

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANNING

Population	The Commission estimates the region's current population every year. It also issues reports on characteristics of the population.
Building	A two-year study of housing and building code adoption, administration and standardization is being conducted. Housing characteristics are reported annually.
Economy	Many economic studies have been published and others are being conducted. Subjects include economic profiles, land requirements, and the outlook for research and development, for example.
Airports	A two-year study of airports and related facilities in the region and long-range needs for civil aviation is being conducted.
Highways	The Commission is the agency chiefly responsible for coordination of local planning with the State Highway Department in regard to federal-aid highways, including staff work for the Technical Coordinating Committee.
Transit	A comprehensive survey and a program of rapid transit have been completed and the Commission is now concerned with aiding in implementation.
Parks	The region's need for nature preserves and related outdoor recreation facilities has been studied and the Commission is now working to implement the program it has suggested.
Water	The Commission acts as a clearing house for information concerning water supply and removal of waste.
Inter-government	A Metropolitan Council of Local Governments has been organized under the Commission's auspices. It will be of invaluable worth in dealing with problems common to the region.