

# Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST  
2025Chicago St. Bridge  
Photo Credit: City of ElginBike Bridge Under Construction  
Photo Credit: Sugar Grove Park District

## FUNDING UPDATES

### Safe Routes to School

IDOT's Safe Routes to School grant program will be open on August 1st through **October 13th**. This program funds programming and infrastructure projects that improve conditions for walking and biking within two miles of an elementary, middle, or high school. This cycle, \$12 million will be available at 100% funding (no local match needed). The maximum grant award is \$250,000 for infrastructure projects and \$100,000 for non-infrastructure projects. The 2025 guidelines and application materials are available online: [IDOT SRTS](#).

The Active Transportation Alliance is partnering with IDOT to offer a three-part webinar series to support applicants. Registration and details are available: [Active Transportation Alliance SRTS](#).

July 16th: SRTS Grant Guidelines & Overview.

August 20th: Application Walk-Through & IDOT Staff Q & A.

September 17th: Q & A with IDOT Staff.

### FHWA Bridge Investment Program

The [Bridge Investment Program](#) (BIP) is a competitive discretionary grant program to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of people and freight by replacing, rehabilitating, preserving, and protecting bridges in the National Bridge Inventory (NBI). Applications for large Bridge Projects over \$100 million are due **August 1st**, planning applications are due **October 1st**, and applications for Bridge Projects under \$100 million are due **November 1st**.

## KANE COUNTY UPDATES

### Kane County Safety Action Plan Approved

On May 30th, CMAP's Transportation Committee and MPO Policy Committee adopted the countywide safety action plan for Kane County as well as Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. With the plans adopted, municipalities within Kane County will be eligible to apply for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation funding. The FY 2026 cycle is anticipated to open in spring of 2026 and is currently the last cycle of funding planned under current legislation. Kane County's Safety Action Plan is posted online: [Kane County SAP](#).

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### SAVE THE DATE

July 9	CMAP UWP
July 17	CMAP STP PSC
July 17	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
July 17	KKCOM TPC
August 1	CMAP Transportation Committee
August 21	CMAP STP PSC
August 21	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC

### KKCOM CALL FOR PROJECTS SCHEDULE

KKCOM's FY2027-2031 STP-L Call for Projects is set to open October 27th and close December 19th. The [full schedule](#) is available on the KKCOM STP Program webpage. Updates to the methodology will be posted upon approval of the Transportation Policy Committee.



Photo Credit: Kendall Area Transit

## NATIONAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

The National Regional Transportation Conference, hosted by the National Association of Development Organizations, will be held in Des Moines, IA from July 15-17th. This transportation focused conference includes a mixture of panels, workshops, and discussion sessions. Registration and the agenda are available online: [NRTC Conference](#).

## KANE COUNTY UPDATES CONT'D

### Kane & Northern Kendall Bike Map Update

The 2025 update of the Kane & Northern Kendall Bike Map is set to be printed this July. These maps are distributed free of charge to libraries, municipalities, bike shops, residents, and other entities upon request. Visit the [Bicycle & Pedestrian Resources](#) page on the KDOT website to view the maps and to access the [order form](#) to request copies. Other resources include the updated [County Highways](#) map and interactive [Web App of Bike Facilities](#) in Kane & Northern Kendall which includes information on planned trails, trail closures, and more.

## PARTNER UPDATES

### RTA Community Planning Program Selections

The RTA has selected nine projects for its [2025 Community Planning program](#). This program provides funding and technical assistance with transit-oriented planning and implementation initiatives to local partners throughout the six-county service area. Among the projects selected, Aurora will receive assistance for bus service improvements. Congratulations Aurora!

### Metra, Pace, and CTA Release Regional Day Pass

Transit riders can now purchase the [Regional Day Pass](#), which allows unlimited rides on CTA, Metra and Pace in a single day – streamlining how people move across the Chicago region. The Regional Day Pass will cost \$2.50 more than the usual Metra day pass and include full access to CTA buses and trains and Pace regular fixed-route service. To assist riders, Metra has released an [online guide](#) to using the Regional Day Pass through the Ventra app.

### IDOT Announces ITEP Awards

IDOT announced that \$139.2 million has been awarded through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Congratulations to the following KKOM municipalities receiving awards!

