

# Newsletter



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## FUNDING UPDATES

### KKCOM FFY 2025- 2029 STP-L Call for Projects Update

The FFY 2025-2029 STP-L draft program is now available for review and public comment. The public comment period runs **March 1st – 31st**. Upon conclusion, council staff will create a report addressing all of the comments received. Suggestions requiring changes or accommodation will be addressed prior to approval of the draft program at the **April 12th** KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee meeting and final approval at the **April 25th** Full Council meeting. CMAP’s final program adoption votes take place on **May 31st** and **June 13th**. A descriptive memo, project scoring, and the draft program can be found on the [STP Program page](#) on the KKKOM webpage. Please email your public comment to [planningstaff@co.kane.il.us](mailto:planningstaff@co.kane.il.us) with the subject title “STP Public Comment”.

### USDOT FHWA Announces \$9.7 Billion in Available Funding for Bridge Investment Program

The USDOT’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has opened applications for \$9.7 billion in multi-year funding to improve the nation’s bridges through the [Bridge Investment Program](#) which funds bridge planning, repair and replacement projects under \$100 million. More information is available on [FHWA’s BIP funding](#) webpage. Applications are due **March 19, 2024**.

### FY 2024 SS4A Grant Opportunity

Applications for the USDOT’s FY 2024 [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) grant is open. Grants are intended to support initiatives that prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users from motorists to pedestrians. Eligible applicants are: MPO’s, cities, towns, counties, federally recognized tribal governments, or any multijurisdictional group of entities among the aforementioned types. The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

- **April 4, 2024, 5 p.m.** (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants;
- **May 16, 2024, 5 p.m.** (EDT): Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants; and
- **August 29, 2024, 5 p.m.** (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

### SAVE THE DATE

March	1	CMAP Transportation Committee
March	13	CMAP Board
March	14	CMAP MPO Policy Committee
April	10	CMAP Board
April	11	CMAP STP PSC
April	11	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
April	12	KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee
April	16	CMAP CoM Executive Committee
April	25	KKKOM Full Council
April	26	CMAP Transportation

### KKKOM IS HIRING!

KKKOM is hiring a Regional Planning Liaison/County Bike/Ped Coordinator. Please visit the [County’s Employment page](#) for more details.



## FUNDING UPDATES, cont'd

### CMAP Technical Assistance and RTA Community Planning Program

CMAP, in partnership with the RTA, are hosting a call for projects to provide planning support to make roads safer, increase accessibility, and improve connections for all users. The online application covers the different program offerings and asks interested applicants a series of questions to identify their project goals and strategies. Applications are open and will close Friday, March 22 at noon. Apply at [CMAP LTA](#) or at [RTA Technical Assistance](#).

### IDOT Statewide Planning and Research Funds (SPR)

IDOT announced on February 29th that \$7 million is available in grants for projects and activities that help advance the state's long-range transportation and planning goals. Eligible activities include planning studies, data collection and analysis, research and program development, performance management, and outreach efforts. An informational webinar will be held on March 13th at noon, and the application deadline is **April 14th, 2024**. Please visit the [IDOT Planning and Research](#) page.

## KANE COUNTY UPDATE

### Kane County Awarded \$25 Million Grant

In January of this year, Kane County was awarded \$25 million in federal funds to construct a grade separation of a rail crossing near the intersection of [Randall Road with Hopps Road](#) on the border of Elgin and South Elgin. The funding was awarded through the U.S. Government's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America ([INFRA](#)) grant program.

Construction is slated to begin in 2026 and when complete, motorists traveling on Randall Road will be able to drive over the Canadian National Railroad tracks without stopping for passing trains. Along with a third lane added in both directions on Randall Road to ease traffic flow and reduce traffic delays, a path for non-motorized traffic will also be constructed alongside Randall Road. The improvements are designed to reduce congestion and crashes and provide greater access to emergency vehicles.

The [Kane County Division of Transportation](#) will direct the project. Kane County Board Chair Corinne Pierog (among others), has hailed the funding award, saying "This significant investment will not only modernize the safety and effectiveness of our transportation systems, but will also be vital in enhancing the quality of life for all Kane County residents."

