

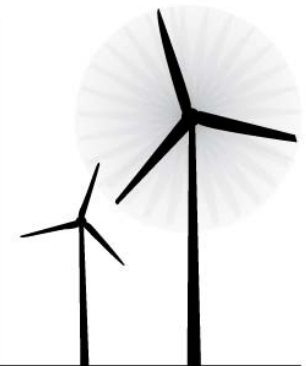
As the nation tightens its belt and looks for more promising means of investing in its own future, government and the private sector are looking for ways to get maximum return on the dollar. At the same time, problems such as aging transit systems, deteriorating bridges, stressed power grids, and outdated public water systems only serve to drag our national and regional economies further down, frustrating attempts to achieve environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic competitiveness.

Fortunately, the election of a new President and new Congress gives us a fresh start, and the opportunity to set a new agenda for informed, performance-driven infrastructure investment in the Great Lakes Megaregion and the nation.

On Nov. 17 Chicago's Metropolitan Planning Council and New York City's Regional Plan Association will identify and prioritize strategic investments in transportation, water, and energy, as well as develop policy recommendations for how the federal government can invest more directly in the metropolitan hubs that drive the Great Lakes Megaregion's economy. Leaders from the Great Lakes business, civic, government, and academic communities and around the country are encouraged to attend and help define this federal-regional agenda.

Featured speakers include Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (invited), Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley (invited), U.S. Rep Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) and U.S. Rep. Tom Petri (R-Wis.), and Canadian Minister of National Defense Peter Gordon MacKay. For a complete list of speakers and to register, please visit: www.metroplanning.org/greatlakesmegaregion.

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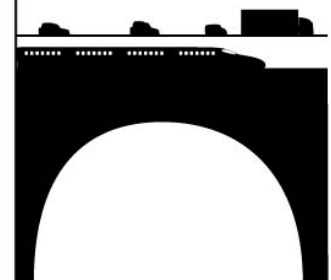
**Monday,
November 17, 2008**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker
in downtown Chicago

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AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 am: Morning Plenary Session

The National Context for Infrastructure Investment

MarySue Barrett, President, Metropolitan Planning Council
Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association
Anne Pramaggiore, Executive VP of Customer Operations,
Regulatory and External Affairs, ComEd.

Featured Speakers

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Hon. Peter Gordon MacKay, Canadian Minister of National
Defense and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway

Keynote Address

Hon. Edward Rendell, Governor, State of Pennsylvania (invited)
Hon. Richard M Daley, Mayor, City of Chicago (invited)

Plenary Panel

Meeting the Needs of the Great Lakes Megaregion in a National Infrastructure Investment Plan

Moderator: John F. McCarron, lecturer, the Medill School of
Journalism

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
U.S. Representative Thomas Petri (R-WI)

11:15 am – 12:30 pm: Cross-Border Infrastructure Challenges in the Great Lakes Megaregion: Water, Energy and Transportation (Concurrent Roundtables)

Energy

Moderator: Catherine Morris, the Keystone Center
Sadhu Johnston, Chief Environmental Officer for the City of
Chicago
Kyle Barry, Vice President of Business Expansion, McGuire
Woods Consulting
Wally Tyner, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue
Anne Evens, Director, Center for Neighborhood Technology
Energy
Val Jensen, Vice President, Marketing and Environmental
Programs, ComEd

Water

Moderator: Al Appleton, Former Commissioner, New York City Department of
Environmental Protection
Samuel W. Speck, Commissioner, International Joint Commission
Deborah Shore, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of
Greater Chicago
MaryAnn Dickinson, Executive Director, Alliance for Water Efficiency
Katherine Baer, Senior Director for Clean Waters, American Rivers
Cameron Davis, President, Alliance for the Great Lakes

Transportation

Moderator: Petra Todorovich, Director, America 2050
Ron Huberman, President, Chicago Transit Authority or Michael McLaughlin,
Chicago Transit Authority (invited)
Ann Drake, CEO, DSC Logistics
Maureen McAvey, Executive Vice President, Infrastructure Initiatives, Urban
Land Institute
Rob Puentes, Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution
Ilana Preuss, Director of Campaign Partnerships, T 4 America

12:30 pm: Luncheon Program

MPO Collaboration in the Great Lakes Megaregion

Moderator: Robin Snyderman, Vice President of Housing & Community
Development, Metropolitan Planning Council
Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for
Planning
Steve Ernst, Study Director, Rockford Area Transportation Study
Chester Jourdan, Executive Director, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Terry Kohlbuss, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Tony Reams, President, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments
John Swanson, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning
Commission
David Warm, Executive Director, Mid-America Regional Council

2:00 – 2:50 pm: Closing Plenary Session

Transformative Infrastructure Investments in the Megaregion: Report out from the Roundtables

Al Appleton, Catherine Morris, Petra Todorovich

Closing Remarks: U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)

3:00 Adjourn