Elgin: Kimball Street Bridge Project – Fox River Trail Underpass

Yorkville: East Hydraulic Streetscape Project

Pingree Grove: IL 72 Shared Use Path Extension

### IDOT Revised Policy on Establishing Speed Limits

IDOT has released [Circular Letter 2025-09](#) detailing the agency's new speed limit policy. The revisions are based on FHWA's 11th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and best practices in the industry. Local agencies have some latitude with respect to the type of engineering study methodology they prefer. Section 11-1604 of the Illinois Vehicle Code provides specific regulations regarding the alteration of local speed limits which local agencies must follow. For consistency, and to ensure compliance with federal regulations and state statutes, IDOT recommends following this policy. IDOT's new policy aligns with the requirements in the MUTCD which provides options other than use of the 85th percentile speed and it includes information on different roadway types and contexts.

## MODELING MOBILITY (MoMo) CONFERENCE

The Modeling Mobility (MoMo) conference serves as a forum for advancing travel models, transportation data, and quantitative analysis for transportation planning. The conference is September 14-17, in Minneapolis, MN. Registration information and a draft of the program are available online: [MoMo conference](#).

## CMAP ADA COORDINATORS

CMAP's Regional ADA Coordinators Group will meet August 12th from 9:30-11:00a.m. virtually and in person. This meeting was rescheduled from July 8th. The topic is Construction Guides and Inclusive Design. Registration information will be available soon: [CMAP ADA Coordinators](#).

## APA-IL STATE CONFERENCE

The Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association will be hosting its annual conference October 8th-10th at the Old Post Office building in Chicago. Registration and the agenda are available online: [APA-IL](#).

## IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The 40th Annual IDOT Fall Planning Conference will take place October 22-24th in Moline, IL. Topics will cover updates on important statewide transportation plans such as the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and Public Transportation Plan. IDOT is accepting proposals for presentations until July 11th. Registration and more details are available online: [IDOT Conference](#).





# CMAP NEWS

## CMAP Local Technical Assistance Awards

CMAP has announced the recipients of its annual [technical assistance program](#). Selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 80 applications submitted by 72 communities, this year's projects represent a wide range of community sizes, goals, and planning needs. The volume of applications demonstrates the great need for planning support across the region. Each selected project also aligns with the principles of CMAP's ON TO 2050 regional plan: resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. Among the projects selected, East Dundee and Pingree Grove were selected for pavement management plans, and South Elgin was selected for an ADA Transition Plan. Congratulations to these KKKOM municipalities!

## Strengthening Communities Funding Initiative

CMAP's Strengthening Communities legislative initiative was successfully incorporated in the FY26 budget. This initiative will support CMAP to better address the broad range of planning objectives in the Regional Planning Act. These resources will enable CMAP to provide more dynamic, responsive assistance to communities in alignment with evolving needs. CMAP is grateful for the General Assembly's recognition of the value of the agency's work and appreciates the outreach to legislators on the importance of this funding initiative.

## Regional Transportation Plan Update

CMAP has released the [Existing Conditions](#) report which is a key step towards shaping the 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This report looks at the current state of the region's demographics, economic, and transportation system and identifies trends in data. The [RTP survey](#) is open through the end of 2025 and CMAP is encouraging all residents of the region to contribute.

