

Central Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership

June 10, 2021 -- 7:30-9:00 am, Sherburne County Government Center, County Board Room <under COVID-19, meetings are either in-person or virtual; see [Agenda](#) for dial-in information>

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda

1. Introduction

- Welcome and call to order
- Introductions/roll call (in person and online)

2. Agenda: Options for CMRP's path forward

Starter proposal from ExComm

Issue/rationale: With the recent adoption of the Framework 2030 [vision, strategies, action plan](#), and [working timeline](#) (plus the CMRP's own approved [workplan](#)), the Partnership is positioned to discuss, refine, and reach consensus on a path forward to advance those commitments.

- CMRP over the next 12-18 months:
 - This summer: Partners use final Framework 2030 + and supporting communication tools (Exec. Summary, slide deck, etc.) to present Framework 2030 to their jurisdictions and share publicly
 - Partner jurisdictions continue allocating staff for action plan work
 - ExComm + others will meet with CMRP administrators before next meeting to discuss and agree on what's realistic
 - As soon as possible, hire staff contractor (and consultants as needed) to advance the action plan
 - Request for authorization for ExComm + others to proceed with contractor description and hiring process
 - Partner jurisdictions continue in current form, drafting budgets in July each year (tied to approved action/work plans) and refining them each January

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- In 2021, CMRP formally supports the two counties to apply for designation as a federal Economic Development District (EDD); this process takes a year or more
 - Over time, CMRP transitions the FW2030 vision, regional strategies, and action plan to the EDD to continue moving the work forward
 - CMRP remains as a regional advisory group that provides guidance and perspectives to the EDD

Budget implications:

- There are budget implications associated with previous action items and workplan decisions
- There are probably no impacts on the 2022 initial budget (July 2021), but if CMRP advances the EDD and itself moves toward a more formal advisory role, then there could be reductions in the overall budget / member dues in the refined 2022 budget (January 2022) or by CMRP action later in 2022.