

Newsletter

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Kendall County
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Fox River Shores
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FUNDING UPDATES

USDOT FY 2025 RAISE Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The minimum size for capital RAISE grant awards is \$5 million for projects in urban areas and \$1 million for those in rural areas. There is no minimum award amount for planning grants. The maximum award size for both capital and planning grants is \$25 million.

The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) details a round of selections using a portion of the \$1.5 billion in FY 2025 RAISE BIL funds and/or additional funding that may become available for the program under the FY 2025 Appropriations Act. Complete instructions on how to register and apply can be found at Grants.gov: [RAISE Grant Opportunity](#). Application for Round 2 are due **January 30th** and awards are expected to be announced by June 28, 2025.

FHWA PROTECT Grant Opportunity

FHWA has posted the [Fiscal Years \(FY\) 2024-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program, a competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

This NOFO offers a total of up to \$876 million in funding through two application periods, including up to \$576 million for FYs 2024 and 2025, and up to \$300 million for FY 2026. The FY 2024-2025 application period will remain open through **February 24th**.

CMAP has released new climate vulnerability assessment data that may support PROTECT applications. See the "CMAP News" section (page 3) or email Kate Evasic (kevasic@cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

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Jan	13	CMAP Board
Jan	14	CMAP CoM Executive Committee
Jan	16	KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee
Feb	12	CMAP Board
Feb	13	CMAP STP PSC
Feb	13	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
Feb	28	CMAP Transportation Committee

HAPPY NEW YEAR

KKKOM Staff wishes everyone a safe and healthy new year!

IDOT PROWAG TRAINING

IDOT District 1 is offering two free, full-day trainings on Public Right-of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) on January 14th and January 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In-person attendance is recommended but a virtual option is available for unexpected conflicts. Register by adding yourself to IDOT's roster spreadsheet: [PROWAG sign-up](#).

NATIONAL ADA SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Registration is opening soon for both the virtual and in-person National ADA Symposium. The National ADA Symposium is a four-day annual conference on the ADA and disability-related laws. Sessions cover a wide range of topics, including employment, accessible design, state and local government issues, business and disability, accessible technology, and recreation. Registration opens January 6th for the Virtual ADA Symposium from May 5-7, 2025 and on February 12th for the in-person ADA Symposium June 15-18, 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia. Details and registration information will be posted on the [Great Plains ADA Center](#) website.

USDOT CLIMATE CHANGE WEBINARS

The USDOT Climate Change Center is hosting the final installment in their 2024 Fall/Winter webinar series on January 15th from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. CT. The topic will be "Navigating Climate Challenges: Enhancing Transportation Resilience." The 2025 Climate Change Webinar series topics have been announced and will begin in January. Registration information including past webinars and slides is available on the USDOT website: [USDOT Climate Change Webinar](#).

SECRETARY OMER OSMAN RETIRING

Illinois Secretary of Transportation Omer Osman has announced his retirement after a commendable 35 years of service at IDOT. Governor Pritzker has appointed Gia Biagi of CDOT as the next transportation secretary. The Illinois Senate will vote on her confirmation in January.

PARTNER UPDATES

ReVision: Pace's Network Restructuring Project

Pace is seeking to update the region's bus network to reflect how travel patterns have changed. Pace is rethinking the entire network of services, building on the principles of accessibility, equity, and productivity defined in the [Driving Innovation strategic plan](#). The ReVision plan is seeking public input through open houses and a short survey, visit the ReVision website to learn more. The ReVision project is developing a proposal for a reimagined Pace bus and On Demand network, leading to major service changes in 2026. As a part of the plan, Pace has recently released transit concept maps for public input to inform the development of the plan: [Bus Network Concepts Survey](#). The Pace team will propose a Draft Plan for public input in mid-2025 with a Final Plan developed for implementation in late-2025. More information including a recording of the virtual open house are available online: [Pace Revision Project](#).

