

# Central Mississippi River ~ Regional Planning Partnership

*Creating a shared regional vision and goals, then working together to accomplish them*

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**December 3, 2020 7:30 a.m. ([Partnership and Staff Roster](#))**

- Under COVID-19 guidelines, in-person meeting will be held at Sherburne County Government Center - County Board Room, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River 55330
- Join the meeting from computer click [Here](#) Join by phone: **+1-510-338-9438** Meeting number (access code): **126 025 0263** Meeting password: **cR6B5DnJAS8** (27625365 from phones)

Lead and Time	Workshop Topics
<b>Chair Vetsch</b> 7:30 am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Welcome, introductions</b> (<a href="#">current public roster</a>)</li> <li>2. <b>Workshop purpose and format</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Purpose is for the Partners to address outstanding issues, questions, and concerns related to the Partnership and our current primary project, Framework 2030</li> <li>b. Workshop format promotes multiple perspectives and open conversation, and seeks ideas and guidance rather than formal decisions; this meeting will not be recorded but detailed notes will support ongoing discussions and future decisions</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Chair Vetsch</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>Follow up conversation and discussion about 10/22/20 FHWA &amp; MnDOT workshop</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Resource:</b> <a href="#">Presentation with speaker notes and Q&amp;A breakouts</a></li> <li>b. <b>Questions and discussion</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Members of ExComm</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>Review, discuss CMRP's reps, mission and core activities</b> &lt;CMRP <a href="#">overview, orientation</a>&gt;             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Update:</b> Clarify changes in CMRP representatives from recent local elections + any staff changes (<a href="#">current public roster</a>)</li> <li>b. <b>Review:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Mission:</b> The mission of the Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership is to develop and implement a compelling regional vision and framework that guides local decisions on thoughtful and collaborative planning, growth, and development to benefit both individual jurisdictions and the region as a whole.</li> <li>ii. <b>Tagline:</b> The Partnership uses this "tagline" on its letterhead, website, and other communications: Creating a shared regional vision and goals, then working together to accomplish them.</li> <li>iii. <b>Activities:</b> In the Partnership's current <a href="#">Joint Powers Agreement</a>, Partners identified the following activities consistent with its mission:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examining the impacts of growth on Partner jurisdictions.</li> <li>• Conducting studies defining and identifying priority improvements.</li> <li>• Preparing collaborative project design and delivery recommendations.</li> <li>• Studying various risks associated with improvement alternatives and associated timing of the construction of improvements.</li> <li>• Developing unified efforts across local and state interests to advocate for and secure public and grant funding for priority activities.</li> <li>• Building strong relationships with other jurisdictions, agencies, and groups committed to the Partnership's priorities to contribute to regional policy decisions and discussions.</li> <li>• Incorporating key stakeholder input in planning efforts and decisions.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Related and ancillary activities or common issues associated with the Partnership’s priorities as they evolve over time</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Liaison Marc Schneider</b></p>	<p><b>5. Review, discuss CMRP’s regional planning project/Framework 2030 <a href="#">Goals and Objectives</a></b> (summary below)</p> <p><b>a. Review these Goals and Objectives, finalized by Partnership in early 2020</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Partnership will develop, describe, and illustrate a collective regional vision and goals, inclusively engage stakeholders, and thoughtfully plan to maximize benefits and minimize negative impacts of growth. The Framework is expected to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish a unified set of regional goals, policies, and priorities that Partner communities work to achieve and implement; it is not a regional comprehensive plan</li> <li>2. Include guidance developed with Partner communities on how they can refine their local approaches, policies, plans, projects, and regulations over time to harmonize with the regional direction</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Based on decisions beginning at the June 2019 workshop, there was strong consensus around who, how, what and why of this effort; through the planning process, the Partnership intends to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reach consensus on major opportunities and choices that benefit the region, and successfully collaborate to maximize benefit and minimize risk</li> <li>2. Position Partners to be leaders and shape their own futures individually and collectively (rather than being the subjects of others’ decisions and direction)</li> <li>3. Support connectivity within the region, and between the region and beyond</li> </ol> </li> <li>iii. As a result of this regional planning project (<b>outcomes</b>), the desire is that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partners align around shared priorities and commitments</li> <li>2. The region is more collaborative and trusting</li> <li>3. There are beneficial regional outcomes in the short-, medium-, and long-terms</li> <li>4. Jurisdictions in the region make measurable, meaningful progress toward shared goals and priorities</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>b. Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Liaison Marc Schneider</b></p>	<p><b>6. CMRP regional planning project/Framework 2030: Review status/Round 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In September 2020, the Partnership reviewed, discussed, provided direction, and approved the conceptual direction, draft vision and strategies, and Round 2 questions, and formally <a href="#">authorized</a> Round 2 launch to gather feedback on draft vision and strategies through a combination of online tools and some in-person sessions</li> <li>b. By mid-October, staff/consultants prepared and launched the online <a href="#">survey</a> and organized/hosted a few in-person sessions. Planning staff have been “softly” promoting the online through some of the same networks used for Round 1, with minimal support from administrators and Partners. Attendance at in-person sessions in October and November was very small and total online respondents are under 50; by contrast, in Round 1 over 1,200 people contributed over 7,000 ideas/comments.</li> </ol> <p><b>7. CMRP regional planning project/Framework 2030: Discuss identified issues</b></p>

