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In 2006, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) was formed with the merging of the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC). Almost a year later, the merge is nearing completion and the need to articulate the successes of CMAP's mission to its stakeholders is upon them. To accomplish the aforementioned task, CMAP has approached the public administration graduate program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who in turn has selected three graduate students (The Capstone Group) to develop a set of performance measures. The length of the project coincides with the University of Illinois at Chicago's Spring Semester, which is January 4 – May 11, 2007. The following is that report, which should be considered a stepping-stone for the future.

Performance measures are objective, quantitative indicators of various aspects of the performance and effectiveness of public programs

or agencies. Performance measures focus on results, based on an organization's goals and objectives.

The Capstone Group based its work on CMAP's *Strategic Report on Visioning, Governance and Funding* (issued in 2006) and on a list of 52 regional goals from NIPC's 2040 *Regional Framework Plan* that will be the bases of CMAP's 2010 Integrated Plan. The performance measures included in this report are examples of quantifiable outcomes based on these 52 regional goals

Since CMAP is a very young agency, the Capstone Group felt that it would be beneficial to devise macro-level performance measures. As CMAP develops, more detailed programmatic performance indicators can be defined within the integrated plan in the future. The priorities and projects that CMAP develops from its 2010 integrated plan will link CMAP's mission and goals outlined in the strategic plan to the development of specific indicators and measures in a long-term timeframe.