

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

FFY23-27 KKOM STP-L Call For Projects Update

The STP-L FFY 23-27 Draft Program has been published and is open for public comment until **Friday, July 8**. The scores and draft program can be found on [KKCOM's website](#). Here are the remaining milestones:

- **July 14** - KKOM TPC agenda packet posts on KKOM website
- **July 21** - KKOM TPC meeting, vote to adopt program
- **August/September** - KKOM Full Council to vote on new program
- **September 16** - CMAP Transportation Committee votes on new program
- **October 12** - CMAP MPO Policy Committee votes for final program adoption

Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program

Under the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#), the USDOT announced that the [\(SS4A\) Program](#) is a \$1 Billion Program for FFY 2022 which is targeted to assist with ensuring safe streets and roads for all, and to address the national roadway safety crisis. The [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) and [additional resources](#) can be found in [Circular Letter 2022-14](#). Applications from eligible entities must be submitted by 4:00 PM CDT on **Thursday, September 15, 2022**.

Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program – Federal Section 130 Funds

The Illinois Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the [Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program](#) for FY2023 and FY2024. This program aims to improve safety at local agency railroad/highway crossings by installing new warning devices, upgrading existing warning devices, incentives for voluntary closures, and other related rail/highway safety improvements. Due to the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#), the Section 130 program now includes an increase of the federal share to 100 percent. Applications are due **July 29**.

U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning and Capital Construction Grants

The [Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) discretionary grant program](#) is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization. Visit the [RCP Program website](#) to access the [NOFO](#). DOT will host a [webinar](#) on **July 14** ([register here](#)). Applications are due **October 13**.

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SAVE THE DATE

July 19	CMAP Council of Mayors
July 21	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
July 29	CMAP Transportation Committee
August 11	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
TBD - August	KKCOM Bike/Ped
TBD	KKCOM Full Council

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING 2023 CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP-SHARED CALL FOR PROJECTS

In order to be eligible to apply for CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP-SF funding in the January 2023 Call For Projects, Phase I Engineering must be "substantially complete". More information to follow on this topic.

STATE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Bridge Investment Program

FHWA is accepting applications for the [Bridge Investment Program](#), which helps replace, rehabilitate, and preserve the nation's bridges. More than \$2.4 billion in grant funding is available for federal fiscal year 2022. The program also expands the list of eligible applicants to include all levels of government. Applications for large bridge projects (eligible costs more than \$100 million) are due **Tuesday, August 9, 2022**. Applications for smaller projects (less than \$100 million) are due **Thursday, September 8, 2022**.

KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Bike Ped Plan Update

A kick-off meeting will be held on **July 12** between KKKOM staff and consultants from Epstein and WSP to begin work on updating the [2012 Kane County Bike Ped Plan](#). The plan update will be underway from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023. It is requested that member municipalities prioritize attendance to the KKKOM Bike Ped Committee, where much of the outreach development and milestone updates will likely occur. KKKOM staff anticipates the next Bike Ped Committee meeting to be held in **August**.

Kane County Bike Share Program

The RFP for the Kane County Bike Share Program is being processed and will be available for bid early July. The Bike Share Program intends to promote connectivity and the availability of bicycle infrastructure throughout the KKKOM region.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN TRANSPORTATION

Immediate GATA Relief as Granted by Public Act 102-1092 (HB 4489)

On June 10th, Governor Pritzker signed [HB4489](#), creating [Public Act 102-1092](#). This Public Act amends the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA); and provides that the requirements established under the Act do not apply to awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Department of Transportation to units of local government for the purposes of transportation projects utilizing State, federal funds, or both State and federal funds. In addition, the Act shall recognize that federal and federal pass-through awards from the Department of Transportation to units of local government are governed by and must comply with specified federal guidelines (2 CFR 200).

Township Bidding Threshold Raised to \$30,000

On May 6th, Governor Pritzker signed [HB4251](#), creating [Public Act 102-728](#). This Public Act raised the threshold at which Townships are required to bid from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The Public Act was effective immediately. Townships are no longer required to bid purchases that are less than \$30,000. However, soliciting quotes and finding the best value from multiple sources, is still encouraged, when Townships are making purchases for less than \$30,000. For clarity, the purchasing limit for Road Districts remains at \$20,000, based on 605 ILCS 5/201.7. This law has minimal impact on MFT usage or use of other state or federal funds for road work.

