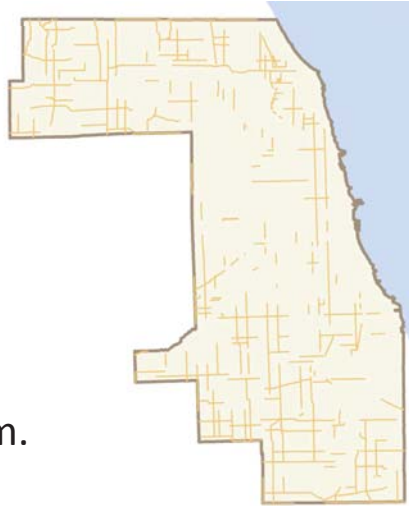
The plan will include roadway improvements but it will also identify opportunities to enhance public transportation, walking, and biking. The plan will also identify improvements to move freight efficiently within Cook County and enhance regional freight connections that can support local businesses and economic development. The plan is a long overdue effort to improve mobility, safety and economic prosperity for Cook County's residents and businesses.



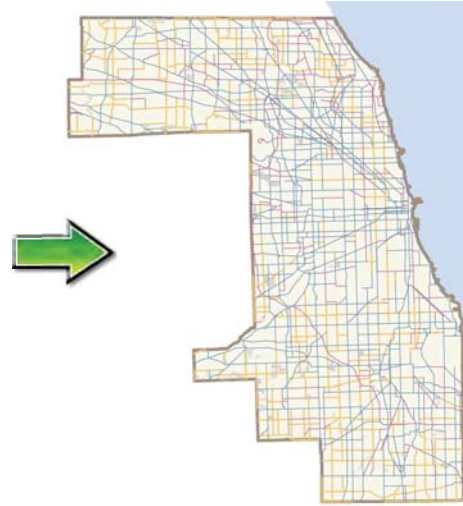
Connecting a Complex Network

The Cook County transportation system includes a range of mobility options that are operated and maintained by various agencies. Enhancing the **integration, connectivity** and **reliability** of our transportation system is critical to developing a world class transportation system.

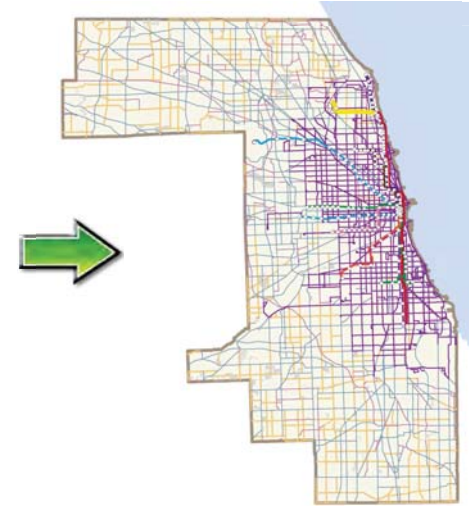
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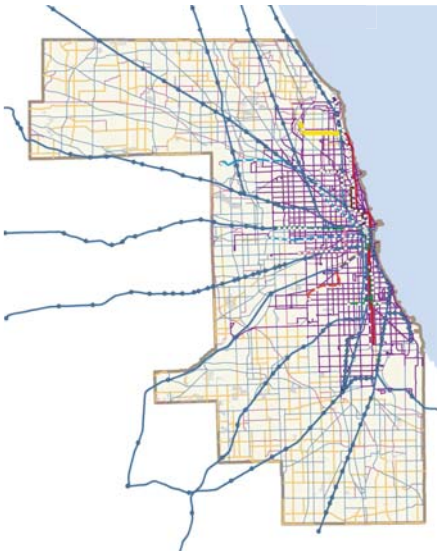
Other Agency Roads