Illinois Tollway Board Approves New 7-Year, \$2 Billion Capital Plan

Illinois Tollway's \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan establishes a path for infrastructure modernization and maintenance needs for 2025-2031 across the five roadways on the Tollway system. Funding for the Bridging the Future capital plan is not expected to require any adjustments in the Illinois Tollway's current tolling structure nor any additional debt financing beyond that already planned for the Move Illinois Program. More information is on the Illinois Tollway website: [Illinois Tollway](#).

RTA Board Approves 2025 Regional Operating Budget

RTA Board of Directors voted to adopt the [2025 regional transit operating budget and 2025-2029 capital program](#), the last one supported by federal COVID relief dollars. The 2025 budget includes \$4.147 billion in operating expenses, and a 2025-2029 Regional Capital Program of \$9.469 billion: [RTA Budget](#).

KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Engineer Carl Schoedel Retiring

County Engineer and Director of Transportation Carl Schoedel will be retiring effective January 31st after an impressive 28-year career with KDOT. He will be succeeded by Assistant County Engineer Mike Zakosek. Congratulations to both Carl and Mike!

Kane County Safety Action Plan Update

Work continues on the Kane County Safety Action Plan and the team is working on engaging the public through pop-up events, open houses, and the interactive website. The online [survey](#) and [map](#) are available through February and we encourage partners to take the survey and drop pins on the map to identify areas of concern. If you would like to share the survey and map information on your social media accounts and websites, staff can send copy and graphics upon request. An open house is scheduled for February 22nd and details will be available on the Kane County Plan [website](#) once the event is finalized.



CMAP NEWS

Vulnerability Assessment Data

CMAP has released new data related to the transportation system's vulnerability to climate hazards. The data demonstrated that flooding poses the biggest threat to transportation infrastructure and users while extreme heat and severe storms also pose threats. The data is available on [CMAP's Data Hub](#) and as an [interactive map](#). The full report is also available: [Risk-Based Vulnerability Assessment](#).

The vulnerability assessment data will inform CMAP's development of the regional Transportation Resiliency Improvement Plan (TRIP) by helping to identify and prioritize projects that support resilience in the region. Completion of the TRIP will position northeastern Illinois to compete for federal resilience funds through FHWA's PROTECT program. The TRIP is expected to be completed in late 2025.

ADA Coordinators Group

The second meeting of CMAP's ADA Coordinator's group will be held on February 11th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in a hybrid format, but in-person attendance is encouraged. Registration information will soon be posted to the calendar on the CMAP website. This group is for public sector ADA coordinators or their designees. Presentation slides from the previous meeting on the topic of web accessibility requirements are posted: [CMAP Web Accessibility slides](#).

ADA Templates

CMAP has developed a set of templates for complying with ADA Title II requirements. Templates and guidance are available for posting ADA notices, grievance procedures, and ADA coordinator postings are available on CMAP's website: [ADA templates](#).

Congestion Management Strategy

CMAP is working on developing the Congestion Management Strategy (CMS) to comply with federal regulations. The CMS is an initiative to update the region's Congestion Management Process which was last updated in 2013. The new CMS will refresh each required component of the Congestion Management Process and integrate into regional transportation efforts including the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan currently in development. The deliverables of the CMS will include a guidebook of congestion management strategies and a corridor study template which will establish a framework for multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency coordination. The updated CMP, guidebook, and corridor study template are expected in the summer of 2025. Please contact Noah Harris with any questions or comments (nharris@cmapp.illinois.gov) or visit the CMAP website to read the summary or watch a video presentation: [Congestion Management Process](#).

Climate Action Planning

CMAP is partnering with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) and stakeholders across the region to create a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. This plan will consist of an outline of steps needed to meet net-zero emissions by 2050, tools to promote action in public, private, and non-profit sectors, and information to inform future long-range planning. In January, the team will solicit feedback from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. In the coming months, CMAP will post articles about sector-specific issues and potential solutions. Sign up for CMAP's [Climate Newsletter](#) to be learn about these articles. Visit the CMAP website for more information on this planning effort: [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#).

