

Newsletter



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FUNDING UPDATES

KKCOM FFY 2025- 2029 STP-L Program Update

The KKKOM FFY 2025-2029 STP-L Program was adopted by CMAP on June 13th and will take effect October 1, 2024. This CFP filled FFY's 2028 and 2029 programming a total of \$25,394,408 of new projects. A descriptive memo, project scoring, and the programs can be found here: ([KKCOM STP Program](#)).

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) 2024

The ITEP project application submittal cycle begins **August 1, 2024** (8:00 a.m. CST) and ends **September 30, 2024** (5:00 p.m. CST). The Active Transportation Alliance, and advocacy organization based in Chicago, will host three informational webinars related to this funding program.

- Webinar Part 1: ITEP Basics, Eligibility Criteria, What's New, and Best Practices - **Wednesday, July 10**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Webinar Part 2: Scoring, Application Walk Through, and Q&A with IDOT Staff - **Wednesday, August 21**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Webinar Part 3: Q&A with IDOT Staff - **Wednesday, September 11**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More information can be found here: ([ITEP Funding](#)).

USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued a NOFO for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant funding. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries, including CMAP's Safe Travel for All Roadmap. The final deadline for Planning and Demonstration Grants is 4:00 p.m. on **August 29, 2024**. For more information please visit: ([SS4A Grant Program](#)).

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP)

The USDOT will soon release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the RCP Program, and will be published on [Grants.gov](#) in early July 2024. The RCP Program is awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. General information about the program can be found here: ([RCP Program](#)).

SAVE THE DATE

July	18	CMAP STP PSC
July	18	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
July	25	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
Aug	2	CMAP Transportation Committee
Aug	13	CMAP Council of Mayors
Aug	14	CMAP Unified Work Program
Aug	22	CMAP STP PSC
Aug	22	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
Fall 2024		KKCOM Bike/Ped Committee

KKCOM WELCOMES GRETCHEN KLOCK

Please join us in welcoming the latest addition to our team, Gretchen Klock, our new Regional Planning Liaison and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Welcome aboard, Gretchen!

IDOT STATEWIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN

IDOT has announced the launch of [Next Move Illinois](#), a new statewide public transportation plan to create a strategic vision, recommend policies, make performance updates, and identify specific initiatives. This plan is the successor plan to the 2018 Illinois Statewide Public Transportation Plan. As part of the planning process, IDOT will update as well as elicit input from stakeholders including state and municipal agencies, elected officials, and the public in order to improve public transportation quality. A fact sheet as well as a link to an online questionnaire is here: ([IDOT Public Transportation Survey](#)). Questions or comments about the plan can be emailed to: (DOT.IllinoisTransitPlan@illinois.gov). Initial findings will be finished in Fall/Winter 2024, and a draft plan will be made public in Fall/Winter 2025.

PACE BOARD APPROVES REGIONAL DAY PASS PILOT PROGRAM

On June 26, 2024, the Pace Board of Directors approved a [Regional Day Pass Pilot program](#). The Regional Day Pass, anticipated to launch later this year, will provide unlimited rides on Pace, Metra, and the CTA for a single day at a fixed rate. This pilot program aims to make public transportation more accessible and affordable, encouraging increased ridership across the region. The fare revenue difference will be funded by the Regional Transportation Authority. In addition, Pace has made marked progress in recovering post-pandemic ridership. In May 2024, monthly ridership was the highest since the pandemic began, with over 2 million trips systemwide.

USDOT CLIMATE CHANGE WEBINARS

The USDOT Climate Change Center hosted webinars from February to June 2024 on climate change and transportation topics, ranging from greenhouse gas reduction strategies to climate resilience activities to research and technology advancements. The next series of webinars will begin in Fall 2024. For more information as well as past webinars and slides, please visit: ([USDOT Climate Change Webinars](#)).



FUNDING UPDATES, cont'd

FTA Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development

In May 2024, FTA announced the availability of approximately \$10.5 million in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year 2024 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development. This year, applications with a substantial focus on affordable housing may receive 100% federal support. The webinar document and a recording of this funding opportunity are available online. Applications are due **July 22, 2024**. For more information, please visit: ([FTA Pilot Program for TOD](#)).

USDOT UPDATE

USDOT Public Engagement Workshops

The USDOT is organizing three in-person public involvement workshops in different locations across the country between April and July 2024. The purpose of these workshops is to provide transportation practitioners ways of creating effective public engagement as well as inform community leaders and the public about transportation decision making processes and ensuring stakeholder voices are heard. The remaining in-person workshop will be held in Chicago, IL on **July 30, 2024**, and the virtual workshop will be held during this summer on a date TBD. For more information, please see: ([USDOT Public Engagement Workshops](#)).