It is very important to apply or reapply for the Benefit Access Program (BAP) as soon as possible. As a reminder, the BAP eligibility period is 2 years, so most applicants need to reapply at this time. Apply for BAP at the [Illinois Department of Aging's website](#) or call 1-800-252-8966.

METRA SUPER SAVER PASS

Metra is now offering a \$100 "Super Saver" monthly pass that allows for unlimited travel anywhere in the system. Discounted passes are available for eligible seniors and K-12 students. Thanks to the [Fair Transit South Cook Pilot](#), riders on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines will pay a reduced fare of \$70. The Super Saver pass can be purchased from any ticket agent or on the Ventra app. Additional information as well as details on the Regional Connect Pass and Metra Family Fares programs can be found [here](#).

REVISED BDE MANUAL - EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2022

IDOT's Bureau of Design and Environment Manual (BDE) announced a revision for all projects that effect state routes. The new directive includes the following:

- Reformatted into a new Departmental Policy template, requiring various formatting and editorial changes.
- Persons Affected and Responsibilities sections - deleted Office of Program Development due to reorganization. Added Office of Highways Project Implementation under Responsibilities section.
- Guidelines For Implementation section - added Section B to delegate approval authority of BDE Manual updates.

PROVIDE INPUT - ON TO 2050 PLAN

View an introduction, summary, and more on CMAP's [ON TO 2050 plan update website](#), and share your comments with onto2050@cmapp.illinois.gov by **Saturday, August 13**. Stay tuned for information about a public hearing on the draft update on **Thursday, August 11**.



CMAP NEWS

Working Together to Maximize Infrastructure Funding for Northeastern Illinois

Leveraging their role as a regional convener, CMAP is working closely with federal, state, and local partners from across northeastern Illinois to maximize transportation funding available under the new federal infrastructure law. The region is seeking to secure significant grant funding under what's referred to as the "MEGA" program — large and significant projects that can deliver the most benefits for a region.

How Northeastern Illinois Maximizes Infrastructure Funding

We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen every community in northeastern Illinois with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. In a recent op-ed in Craine's Chicago Business, Executive Director Erin Aleman explains why CMAP is the right agency to develop a plan using these much-needed federal infrastructure funds to create an inclusive and thriving region.

How Can You Help CMAP Better Share Information and Updates?

CMAP is reviewing its communications and engagement strategies and tools to enhance how the agency effectively delivers data, information, and news you can use! What content are you most interested in? What information do you need to help you deliver services and advance your mission? Your input will help us shape what, how, and when we share information. Please take a few minutes to answer our anonymous survey. Your feedback will inform our work to build a more inclusive and thriving region. [Take the survey.](#)

Equity in Transportation Fees, Fines, and Fares Project Recognized for Innovation

CMAP was recently awarded the 2022 [Innovative Transportation Solutions Award](#) from WTS Greater

Chicago. CMAP was honored for the Improving Equity in Transportation Fees, Fines, and Fares project, which assessed how these costs impact residents with low income and recommended policy changes to improve equity. The report found that significant transportation inequities exist for residents with low income, communities of color, and people with disabilities. CMAP is now working with partners to implement the report's recommendations. [Read the research.](#)

CMAP Shares New Data and Funding Update

A presentation on the important work updating the [ON TO 2050 plan](#). Here are some highlights:

- The purpose of the update is to adjust data to meet current situations and respond to adjustments in the regionally significant project status. We also refine the financial plan for the region's transportation system.
- The data show less job growth than projected in CMAP's plan four years ago. There are also significant shifts to population projections.
- About [70 regionally significant projects](#) (major transportation projects to be implemented between now and 2050), totaling more than \$84 billion.
- CMAP have been hosting stakeholder workshops to gather input from implementers, government partners, and community organizations. [Watch the video.](#)

New Plan Will Guide Chicago Climate Efforts

Chicago recently updated its climate action plan, setting a goal to reduce the city's emissions by 62 percent by 2040. The [Chicago Climate Action Plan](#) was built on five pillars related to energy, circular economy, zero-emissions mobility, equitable development, and strong communities. This plan is an example of how local governments can advance the [goal of ON TO 2050](#) to create a region prepared for climate change.

