

Newsletter

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Kane County Bike Friendly Community Workshop
Photo Credit: League of American Bicyclists



I-88 over Fox River
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FUNDING UPDATES

KKCOM STP-L CFP Update

The KKKOM [FFY 2027-2031 STP-L program](#) received final adoption by CMAP's MPO Policy Committee on June 11 and will take effect on October 1, 2026. This call for projects filled FFY 2030 and 2031 by programming a total of \$25,871,782 in new projects.

FY28 HSIP NOFO

IDOT is adding a FY 2028 local increment to the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). IDOT intends to commit \$33.57M for the FY 2028 cycle. This program is a data-driven program administered by the FHWA for infrastructure improvements intended to reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes on public roadways. Applications are open until **August 14 at 5 p.m.** Selected projects will be announced in the late fall. Information is available in [Circular Letter 2026-07](#), [HSIP Guidelines](#), and the [HSIP website](#). The website includes example projects and summaries of past awarded projects. IDOT will host a [webinar](#) about the priorities of HSIP and application submittal assistance on July 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Itep Cycle 17

Cycle 17 of the [Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program](#) (ITEP) will open on August 1 and close **October 15 at 5 p.m.** ITEP primarily funds bicycle/pedestrian facilities and streetscapes projects, amongst other project types. \$157M will be available this cycle with an increased maximum award amount of \$5M per project. Eligible projects types and details are available in the 2026 ITEP Guidelines document available on the IDOT [ITEP webpage](#). The Active Transportation Alliance is again partnering with IDOT to host [3 ITEP webinars](#) to assist municipalities with the application:

- July 15, 11 a.m.: ITEP Basics, Eligibility, and What's New.
- August 12, 11 a.m.: Scoring, Application demo, and Q&A with IDOT Staff
- September 16 at 11 a.m.: Q&A with IDOT Staff

SAVE THE DATE

July 16	STP Project Selection Committee
July 16	CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee
July 16	CMAP UWP
July 23	KKKOM TPC
July 31	CMAP Transportation Committee
August 27	STP Project Selection Committee
August 27	CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee
August 27	CMAP UWP

KKKOM TPC DATE/LOCATION

Due to ongoing elevator issues, please note the new date and time for the July TPC meeting:
July 23, 1 p.m. at Batavia City Hall.



Bunker Rd Extension
Photo Credit: Kane County GIS

PACE BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Pace Bus [announced service improvements](#) that took effect on May 31 and June 1. These improvements will add service hours and increase reliability and were made possible through funding provided by the NITA Act. Twelve routes received service improvements including three routes in Kane County: Route 533, Route 550, and Route 554.

KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Names Transit Representatives

The Kane County Board has appointed Brian Dahl to represent Kane County on the newly established Northeastern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Board of Directors and Pace Suburban Bus Board of Directors while also reappointing Joe McMahon to the Metra Board of Directors. Details about the new representatives are available in the County's [press release](#). The new NITA board will take effect September 1, 2026. An update on the advancement of the NITA Act and transitional period is available in a [press release](#) from the RTA.

Kane County Housing Readiness Plan

On June 9, the Kane County Board adopted the [Kane County Housing Readiness Plan](#). This plan was supported through CMAP's Technical Assistance program and is designed to help municipalities strengthen policies, zoning regulations, and development processes to support a broader range of housing opportunities.

PARTNER UPDATES

RTA Sales Tax and NITA Transition Update

On June 1, the RTA Board voted to [increase the RTA Sales Tax](#) by an additional 0.25%. The increase goes into effect on August 1 across the six-county region. The added sales tax is a critical step to stabilize transit service in 2026 after covid relief funds are exhausted. Riders will start seeing near-term improvements funded through the [2026 Operating Budget Amendment](#) approved in May. The RTA will continue operating as the RTA until September 1 when NITA takes effect.

Illinois E-Mobility Legislation

The Illinois General Assembly passed [SB 3484 \(House Amendment 1\)](#) regulating e-bikes and micromobility devices. If signed by the governor, this bill would take effect January 1, 2027. Riders of e-bikes and e-motos capable of traveling over 28 mph would require a driver's license, title, registration, and insurance. Micromobility devices such as e-scooters, electric skateboards, and electric unicycles would be prohibited from operating over 28 mph on roads, bike lanes, paths, and sidewalks and riders must be at least 16 years old. The original three class system for low-speed e-bikes will remain, but Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes riders must be 15 or older. For more details, visit the IL Secretary of State's [Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready](#) campaign and the [Illinois Municipal League's Fact Sheet](#) on the bill.