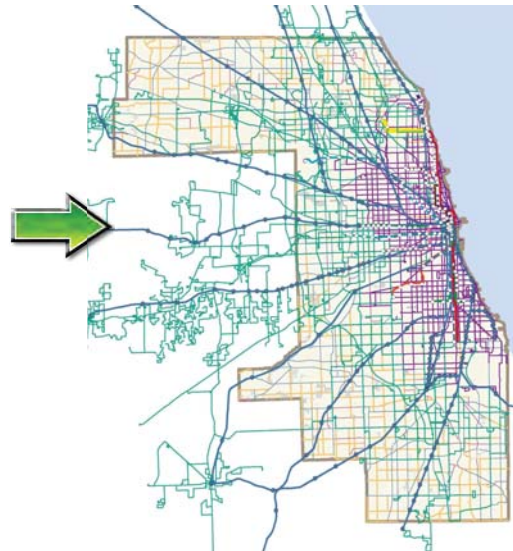
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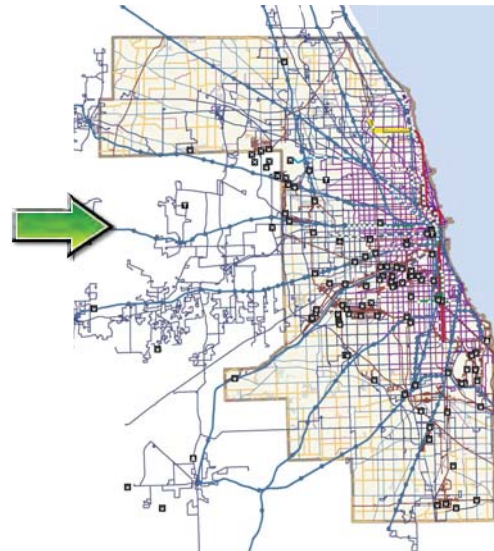
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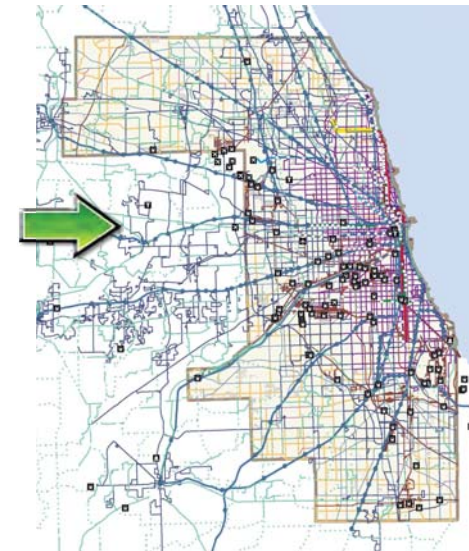
Pace Bus Service



Freight



Walking and Biking



2040 Transportation Vision

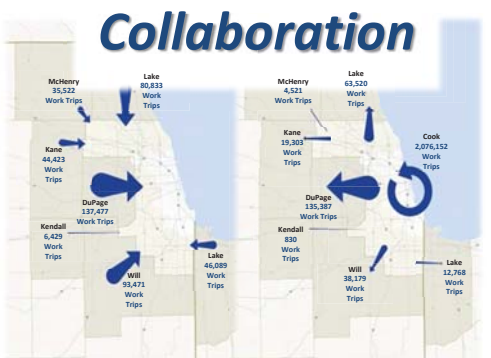
Our vision is to support the development of a safer, sustainable, and efficient world class transportation system that spurs economic growth and enhances quality of life. Cook County will achieve this vision through policies and projects that connect and support:



Commerce – the plan will prioritize transportation investments that improve the efficient movement of goods to strengthen commercial activity and generate new employment. Opportunities to better link residents to jobs at regional employment centers, and strategically invest in transportation infrastructure that stimulates job and business growth, and spurs redevelopment and commercial revitalization will be emphasized, particularly in sectors such as Manufacturing, Transportation and Logistics that are strengths for our economy.



Communities – the plan will aid the continued growth of vibrant, healthy, accessible, sustainable, and diverse communities throughout Cook County by prioritizing projects that expand mobility choices—including public transportation, biking, and walking—and promote enhanced transportation linkages that create a safer transportation network for all users. Projects and policies that improve livability and better connect transportation, land use, housing, and jobs will be pursued in order to create denser, mixed-use communities.



