

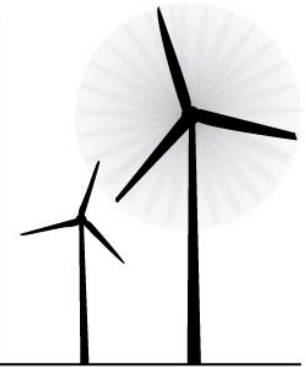
# CONFERENCE AGENDA

**A**s 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 At the same time, problems such as aging transit systems, deteriorating bridges, stressed power grids, and outdated public water systems only serve to drag our national and regional economies further down, frustrating attempts to achieve environmental sustainability, social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.

Today's event is an opportunity to 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.

The America 2050 effort is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, Surdna Foundation, and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Local sponsors of the conference and the evening film screening include the American Society of Civil Engineers, Builders Association, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., CN, Illinois American Water, Illinois Railroad Association, and NIPSCO. The Metropolitan Planning Council and Regional Plan Association are extremely grateful to our funders and sponsors.



## Rebuilding & Renewing America

Infrastructure Choices in the Great Lakes Megaregion

**An America 2050 Forum**

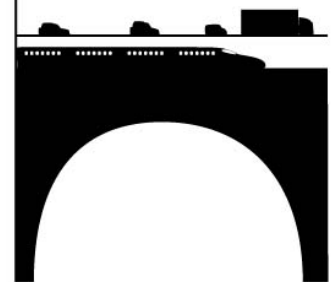
**Monday, November 17, 2008**

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

Hyatt Regency, 151 E. Wacker in downtown Chicago

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## AGENDA

**8:00 am: Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 – 10:00 am: Morning Session**

### **The National Context for Infrastructure Investment**

MarySue Barrett, President, Metropolitan Planning Council  
Robert Yaro, President, Regional Plan Association

### **A Business Perspective on Infrastructure Investment**

Anne Pramaggiore, Executive VP of Customer Operations,  
Regulatory and External Affairs, ComEd.

### **Featured Speakers**

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.)

Hon. Peter Gordon MacKay, Canadian Minister of National  
Defense and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway

### **10:00 – 10:45 am: Plenary Panel: Meeting Great Lakes Megaregion Needs in a National Infrastructure Plan**

**Moderator:** John McCarron, lecturer, Medill School of  
Journalism

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.)

U.S. Representative Thomas Petri (R-Wis.)

**10:45 – 11:00 am: Break**

### **11:00 am – 12:20 pm: Concurrent Roundtables on Cross- Border Infrastructure Challenges in the Great Lakes Megaregion: Water, Energy and Transportation**

#### **Water**

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**Moderator:** Al Appleton, Former Commissioner, New York  
City Department of Environmental Protection

Katherine Baer, Senior Director for Clean Waters, American  
Rivers

Cameron Davis, President, Alliance for the Great Lakes

MaryAnn Dickinson, Executive Director, Alliance for Water  
Efficiency

Deborah Shore, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of  
Greater Chicago

Samuel W. Speck, Commissioner, International Joint Commission

#### **Energy**

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**Moderator:** Catherine Morris, the Keystone Center

Kyle Barry, VP of Business Expansion, McGuire Woods Consulting

Anne Evens, Director, Center for Neighborhood Technology Energy

Val Jensen, VP, Marketing and Environmental Programs, ComEd.

Sadhu Johnston, Chief Environmental Officer for the City of Chicago

Wally Tyner, Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

#### **Transportation**

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**Moderator:** Petra Todorovich, Director, America 2050

Ann Drake, CEO, DSC Logistics

Michael McLaughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff for Federal Affairs, Chicago Transit  
Authority

Maureen McAvey, Executive VP, Infrastructure Initiatives, Urban Land Institute

Ilana Preuss, Director of Campaign Partnerships, T 4 America

Rob Puentes, Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution

### **12:30 – 1:50 pm: Luncheon Program: MPOs in the Great Lakes Megaregion**

**Moderator:** Robin Snyderman, VP 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 Kohlbus, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

John Swanson, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning  
Commission

David Warm, Executive Director, Mid-America Regional Council

### **2:00 – 2:30 pm: Report out from the Roundtables**

**Moderator:** MarySue Barrett, President, Metropolitan Planning Council

Al Appleton, Catherine Morris, Petra Todorovich

**2:30 – 3:00 pm: Closing Remarks:** U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-  
OR)

**3:00 pm: Adjourn:** MarySue Barrett, President, Metropolitan Planning Council