Illinois Tollway New Capital Plan

The Illinois Tollway introduced "[Driving Connections](#)," a proposed 15-year, \$26.5 billion plan to improve the tollways. The Tollway is proposing a toll rate increase of 45 cents for passenger vehicles and 30 percent for commercial vehicle with future increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. The Tollway is accepting [public comments](#) regarding the increase until noon on August 3. Public hearings will be held throughout the region including in Kane County at the Prisco Community Center in Aurora on July 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

RTA ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROJECTS

The RTA has selected 21 new projects at a total cost of \$10.9M for its largest [Access to Transit program](#) in history. This program funds engineering and construction of small-scale capital improvements. The awardees include a KDOT sidewalk gap project on Randall Road north of I-90. These awards are dependent on the RTA obtaining federal CMAQ funding.

FINANCING TOD IN THE SUBURBS

The Metropolitan Planning Council is hosting the third session of their Transit & Real Estate Talks series, titled "[How do we fund TOD in the suburbs](#)" on July 29 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Mount Prospect Village Hall. This panel discussion will explore the financial and regulatory barriers communities face, innovative funding tools, and lessons learned from TOD (transit-oriented development) projects across the region.

ADA COORDINATOR GROUPS

IDOT's ADA Coordinators group will meet July 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with the topic of Website Accessibility and Compliance. Registration is open on the [IDOT T2 Portal](#). More information including slides from previous meetings is on [IDOT's ADA webpage](#).

IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The annual [IDOT Fall Planning Conference](#) will take place September 2-4 at the Bone Student Center at Illinois State University in Normal, IL. Topics will cover important statewide transportation plans, Freight, Resiliency, Transit, Highways, Research, and more. [Registration](#) is available now.



CMAP NEWS

RTP Public Comment Period

CMAP has released the draft 2026 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Air Quality Conformity Determination, and the FFY 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for public comment. Public feedback will help shape the final documents before consideration for adoption by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October 2026. The comment period ends on July 31. A public hearing will be held August 6 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at CMAP's offices. The [draft documents](#) are available online and comments can be submitted via the [form](#) or by email to rtp@cmmap.illinois.gov.

Century Plan Update

CMAP continues work on the [Century Plan](#), the new long-term vision for northeastern Illinois. CMAP continues to host Catalyst Series discussions that bring together leaders across local government, business, and civic spheres to discuss the challenges and needs of the region. CMAP has begun to synthesize these findings into priorities for the plan. The next deliverable expected in the fall will be the plan preview report which will incorporate feedback from events hosted across the region in the spring and summer. Sign-up for CMAP's [newsletters](#) to stay updated with the Century Plan, Transportation News, and other topics.

Local Technical Assistance Awards

CMAP has selected 26 projects through its [Technical Assistance Program](#), which helps local governments build capacity, plan strategically, and prepare projects for implementation and future funding opportunities. Among the projects selected, East Dundee was selected for an ADA Transition plan, Pingree Grove was selected for a Capital Improvement plan, and Sugar Grove was selected for a Travel Choice pilot plan. Additionally, the RTA will be releasing project selections for their [technical assistance program](#) later this summer.

