



# 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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## Conference Agenda

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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.

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## 8:00 a.m.: Continental Breakfast

## 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.: Morning Session (Grand Ballroom E/F)

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

Rebuilding and Renewing America

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)

North American Transportation,  
Gateways and Corridors

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

## 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.: Plenary Panel (Grand Ballroom E/F)

The Great Lakes Megaregion and a National Infrastructure Plan

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)

U.S. Rep. Thomas Petri (R-WI)

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

## 10:45 to 11:00 a.m.: Break

## 11:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.: Concurrent Roundtables

Cross-Border Infrastructure Challenges in the Great Lakes Megaregion: Water, Energy and Transportation

### Water (in Columbus A/B)

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*

Debra Shore, *Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*

Samuel W. Speck, *Commissioner, International Joint Commission*

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

### Energy (in Columbus C/D)

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, City of Chicago*

Wally Tyner, *Professor of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University*

Moderator: Catherine Morris, *Director for Energy Practice, The Keystone Center*

### Transportation (in Columbus E/F)

Ann Drake, *CEO, DSC Logistics*

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

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

Ilana Preuss, *Director of Campaign Partnerships, T4America*

Rob Puentes, *Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution*

Moderator: Petra Todorovich, *Director, America 2050*

## 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.: Luncheon Program (Grand Ballroom C/D)

MPOs in the Great Lakes Megaregion

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 Kohlbuss, *Executive Director,*

*Tri-County Regional Planning Commission*

John Swanson, *Executive Director,*

*Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission*

David Warm, *Executive Director, Mid-America Regional Council*

Moderator: Robin Snyderman, *VP of Housing & Community Development, Metropolitan Planning Council*

## 2:00 to 2:50 p.m.: Report out from the Roundtables (Grand Ballroom E/F)

MarySue Barrett, Al Appleton, Catherine Morris, Petra Todorovich

## 2:50 to 3:00 p.m.: Closing Remarks

MarySue Barrett and Robert Yaro