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Dear Burnham Plan Centennial Partners and Friends:

We are at the end of a phenomenal year—and at a turning point for Metropolitan Chicago. Thanks to you—our Burnham program partners—we engaged a broad public who demonstrated their deep interest in the Chicago region's history and future. You inspired and educated millions of adults and children, and moved forward to protect thousands of acres of open space and connect the region with hundreds of miles of trails. And you helped engage people in the first regional Plan since Burnham and Bennett's: CMAP's *GO TO 2040* plan.

CMAP wants to build on the momentum we have generated together as partners. Like the 1909 Plan, publication of the document is a small step—engaging a broad public in implementing it will be the key to making this next comprehensive regional plan influential in shaping the 21st Century metropolis.

Please take a minute to respond to [Randy Blankenhorn's invitation](#) to learn more about the CMAP plan in January—and consider seriously CMAP's request to be part of inspiring the public about implementing the next regional vision.

Thank you again for your extraordinary collaboration and leadership this year. While this marks our final Burnham Plan Centennial E-news, please know that thanks to the University of Chicago's commitment, our website will remain a source of information for at least the next five years, and we look forward to sending you a copy of our final report summarizing the Centennial.

Sincerely,

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