	<p>a. <b>Obligations, timing:</b> It is imperative that we gather Round 2 feedback from community stakeholders via the online survey, from the <i>Partnership</i> through a virtual engagement session, <i>and</i> from Partners' home elected and appointed bodies likely through a combination of online and virtual engagement sessions. Concerns have been expressed that in light of COVID, recent elections, ongoing and timely obligations, etc., Round 2 is not getting the support necessary to get the outcome needed.</p> <p>a. <b>Future plans for Round 2 virtual engagements with and hosted by Partner elected/appointed officials. Purpose is to ensure that every Partner elected body and appointed groups directly shape Framework 2030 decisions. These engagements will be supported by consultants and staff.</b></p> <p>b. <b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>Chair Vetsch</b></p>	<p><b>8. Plan next steps, future meeting agendas:</b> Based on discussions and guidance above, identify any <u>new</u> future CMRP work activities and/or agenda items. <u>Previously</u> identified CMRP work for December 2020-February 2021 includes the following:</p> <p>a. <b>CMRP governance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Prepare, review, and as needed receive/approve end-of-year financial reports, Workplan updates, and project updates</li> <li>ii. Seat, welcome, and provide formal orientations for new Partnership representatives and alternates</li> <li>iii. Update 2021 Partnership workplan</li> <li>iv. Finalize and approve 2021-22 working budget</li> <li>v. Make decisions about new Partner membership/recruitment</li> <li>vi. Elect 2021 officers</li> <li>vii. Complete and submit annual Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest declarations</li> <li>viii. Review, update as needed, and approve/reaffirm governance documents including the Joint Powers Agreement, bylaws, policies, agreements, and forms</li> </ol> <p>b. <b>CMRP regional planning project/Framework 2030</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Plan/host/participate in virtual workshops to provide Round 2 feedback on draft vision and key strategies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partnership</li> <li>2. Partner elected and appointed bodies</li> <li>3. Other key stakeholders in region</li> </ol> </li> <li>ii. Conduct/participate in Partnership workshop to review and discuss Round 2 feedback analyses and resulting proposed revisions to conceptual framework, vision, and regional strategies; provide direction and approval</li> <li>iii. Review and provide guidance on draft Framework 2030 materials, action plan, and related; finalize and take action</li> </ol> <p>c. <b>New/additional items?</b></p> <p>d. <b>Plan for Partnership work:</b> Extra meeting in December? Two meetings in January?</p>
<p>9:00 am</p>	<p><b>9. Close workshop</b></p>