Collaboration – the plan will promote coordination across jurisdictions and between local municipalities, neighboring counties, and government agencies to ensure regionally significant infrastructure improvements are advanced to meet current and future travel needs. Innovative projects that foster a robust business environment throughout Cook County, region, and state will be prioritized.



Capital – the plan will support a fiscally responsible approach to address transportation infrastructure needs, one that leverages existing resources and maximizes investment potential. Benefitting from strong partnerships and increased cooperation between governmental agencies and the private sector, the County and its partners will identify opportunities to more efficiently use existing assets, leverage new funding sources, and align short-and long-term priorities to move people and goods through a world class transportation system.



Transportation Goals

The transportation goals highlight the themes and priorities that have surfaced from stakeholders, public, and committee members through the development of the LRTP. The goals represent a desired end state or outcome which support the LRTP vision.



Economic Opportunity – Invest in transportation improvements that support the economic vitality of the County by fostering local and regional competitiveness, sustained productivity, and increased access to economic productivity for all of the County’s residents.

Accessibility and Reliability – Increase the integration, connectivity and reliability of the transportation system by developing a comprehensive multimodal system that expands mobility options for all transportation users.



Safety – Provide a safer transportation system that balances the travel needs of all users, including the general public and area businesses and industries.

Land Use – Create a built environment that promotes healthy, sustainable communities through coordinated land use and transportation policies.



Environmental Stewardship – Promote a sustainable future through a transportation system that protects, enhances and provides connections to natural, cultural, and historic resources in addition to more traditional destinations.

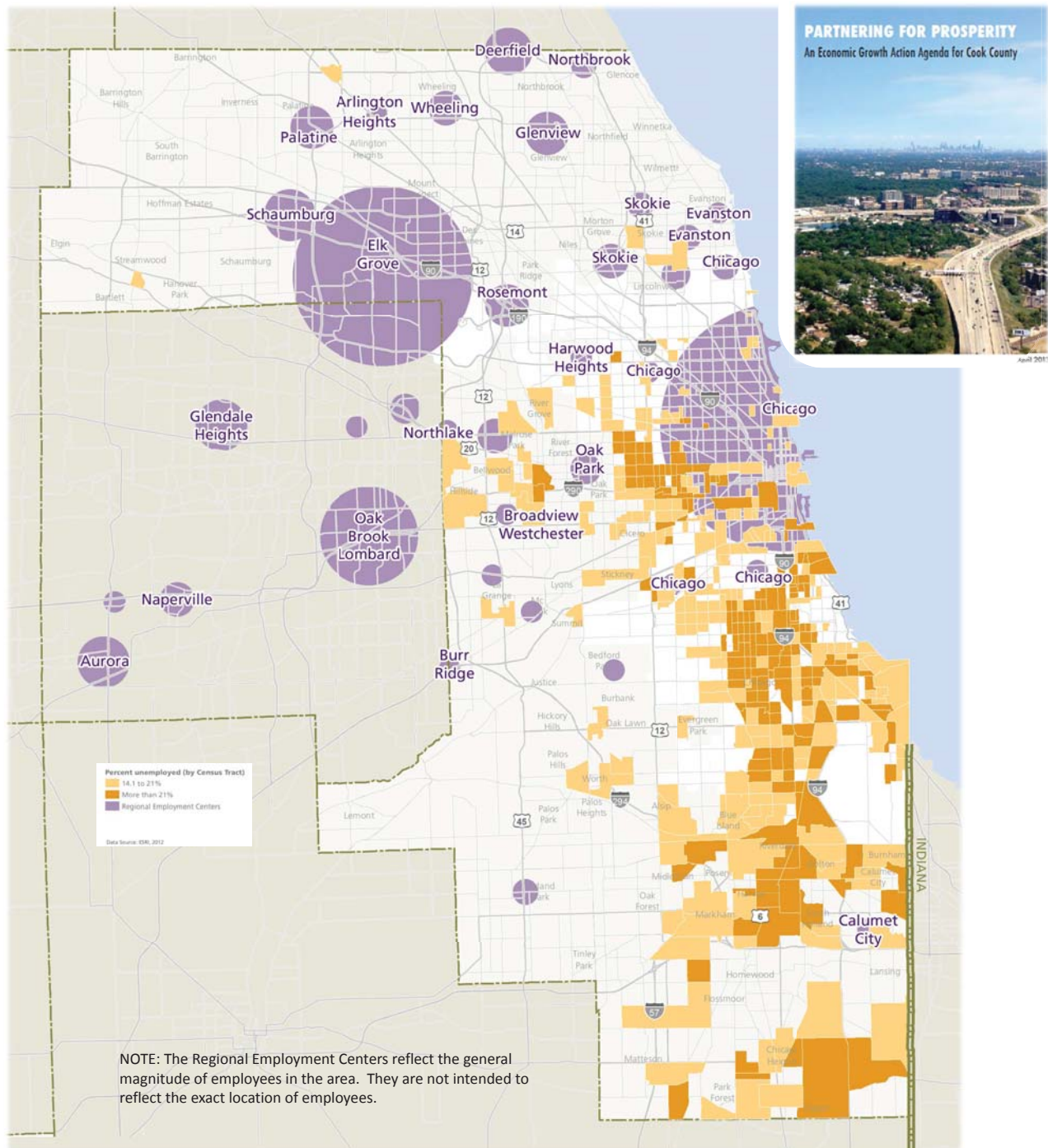
Implementation – Advance a plan that preserves, maintains, and strategically operates existing transportation assets while investing in the expansion and diversification of critical transportation services and infrastructure.