KANE AND KENDALL COUNTIES UPDATES

Local Communities Receive Awards for Technical Assistance

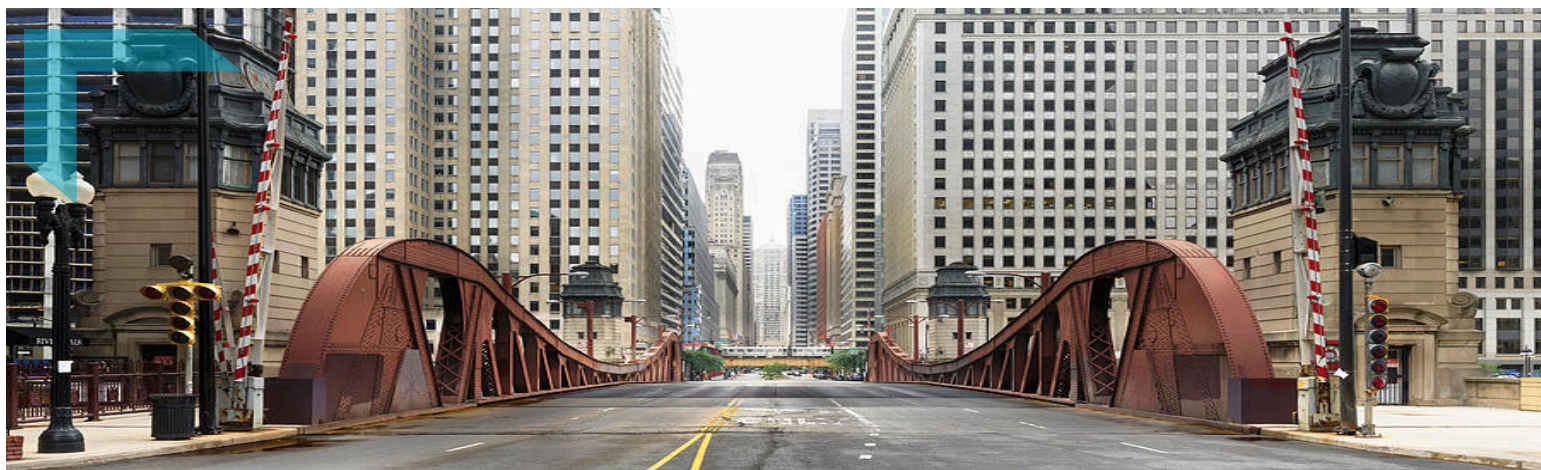
The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) technical assistance program supports communities in Northeastern Illinois through planning and implementation assistance. To do this, CMAP hosts a call for projects each year jointly with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Planning assistance thematic areas are wide-ranging from housing and jobs to grant readiness. In 2024, 30 out of 120 projects were awarded technical assistance support. Among those selected were three from Kane and Kendall counties:

- **City of Elgin** will assess ADA compliance and identify locations to improve pedestrian infrastructure,
- **Village of Oswego** will develop bicycle and pedestrian plans, and
- **City of St. Charles** will develop a pavement management plan (PMP).

Congratulations to all three municipalities! More information can be found here: ([CMAP Technical Assistance Awards](#)).

Kane County Safety Action Plan Status Update

The Kane County Safety Action Plan Steering Committee met in June for their first meeting. Members were given an overview of the project that included information about the funding, plan requirements, timeline, and public engagement activities. Some initial crash data analysis was shared with the committee and they had a chance to discuss and provide feedback to the consulting team. Staff will give a short presentation with similar information at the next KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting on July 25. Please plan on attending if you are interested in hearing more about this plan and the crash data analysis.



CMAP NEWS

New CMAP Website

CMAP has a newly designed [website](#)! The new website's design provides easier navigation as well as improved accessibility, interactivity, and search functionality so that the user can access webpages with less clicks. Webpages of visitor interest include: Focus Areas, Community Data Snapshots, Community Projects, and Calendar. CMAP is always looking for feedback on how to improve its website to provide greater benefit to website visitors. To provide feedback, please fill out the survey at the following location: ([CMAP New Website User Survey](#)).

CMAP's Speed Management Report

Northeastern Illinois is experiencing a traffic safety crisis. Traffic fatalities, particularly among pedestrians and bicyclists, have increased since 2014 and speed is a contributing factor in 35 to 40 percent of fatal crashes in Illinois. To help reverse this trend, CMAP's new Speed Management report explores the role of speeding in increased deaths and serious injuries on our region's roads. It provides recommendations for street designs, speed limit policies, education, and equitable enforcement that can help keep all road users safe. To view an [executive summary](#), the [full report](#), as well as the [Speed Management Communications Toolkit](#) please visit: ([CMAP's News Updates](#)) page.