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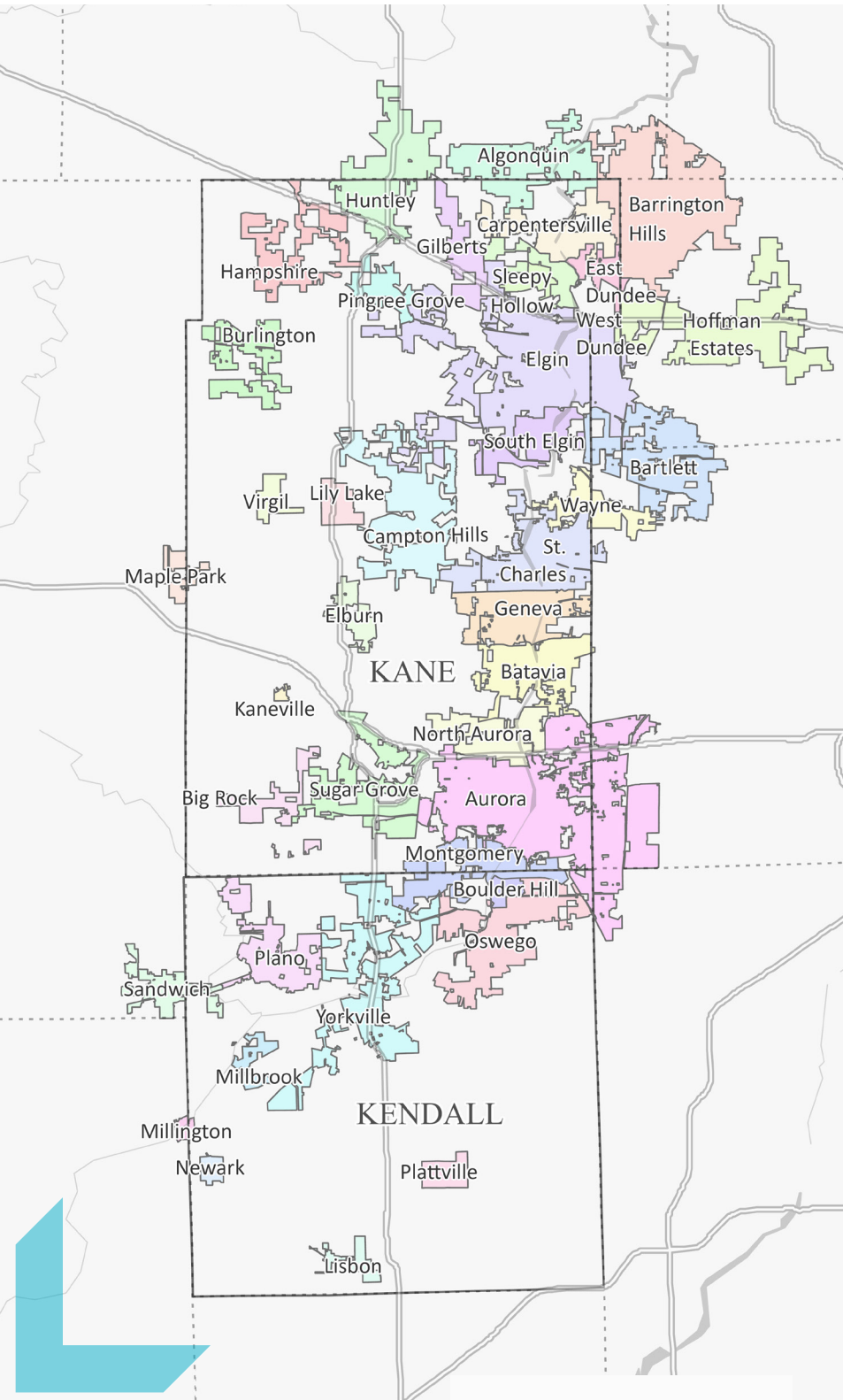
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