Making the Connection

Connecting Transportation and Economic Development

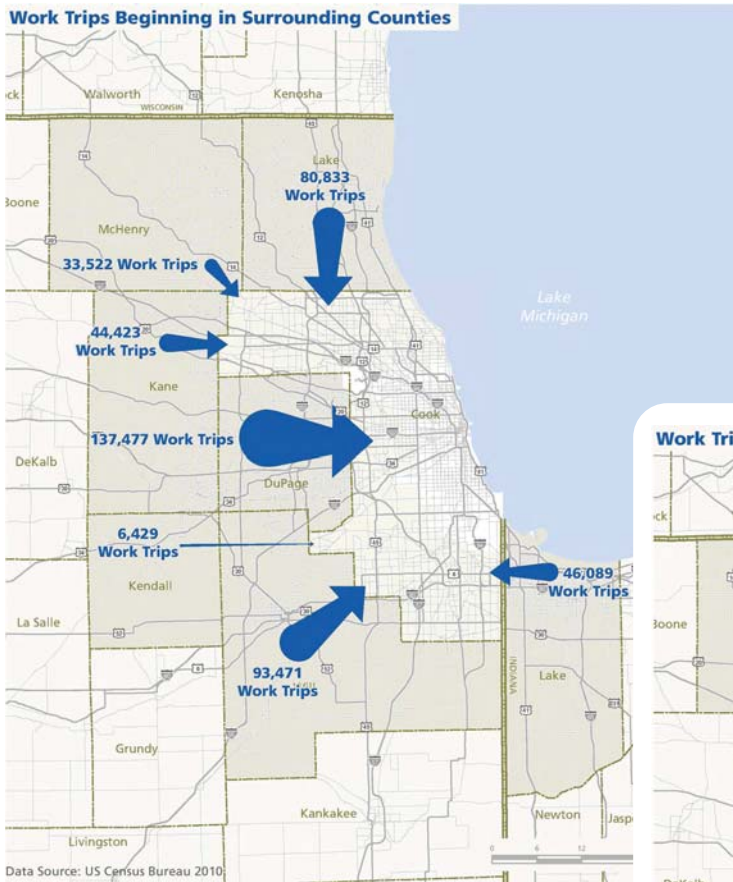
The Cook County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan recognizes the need to support economic development, grow our economy, and connect people to jobs by providing reliable and affordable transportation options. The plan looks to improve travel connections throughout the County by expanding transportation choice and providing the appropriate infrastructure to spur redevelopment, tying transportation investment to greater economic growth, making communities desirable places to live and work. The graphic below highlights the disconnect between areas of high unemployment and employment centers within Cook County.