### SOAAEOE Booklet Adjustment

[Circular Letter 2024-06](#) notes an adjustment made to the latest publication of the Schedule of Average Annual Equipment Ownership Expense (SOAAEOE) booklet. The Bureau of Local Roads and Streets is applying an index of 1.922 for 2024, which is based on the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Producer Price Index for Construction Machinery Manufacturing (PPI-CMM).

### NEW PPI FORM

As of January 18, 2024, IDOT has issued a new PPI form. All new PPI submission must use the new form and can be found on the [IDOT Forms page](#).

### QBS THRESHOLD ADJUSTMENT

[Circular Letter 2024-05](#) notes an adjustment to the QBS threshold value for the procurement of engineering and professional services to \$49,0111 from \$40,000.

### UPDATED JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENTS BLR 05310

The new BLR 05310 Suite of Agreements are comprised of 3 agreement types, dependent on the Phase of the project or the funding source, and are comprised of the following:

- BLR 05310 PE – Preliminary and Engineering work that employ federal funding in part or in whole,
- BLR 05310 C – Construction and Construction Engineering that employ federal funding in part or in whole, and
- BLR 05310 S – All phases when projects use State Funds in part or in whole, without any federal funding participation.

There are **several significant changes**, including the addition of Schedule 3 and Schedule 4. Please review [Circular Letter 2024-08](#) in its entirety.

The new agreements are **effective immediately**, and it is highly encouraged that if an agreement is not yet executed, that the in-progress agreement be placed on the appropriate and applicable new BLRS 5310 Agreement form.

### BLRS PHASE I ENGINEERING FORM REVISIONS

The following BLR forms have been revised, newly created, or eliminated:

- BLR 19100 - NEW
- BLR 19110 - NEW
- BLR 22000 - NEW
- BLR 22120 - REVISED
- BLR 22210 - REVISED
- BLR 22211 – ELIMINATED

Please review [Circular Letter 2024-04](#) for further details.



# CMAP NEWS

## Accessibility and ADA Training

On March 5th and 6th, and on May 1st, CMAP will provide Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) training. PROWAG are guidelines published by the Access Board under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Trainings will cover technical aspects of accessible sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, on-street parking, and more.

ADA and Title II will also be conducted on March 12th. Participants will learn about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title II of the ADA, and the roles and responsibilities of municipalities and local government under the act. All state and local governments are required to follow the ADA regardless of their size under Title II. CMAP's accessibility training program is designed for municipal staff, public works staff, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinators, elected and appointed officials, community leaders, and anyone interested in learning about how to make their communities more accessible. For more information, please visit ([Accessibility and ADA Training](#)).

## Annual report

CMAP has published its 2023 Annual Report. CMAP's Annual Report, a yearly document published on behalf of our 7 counties, 284 municipalities, and 8.6 million residents, shows progress toward our region's shared vision and ON TO 2050 goals. The Annual Report is a 15-page summary of the accomplishments of CMAP this past year, focusing on our transportation system, climate resiliency, economic development, and equity. It also demonstrates our efforts to provide assistance and resources and to inform and engage diverse audiences and local communities. Please see more here: ([CMAP 2023 Annual Report](#)).

## 2024 Northeastern Illinois Priority Investments

Federal funding has allowed CMAP to collaborate with partners throughout the region and prioritize

projects for investment. The region has secured more than \$2.6 billion in federal funding for transportation projects. Some of the projects include: Chicago Hub Improvement Program, I-290 Blue Line Modernization, Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements Project, and Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvements and Grade Separation. These projects and more can also be found in the [CMAP 2023 Annual Report](#).

## CMAP Adopts Public Participation Plan

Every four years, CMAP creates a public participation plan that guides CMAP's engagement of residents and stakeholders of northeastern Illinois, and provides residents with guidance on participating in regional policy development and decision-making processes. In January of this year, CMAP's Policy Committee approved a new public participation plan. Improvements to CMAP's latest public participation plan include a more robust online engagement platform and stronger relationships with community-based organizations that work with CMAP to improve community collaboration. For more information, please see: [CMAP Public Participation Plan](#).

## Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Status Achieved by 12 Communities

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, in concert with ComEd, conferred the "EV Ready Community" status on 12 communities in Northeastern Illinois: Carol Stream, Darien, Deer Park, Geneva (Kane County), Glencoe, Hampshire (Kane County), Hanover Park, Maywood, Oak Park, Polo, Skokie, and, University Park. Congratulations to Hampshire and Geneva for receiving this status! This program has a EV Readiness Checklist of 131 possible municipal actions, and was developed by a coalition of over 70 regional partners from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Information on becoming an EV Ready Community can be found on the following website: [Electric Vehicle Readiness](#).



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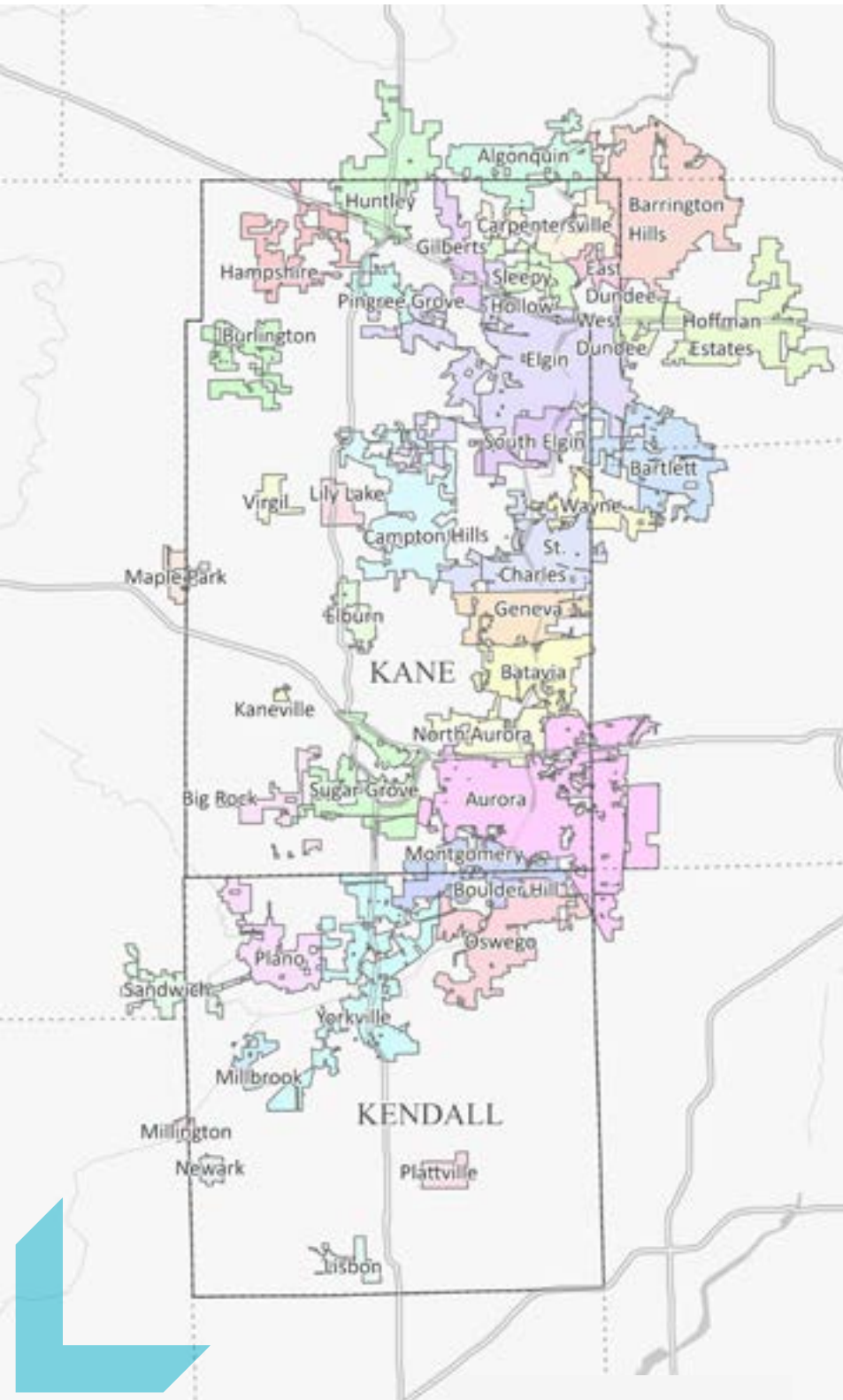
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