



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Chicago Metropolis 2020 Featured At 2002 APA Conference

The leadership of Chicago Metropolis 2020 will be featured on the program of the American Planning Association's (APA) 2002 National Planning Conference to be held next week at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

The APA conference brings together 5,000 planners, appointed and elected officials, allied professionals, and students for five days of in-depth discussions. The APA is a nonprofit public interest and research organization committed to urban, suburban, regional, and rural planning.

The events featuring Chicago Metropolis 2020 participants include the following:

- George A. Ranney, Jr., President and CEO of Chicago Metropolis 2020, and Don Turner, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor and member of the executive council of Chicago Metropolis 2020, will participate in a forum examining new policy tools that promote good planning and economically competitive communities. The forum will begin at 8:45 a.m. Monday, April 15. During that program, the APA will present Legislator of the Year Awards to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan; U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, D-North Carolina; and U.S. Rep. John Peterson, R-Pennsylvania.
- Frank So, Senior Advisor to Chicago Metropolis 2020 and former Executive Director of the APA, will moderate a panel discussion of private vs. public sector careers in planning. Heather Smith, Program Manager at Chicago Metropolis 2020, will be a panel member. The event will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.
- Frank So also will be on a panel titled "Bold New Planning" at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 17. MarySue Barrett, President of the Metropolitan Planning Council and a member of the executive council of Chicago Metropolis 2020, also will be a panel member.
- Frank Beal, Executive Director of Chicago Metropolis 2020, will discuss regional visioning programs on a panel that will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

For additional conference information and Complimentary Media Registration Passes, contact Kim McKeggie, APA, 202-872-0611.

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News reporters also are welcome to attend a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Chicago Architecture Center, 224 S. Michigan Ave. The building once housed the offices of Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the 1909 Plan of Chicago. The reception will honor Envision Utah, the recipient of the APA's 2002 Daniel H. Burnham Award. Envision Utah, which is a business-led organization working to improve the Salt Lake City region, parallels some of the work of Chicago Metropolis 2020. The firm headed by John Fregonese and Peter Calthorpe has been the principal consultant for Envision Utah and is assisting Chicago Metropolis 2020 with the creation of the Metropolis Plan for Growth & Transportation.

About Chicago Metropolis 2020

Chicago Metropolis 2020, a non-profit organization created in 1999 by The Commercial Club of Chicago, promotes innovative solutions to long-term challenges facing the Chicago region. With a strong base in the business community, the Executive Council includes representatives of labor, government, faith-based groups and other civic organizations. For additional information about Chicago Metropolis 2020, visit the web site www.chicagometropolis2020.org or call 312-332-2020.

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