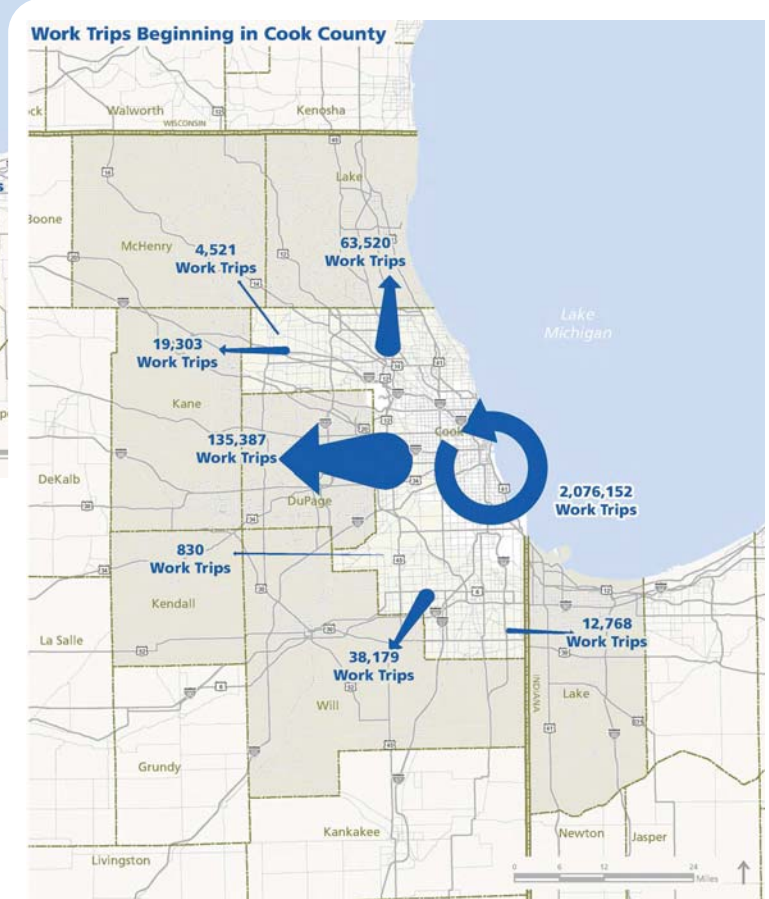
Connecting Counties

The Cook County 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan recognizes that the transportation needs of Cook County residents and business owners extend beyond the County borders. In order to grow our economy, we need to think regionally and globally to develop a world class transportation system. Over 440,000 daily work trips originate in adjacent counties and travel into Cook County and another 250,000 daily work trips originate in Cook County and travel out to adjacent counties. These commuting patterns highlight the need to enhance connections in suburban Cook County and to expand reliable transportation options including Metra and Pace.