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

Following CMAP's delivery of the [PART Report](#) to the General Assembly and Governor's Office, legislative deliberations about the future of transit funding have continued. Most recently, the Climate and Equitable Transportation Act (CETA) was filed, which includes three bills that address several transit and climate issues in the region. One component of CETA, the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act, details several reforms to transit governance and operations in northeastern Illinois. A companion appropriations bill was also introduced with

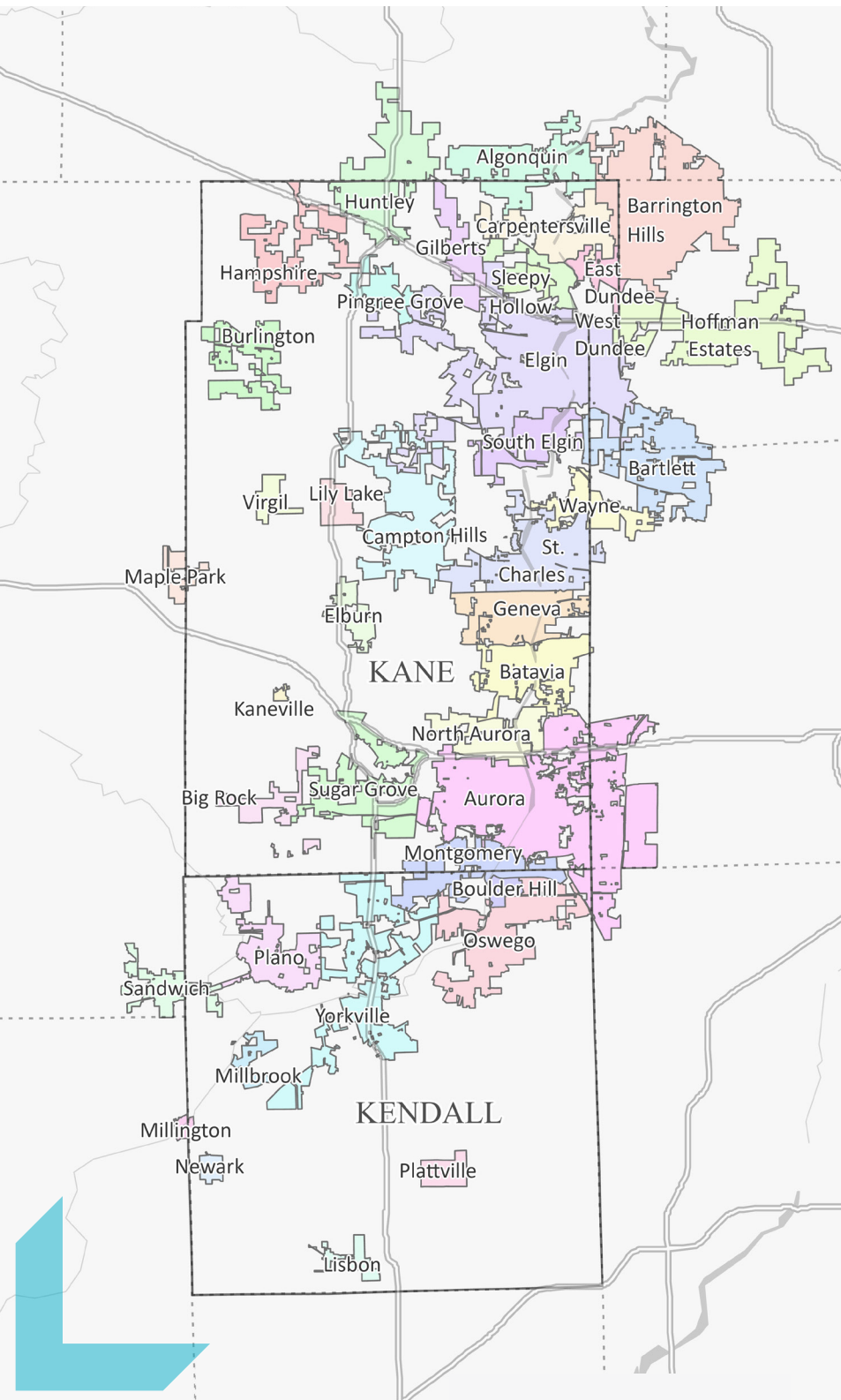
the intent to provide \$1.5 billion in additional operating funds each year to transit across the region. PART outlined three areas that must work in tandem to address the \$730 million fiscal cliff facing our region in 2026 and strength our transit system: system improvements, funding solutions, and governance reforms. CMAP will continue to provide feedback and input in alignment with the PART report. CMAP looks forward to continued collaboration with partners, stakeholders, and legislators to strengthen transit in the region. Please contact Jane Grover (jgrover@cmap.illinois.gov) with questions on the PART Report, or see the full report: ([PART Report](#)).

Discover Historical Aerial Photos of the Region

The [Imagery Explorer](#) showcases CMAP's large collection of historical aerial photographs of northeastern Illinois from 1970 through 1995. The archive includes 6,300 images in six of the region's counties. Historic aerial photographs are valuable resources for planning activities like landscape and land use analysis, environmental impact assessments, development projects, and education. These images provide a method for examining changes in properties, neighborhoods, and land use in general. You also can examine changes in historical, environmental, or architectural information about certain sites over time. To view these historical photographs, visit: ([Imagery Explorer](#)).

CMAP Data Hub

CMAP's Data Hub provides vetted and trustworthy information about northeastern Illinois so local governments, community organizations, academic researchers, businesses, and more can learn and make informed decisions about their communities. The Data Hub allows you to search or browse by categories and tags. You can find tables or shapefiles for transit routes and stops, greenhouse gas emissions, economically disconnected and disinvested areas, bikeway inventory system, and more! To access Data Hub, visit: ([CMAP Data Hub](#)).



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