

# Get involved

Over the next year, CMAP will publish reports and updates in the following areas as part of the ongoing development of ON TO 2050. There will also be topical forums and workshops to attend throughout the year. Please mark the topics about which you would like to receive more details, and don't forget to include your contact information.

- Demographic trends
- Climate resilience
- Green infrastructure
- Stormwater management/  
water resources
- Housing supply and affordability
- Inclusive growth
- Economic clusters and resilience
- Lands in transition
- Infill and transit  
oriented development
- Tax policies and land use impacts
- Reinvestment and infill
- Shared services/consolidation
- Community capacity
- Socioeconomic forecast
- Transportation system funding
- Transportation asset conditions
- New transportation technology
- Transit modernization
- Highway operations
- Freight system, planning,  
and policy

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Name and Title

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Organization

- I would like to co-host an ON TO 2050 workshop.



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## About CMAP

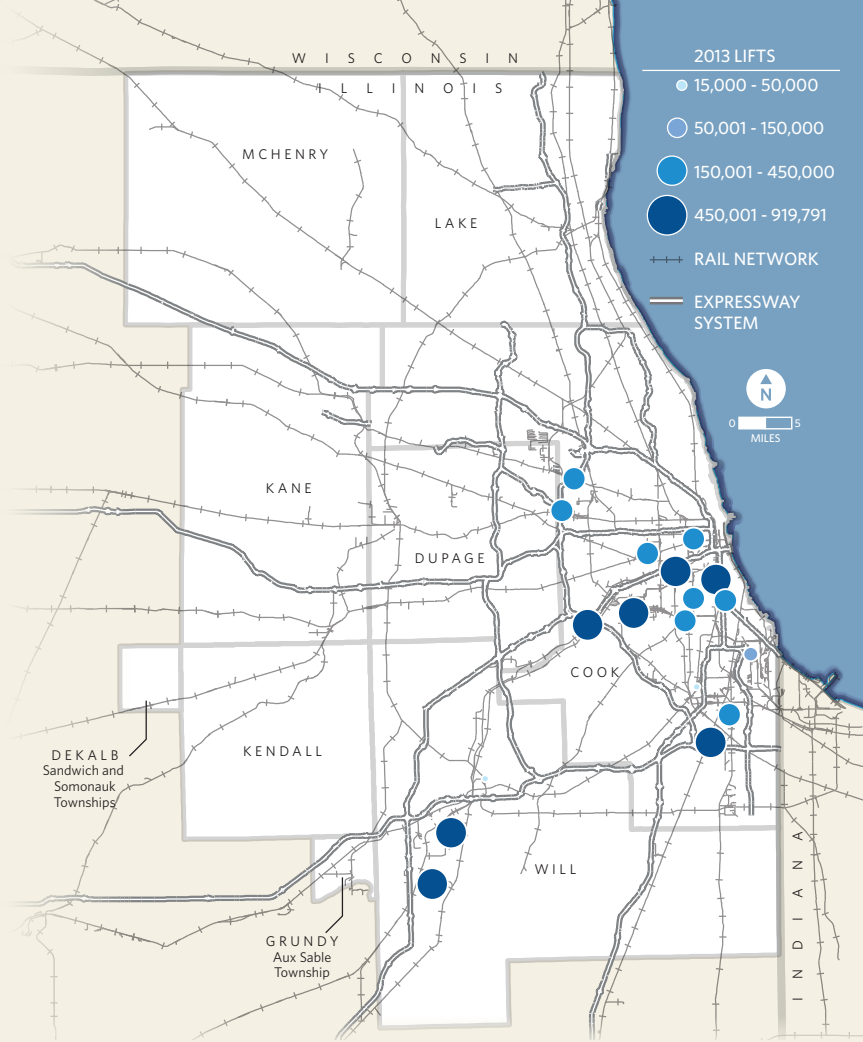
The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is the region's official comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois to implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

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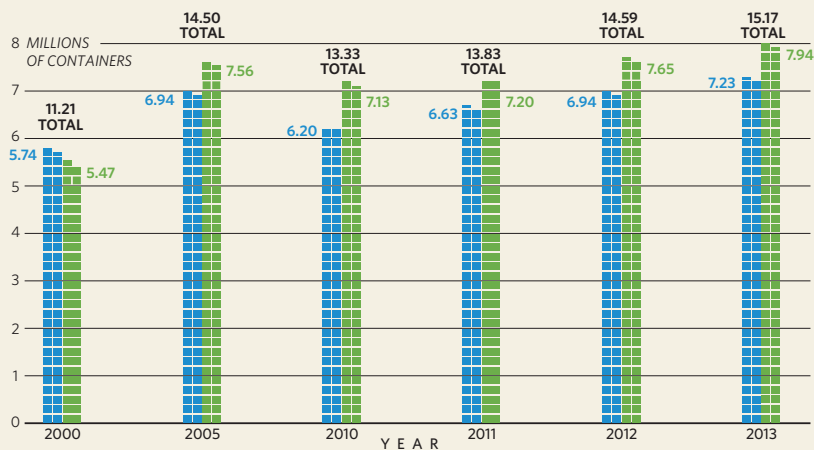
# FREIGHT SYSTEM

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■ = 100,000 CONTAINERS AND TRAILERS, CHICAGO BEA AREA  
 ■ = 100,000 CONTAINERS AND TRAILERS, REST OF U.S.



### Metropolitan Chicago is the nation's freight hub.

An unmatched combination of freight transportation modes and infrastructure has contributed to the region's position as a hub for both domestic and international freight. A quarter of all freight in the nation originates, terminates, or passes through metropolitan Chicago. The region's concentration in intermodal moves is even more striking, with about half of the nation's intermodal shipments touching the Chicago area.

### Freight is an economic driver of the region.

The region's concentration in freight provides substantial direct employment, with our freight cluster accounting for 200,000 jobs and over \$13 billion in personal income for the residents of northeastern Illinois. The freight system touches almost every other economic sector and is especially pronounced in industries that rely on the frequent shipment of inputs and/or outputs, including manufacturing, construction, and retail trade.

### Many challenges face the regional freight system.

Freight movements are projected to grow significantly in the coming decades. However, the freight system today already faces high levels of congestion and often operates on aging transportation facilities. And freight activity can have significant impact on the region's communities.

### How ON TO 2050 can improve the freight system.

The region is in the process of developing a freight plan as part of the ON TO 2050 development process. This plan will include a detailed analysis of existing conditions, including the identification of locations in need of improvement and further study. The plan will also make public policy recommendations to promote more coordination among jurisdictions and prioritization of freight needs.

Learn more at [www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/ONTO2050).

### Chicago region active intermodal facilities by total lifts, 2013

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of railroad data.

### Intermodal rail movements in the U.S. and Chicago Bureau of Economic Analysis area, select years

Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning analysis of 2013 Surface Transportation Board Carload Waybill Sample.

# FREIGHT SYSTEM

## This is your plan

Help us develop ON TO 2050 by providing your input below.

① In your opinion, what is the single most important freight issue facing trucking in the region?

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② In your opinion, what is the single most important issue facing freight rail in the region?

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③ How does freight affect your community?

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④ Please state your role relative to freight issues (e.g., private carrier or shipper, public agency, non-profit, citizen).

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