Daily Work Trips to Cook County



Daily Work Trips leaving Cook County

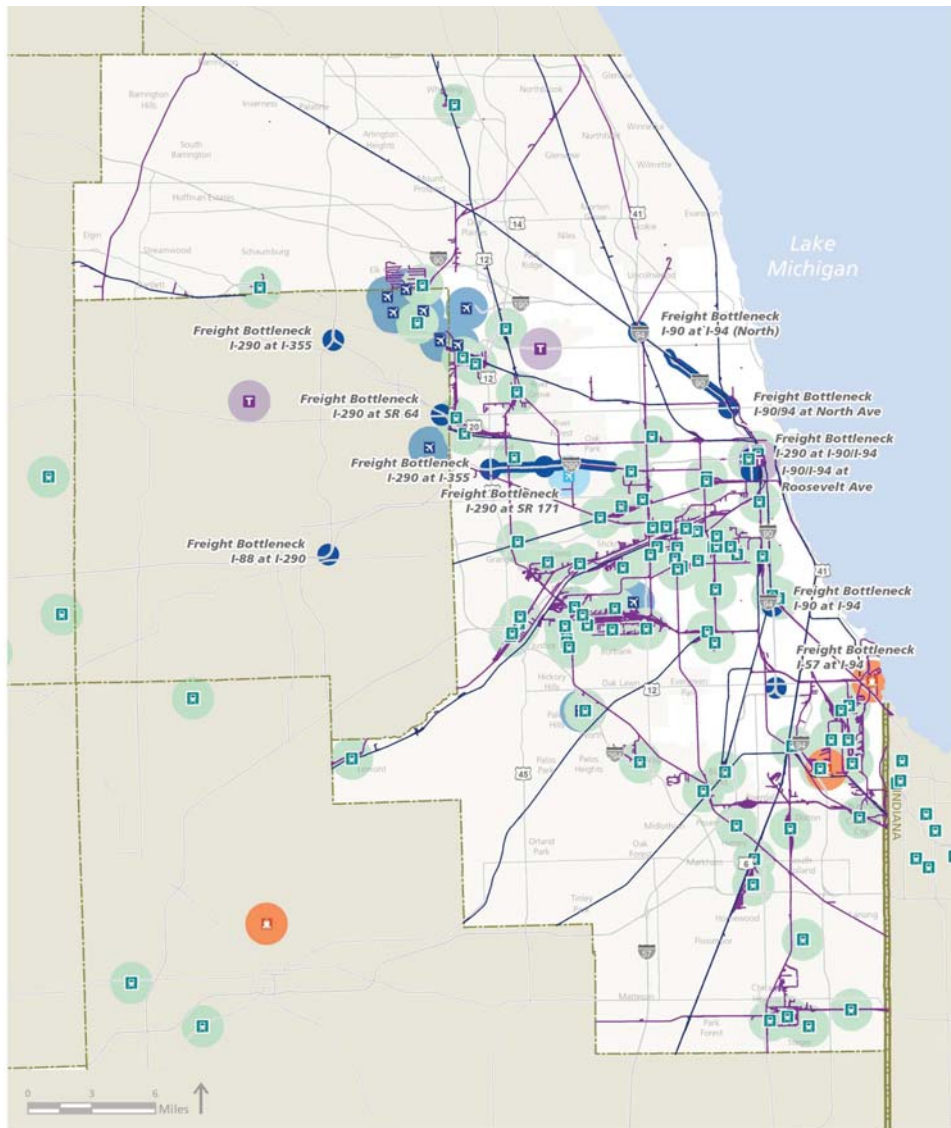




Accommodating Freight

Freight is Critical to Our Economy

Finding ways to better move and connect people within Cook County is an important part of this study. Equally important is the need to better move freight by truck, rail, air and water within and through Cook County. Today, the region remains the busiest rail hub in the United States as nearly 1,300 trains pass through on a daily basis – that’s approximately 500 freight and 760 passenger trains. The region also handles one-fourth of the nation's freight rail traffic along rail lines built more than a century ago that were not configured for the volumes and types of freight being carried. It is critical to our economy that we develop a world class transportation infrastructure that accommodates our existing and future freight needs.



- Freight Intermodal Centers - with One Mile Radius**
- Air-Truck
 - Rail-Truck
 - Truck-Truck
 - Air-Rail-Truck
 - Rail-Truck-Waterway

- PM Travel Time Index***
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- Passenger/Freight Rail
- Freight Only Rail
- Freight Bottlenecks

Regional Intermodal with Rail and Traffic Congestion

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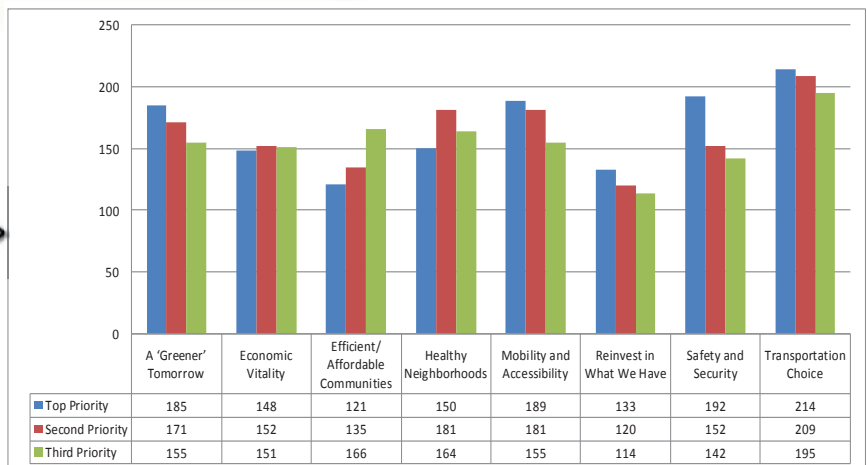
We've Heard You!