## Legislative Update

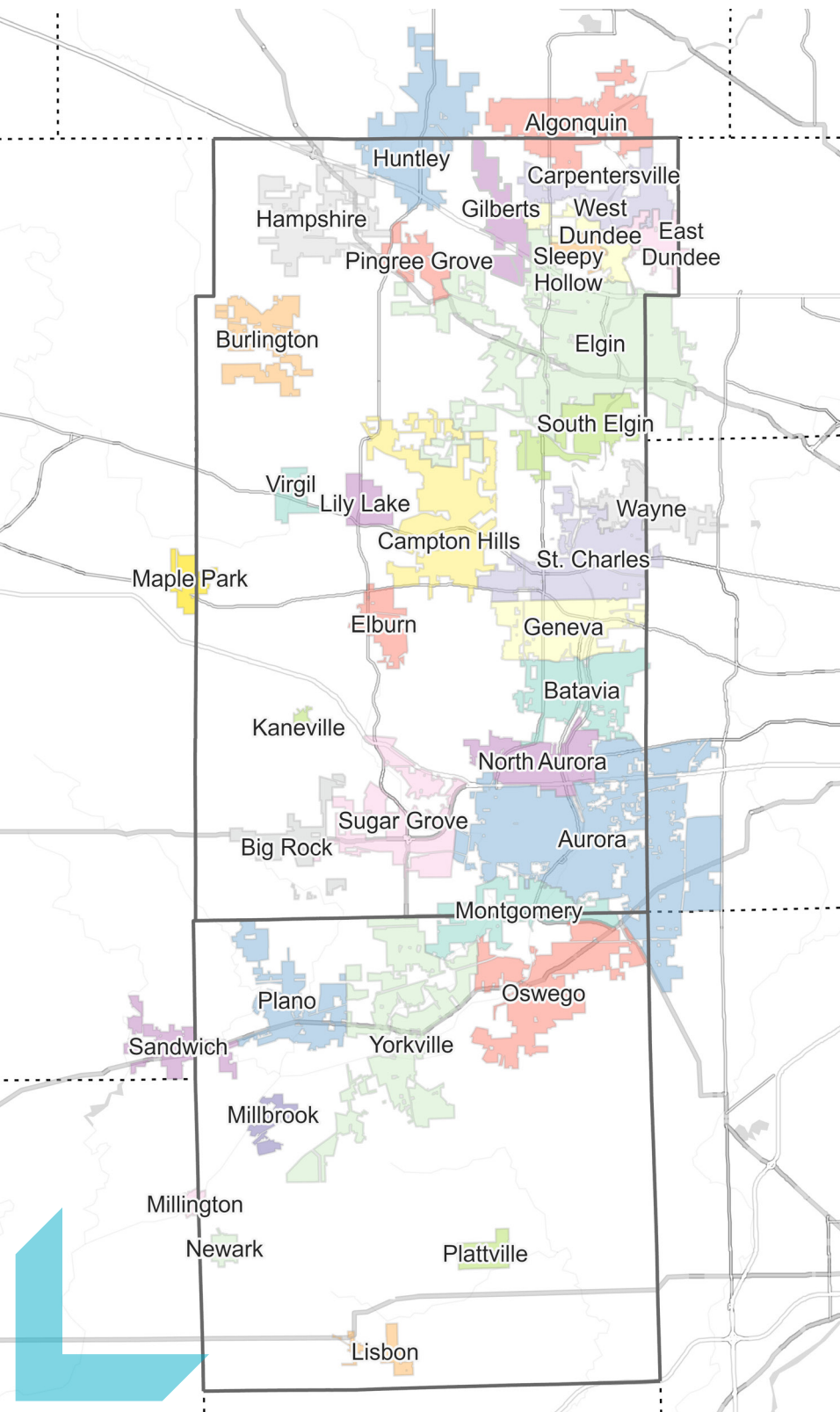
The General Assembly concluded its spring session without passing legislation to address transit funding and reform. The House and Senate each filed bills in the final week of session addressing a series of governance reforms to the northeastern Illinois transit system. The bills would create a new Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) to oversee operations of Metra, Pace, and CTA. The Senate bill also included several funding options that would raise revenues for transit operations and capital. Following a few amendments, the Senate bill passed during the final moments of session. The House did not take up the Senate bill, nor did the House bill advance to a floor vote. Lawmakers are expected to work through the summer to address governance and funding issues raised in the committee hearings and legislative debate. The General Assembly is not scheduled to meet until veto session in the fall, although it is possible that they call a special session earlier if necessary.

## STP-SF, CMAQ, and TAP-L Approvals

In June, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the programs for the FY2026-2030 STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L programs. These programs awarded \$290 million to the region. The approved programs are available online: [CMAP Transportation Funding](#).

## Job Quality & Access Tool

CMAP has developed the [Job Quality and Access Tool](#) to enable communities to understand the advantages of their local labor market, identify areas that need assistance, and develop action plans to strengthen industries that support shared prosperity. A [User Reference guide](#) which demonstrates the tool and defines key terms is provided to support use.



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