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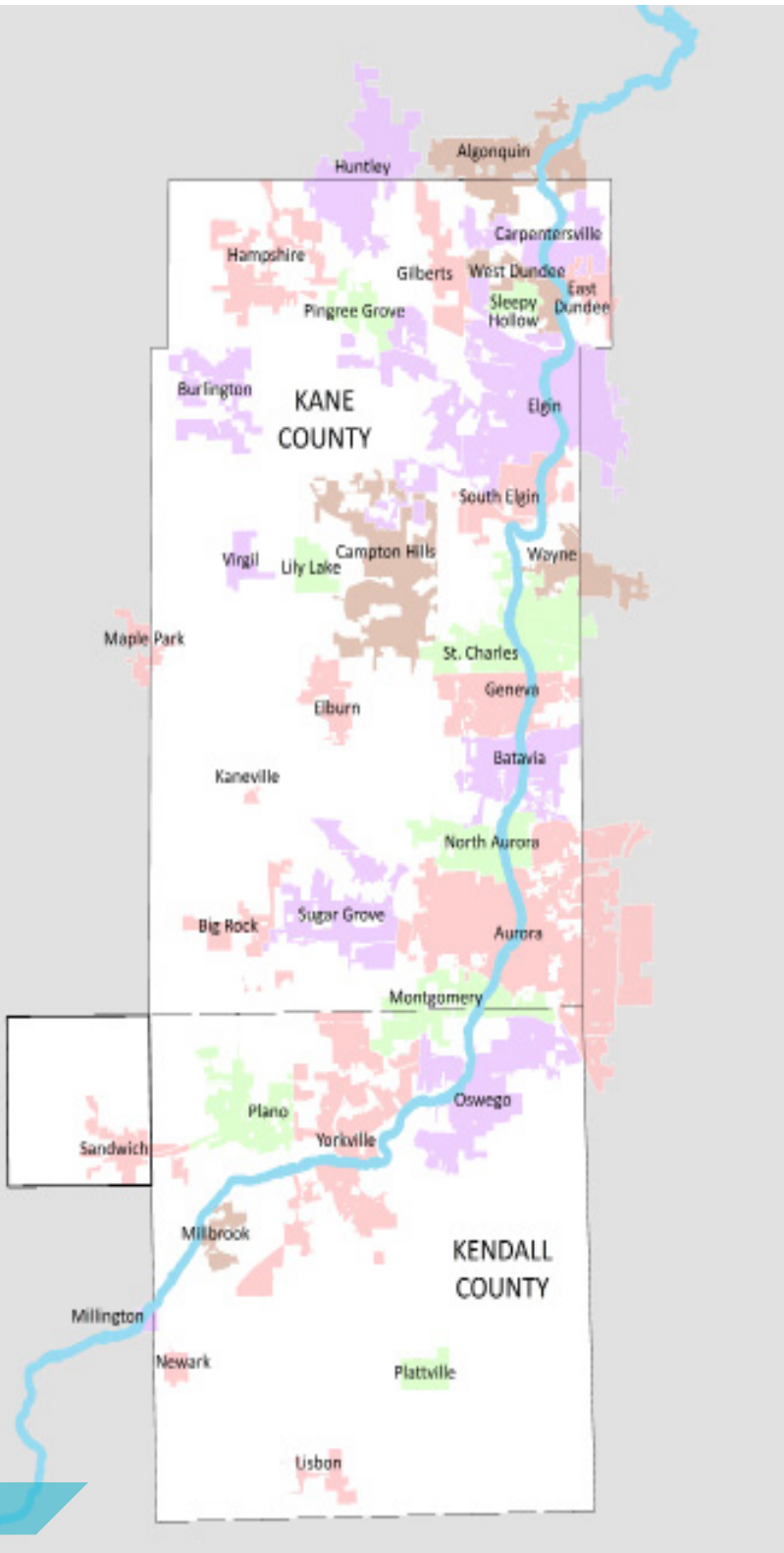
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