Phase I of MetroQuest identified opportunities to improve the transportation system.

During Phase I of the MetroQuest survey you told us you wanted a transportation system that provided more travel choice. Expanded public transportation services and more bicycle facilities through Cook County were desired.



Here are the top priorities identified in Phase I.



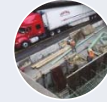
Future Year Transportation Scenarios

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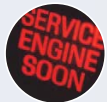
Picking Up Steam

- ❖ **Transportation:** Some new multi-jurisdictional projects
- ❖ **Funding/Spending:** More revenue from existing sources is directed to transportation projects
- ❖ **Land Use/Development:** Poor link between land use and transportation policies
- ❖ **Implications:** New investment focuses on more diverse transportation improvements that leverage governmental resources at all levels
- ❖ **Economic Impacts:** County's economy and communities improve but at a lower rate than expected



All Aboard

- ❖ **Transportation:** Aggressive modernization and system expansion across all forms of transportation
- ❖ **Funding/Spending:** Significant new federal, state and local tax revenues are enacted
- ❖ **Land Use/Development:** Support for infill development and transit/cargo oriented development
- ❖ **Implications:** Freight and public transportation networks vastly improved
- ❖ **Economic Impacts:** County is competitive nationally and in the region



Running on Empty

- ❖ **Transportation:** Preservation of existing infrastructure and services
- ❖ **Funding/Spending:** No new funding – transportation spending is very low
- ❖ **Land Use/Development:** Weak infill /reuse policies, no link between transportation spending and policy environment
- ❖ **Implications:** Current funding struggles to maintain the existing assets, and growth occurs at the urban fringe
- ❖ **Economic Impacts:** Economic vitality in the County stagnates or declines, moving elsewhere in the region



Stuck in First Gear

- ❖ **Transportation:** Small number of strategic projects targeted to economic development priorities
- ❖ **Funding/Spending:** Minor new revenue secured from existing sources
- ❖ **Land Use/Development:** Greater intergovernmental cooperation; more compact, mixed use, infill development
- ❖ **Implications:** Only enough new investment for highest priority areas
- ❖ **Economic Impacts:** County continues to lose market share in key industries

Low Density,
 Outward Growth

→
 Growth / Land Use

→
 Compact, Mixed-Use
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Tell Us YOUR Priorities

Weigh in on YOUR preferred scenario. Use the dots provided to express your preference for the following.



Running on Empty



Stuck in First Gear



Picking up Steam



All Aboard



Empty response box for 'Running on Empty' scenario.



Empty response box for 'Stuck in First Gear' scenario.



Empty response box for 'Picking up Steam' scenario.



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Take Our Survey!

Still Time to Take the Phase 2 Survey!

The Phase 2 Survey results provide the project team with important information that will help shape potential development and transportation investment scenarios within Cook County. You can still add your voice and weigh in on how Cook County should invest in future transportation improvements. Take our Phase 2 Survey now!

- **iPad**
iPads are available here this evening for you to complete the survey.
- **Connecting Cook County Website**
Visit our project website at connectingcookcounty.org and complete the survey online.

Connecting Cook County Website



Phase 2 Survey



- **Kiosks**
There are six kiosks located throughout Cook County. Please see a project team member for information regarding the current kiosk locations.



Coming Soon...MetroQuest Phase 3 Survey

A third and final survey will be available to the public in late March/early April. The Phase 3 survey will focus on potential projects, policies, and strategies for implementation throughout Cook County. Please check the project website often for this survey and additional project information. Also, be sure to provide us your email address and we will inform you when this survey is available. **Thanks! Your input is important!**