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### Shared Mobility Summit Registration is Open

Register now for the 2018 Shared Mobility Summit taking place March 12th -14th in Chicago. Topics will cover the latest developments in carsharing, shared autonomous and electric vehicles, bikesharing, senior mobility, and more. Visit the Shared Mobility Summit page for more information and to register: <u>http://</u> sharedusemobilitycenter. org/about/

### **Road to Zero Grant Program**

The Road to Zero Coalition's 2018 Safe System Innovation Grants cycle is now open until the end of January. Grants will be awarded in the spring. They are eager to advance the deployment of their Proven Safety Countermeasures, targeting local and rural roads through this grant program. State DOTs, local and municipal transportation agencies and others are eligible to apply.

Proposals must cite the evidence of effectiveness on the project. Proposed projects that link behavioral, roadway, or vehicle elements will be given special consideration. Projects shall have measurable objectives and generalizable results. There is

no limit on the number of grant proposals an organization can submit.

More information, along with instructions on how to apply can **OFHWA** be found here: <u>https://goo.gl/nFX9rw</u>



### Save the Date!

January 10	CMAP Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
January 18	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
	12:30 p.m. Kane County Goverment Center
January 19	CMAP Transportation Committee, 9:30 a.m.
January 23	CMAP COM Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m.
January 24	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee, 9:30 a.m
February 14	CMAP Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
February 20	CMAP COM Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m.
February 23	CMAP Transportation Committee, 9:30 a.m.

Events are also listed on the KKCOM Events and News Page, <u>kkcom.org/News.aspx</u> For a complete CMAP meeting schedule visit, <u>www.cmap.illinois.gov/events</u>

# **Regional Active Mobility Program**

The idea that grew out of the Fox Valley Sustainability Network's Transportation and Economic Development Task Force is based on 1) the recommendations from other CMAP LTA plans such as the Fox River Corridor Plan, Aurora's Downtown Master Plan and the Village of Carpentersville Health Impact Assessment, 2) the "Trail Town Fox Valley" Big Ideas Presentation by Trails For Illinois at GreenTown 2017 and 3) the success of Aurora's Zagster bike share program, where bicycles are made available for shared use to individuals on a very short term basis. The program can be broken down into three main components: Bike Share, Wayfinding, and Tourism:

#### **Bike Share:**

The City of Aurora rolled out bike sharing with Zagster in 2016. The expansion of a bike share program through the region would be the back-bone of the Regional Active Mobility Program.

#### <u>Wayfinding:</u>

To encourage activity by bike share members, runners, walkers, and bicyclists

alike the Regional Active Mobility Program would include a wayfinding

program with consistent and user-friendly design elements throughout all the communities.

#### Tourism:

The first two components of the Regional Active Mobility Program lead to the third: growing mobility-based tourism and commerce. Mobility-based tourism, attractions centered around trails and other biking and walking amenities, holds a tremendous potential for increased commerce and economic development for communities.

The RAMP team will begin working to encourage participation of all communities along the Fox River Trail. You can find out more information about Aurora's RAMP on their <u>website</u>. If your agency is interested in participating in the program, please contact KKCOM staff and we will direct you to the appropriate contact.

## New Bike Law Effective January 1, 2018

This new bike law will go into effect on January 1, 2018 after passing in August of 2017. The new law states that a driver of a motor vehicle may overtake and pass to the left of a bicycle proceeding in the same direction on a portion of a highway designated as a no-passing zone when:

(1) the bicycle is traveling at a speed of less than half of the posted speed limit of the highway;

(2) the driver is able to overtake and pass the bicycle without exceeding the posted speed limit of the highway; and

(3) there is sufficient distance to the left of the centerline of the highway for the motor vehicle to meet the overtaking and passing requirements in the Code.

It also allows any person operating a bicycle or motorized pedal cycle to use the shoulder of a roadway, and that the rear of a bicycle may be equipped with a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light (rather than only a red light) visible from a distance of 500 feet in addition to or instead of a red reflector (rather than in addition to a red reflector).

### **Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding Opportunity**

The Federal "Recreational Trails Program" (RTP), was created through the National Recreational Trail Fund Act (NRTFA) as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and re-authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This program provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails.

### Examples of eligible project activities include:

Trail construction and rehabilitation, restoration of areas adjacent to trails damaged by unauthorized trail users, construction of trail-related support facilities and amenities, acquisition from willing sellers of trail corridors through easements or fee simple title.

The Federal Recreational Trails (RTP) grant program will be accepting applications from January 1, 2018 until 5pm on March 1, 2018.





### Long Range Transportation Plan Survey Input

The update to the Kane County Long Range Transportation Plan continues. We have concluded the input exercises and the feedback collected over the past few months at various meetings will assist in the outcome of the update. The first two of four planning and prioritization workshops were conducted with the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee on October 19th and the KKCOM Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee on October 25th. The third and fourth meetings took place at the Full Council Meeting on November 28, and the Ride in Kane Paratransit Meeting on December 5.

KKCOM would like to thank everyone who participated in providing input over the past two months. All of the data gathered is invaluable in moving forward with the plan update.

### **CMAP** News

#### CMAP Census Workshops

CMAP will host its annual hands-on workshops introducing U.S. Census data use for urban planning, (CPUP). The primary goal of the CPUP program is to take the mystery and confusion out of navigating the U.S. Census Bureau website. Data users accomplish this through guided hands-on experience using the website. There are two parts to each program. First is a general introduction to the U.S. Census website. The second portion features more specific census data by topic areas shown below:

- January 17, 2018 Geography, Maps & Data
- February 21, 2018 Housing
- March 21, 2018 Poverty
- April 18, 2018 Health
- May 16, 2018 Medley (detailed data for variety of topics)

Attendees are expected to either bring their own laptop or borrow one of three laptops available from CMAP free of charge on a first come, first served basis. Preregistration is required. All presentations will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at CMAP, (233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606).

Contact Jon Hallas (jhallas@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8764, for more information or to RSVP.

### Transit Modernization and Innovation

A new CMAP strategy paper, Transit Modernization and Innovation, explores how innovation, investment, and modernization can make our regional transit system successful for decades to come. Recommendations include increasing funds for mass transit, ensuring equitable access, creating smart public and private partnerships, integrating land use planning, and improving coordination across transit agencies. Also available are strategy papers on Highway Operations and Emerging Transportation Technology.

### **Congestion Pricing**

The Illinois Department of Transportation has proposed adding two new congestion-priced lanes in each direction to manage congestion on the Stevenson Expressway. Congestion pricing is GO TO 2040 recommendation, and CMAP supports this effort provided that any public-private arrangement to execute the plan is carefully structured to protect the public interest. You can read more in the Chicago Tribune. The columbia Chronicle and WILL-AM radio in Champaign-Urbana also recently reported on potential benefits and other considerations for implementing congestion pricing in the Chicago region.



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