Community Data Snapshots

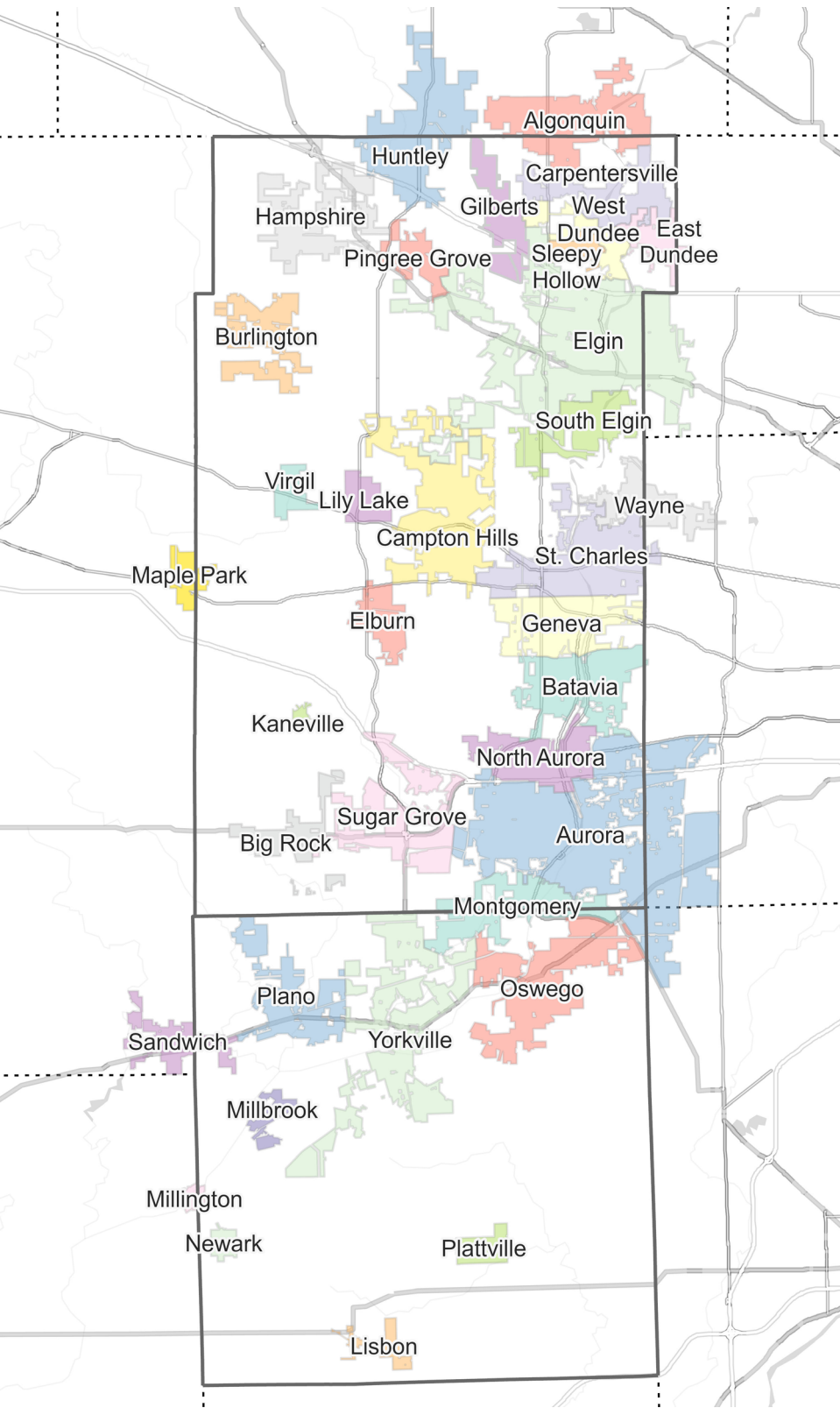
CMAP has released newly updated community data snapshots for the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago Community Areas, and 7 counties. These snapshots summarize key details about demographics, employment, housing, transportation habits, and more. The data is available through an [interactive dashboard](#), [snapshot report](#), and [dataset](#). CMAP also provided a [toolkit](#) to assist municipalities with sharing the data with the public.

FY 2026 Community Cohorts

CMAP uses the [Community Cohort Evaluation Tool](#) to assess local capacity and technical assistance needs, ensuring fair project selection and funding. The tool groups the region's 284 municipalities and Chicago's 77 community areas into four cohorts based on population, income, tax base per capita, and the share of residents living in disinvested areas. Cohorts are updated each April. CMAP has published the [FY2026 community cohorts](#). Cohort assignments are based on a three-year rolling average of annual overall scores to reduce year-to-year fluctuations. Of KKKOM municipalities, Carpentersville moved up from Cohort 3 to Cohort 2.

Sidewalk Accessibility Measurements

CMAP has released a comparison of different [measurement systems for ADA self-evaluation](#) that CMAP has used through their Technical Assistance work. CMAP compared and analyzed LiDAR, Ecopia, Project Sidewalk, and manual collection methods to assist municipalities with completing and updating their ADA self-evaluations. Additionally, CMAP partnered with IDOT to purchase Ecopia, a tool that uses geospatial imagery as a survey method. This partnership allows for free use of Ecopia to communities in northeastern Illinois. For more information on Ecopia access, email Michael Collins at CMAP (mcollins@cmmap.illinois.gov).



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