

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 was approved at the April 16th TPC and 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 here: [KKCOM STP Program](#).

IDOT's HSIP Funding Cycle 2026

IDOT is currently accepting applications for their Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for FY 2026. Applicants are directed to visit and explore the HSIP website which contains information about IDOT HSIP Policy and analysis tools that may be used to guide the applicant through the application process. A revamped webinar will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at 2 p.m. Applications are due Friday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m. Details can be found in [CL 2024-13](#).

USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG): Mega, INFRA, and Rural

The application process for the Mega, INFRA, and Rural programs has been streamlined into the single Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (MPDG). In the first two years of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, USDOT has provided nearly \$8 billion in grants to communities through the MPDG program to help rebuild the nation's infrastructure, create good-paying jobs, increase manufacturing capacity and innovation, and create a clean-energy economy to combat climate change and ensure our communities are resilient. Eligible applicants and eligible project types vary by program. Applications are due May 6, 2024. More information can be found here: [MPDG Program](#).

FHWA Funding – Active Transportation

FHWA is accepting applications for its Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP). Funding for this program is intended to strengthen safety, improve non-motorized modes such as bicycling and walking, and enhance access to public transit in communities across the country. Grants are available for planning, design, and construction. Planning and design projects must have costs totaling at least \$100,000 to be eligible, and construction projects must have costs totaling \$15 million to be eligible. Applications due June 17, 2024. For more information, visit: [ATIIP](#).

SAVE THE DATE

May	8	CMAP Board
May	8	CMAP Unified Work Program
May	16	CMAP STP PSC
May	16	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC
May	31	CMAP Transportation Committee
June	12	CMAP Board
June	13	CMAP MPO Policy Committee

IDOT BLRS AGREEMENT TRAINING

On May 20 and 21, 2024, IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads and Streets will host two training sessions on the agreement process. Training will be held in the IDOT District 1 Office (201 West Center St, Schaumburg, IL 60196). Registration will be first come first serve with approximately 90 seats available. The deadline for registration is **May 10, 2024**. Please register by email at: DOT.D1.BLRS@illinois.gov.



FUNDING UPDATES, cont'd

FY 2024 SS4A Grant Opportunity

Applications for the USDOT's FY 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All ([SS4A](#)) grant is still open. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. There are two remaining application deadlines.

- 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.

Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

On March 15, 2024, IDOT released a NOFO for Round 1 of the Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, which will provide up to \$50 million for the construction of 46 charging stations across the state. A webinar recording on the funding opportunity, application materials, and how to apply is posted on IDOT's Drive Electric Illinois website ([Drive Electric Illinois](#)). Questions may be submitted to: dot.driveelectric@illinois.gov. The application deadline is May 7, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Illinois EPA Funding - Driving a Cleaner Illinois

The Illinois EPA has opened Round 2 of the Driving a Cleaner Illinois – Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) EV Chargers funding. The Illinois EPA will fund a portion of the eligible costs associated with new, commercial-grade Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC, also known as Level 3) and Alternating Current Level 2 charging stations for electric vehicles, to be located at publicly accessible charging station locations in Illinois. The application deadline is Friday, May 10, 2024. For more information, visit: [IL EPA Funding](#).

KANE COUNTY UPDATE

Kane County Grade Separation Grant

In January of this year, Kane County was awarded \$25 million in federal funds to construct a grade separation of the 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. In addition, Kane County received \$12 million through the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF). For more information, please see: [Grade Separation Grant](#).

Kane County Safety Action Plan Status Update

In January 2024, Kane County DOT started the Kane County Safety Action Plan project with funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All ([SS4A](#)) program. This project will create a Safety Action Plan for all Kane County roadways. Consultants have received the most recent crash data from CMAP and are starting their initial analysis. The project team will hold a steering committee meeting and a stakeholder engagement event in the next few months. Please see: [Safety Action Plan](#).

UPDATED LETTING SCHEDULE

IDOT has made one important revision to their [new letting schedule](#): The final CE, RR, and Funding Agreements for the November 2024 letter has moved from September 16 to September 9, 2024.

PROWAG VIDEOS

The US Access Board has released a video series to supplement their guidelines on public right-of-way. These videos offer guidelines to make pedestrian facilities more accessible to the disabled. The videos may be found on the Board's ([YouTube Channel](#)).

STATEWIDE PLANNING & RESEARCH FUNDS

As described in [Circular Letter 2024-09](#), the application window for SPR funds is closed. Awards for this program will be announced in the summer of 2024.

PACE'S FIRST ELECTRIC BUS

Earlier this year, Pace Suburban Bus debuted its first-ever battery-electric bus. The state-of-the-art Gillig bus is now operational on Route 381 95th Street, serving riders in the southwest suburbs and providing connections between the CTA Red Line and Moraine Valley College. Pace, with its commitment to environmental stewardship as a key priority of the agency's [Driving Innovation](#) strategic vision plan, is actively working to reduce its carbon footprint and enhance air quality. Pace's ambitious initiative, [Project Zero](#), aims to convert its entire fleet of over 700 buses to zero-emission vehicles by 2040. At its unveiling event, speakers included US Senator Dick Durbin and Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham (18th District). For more information, please see: [Pace Electric Bus](#).

TAMP PERFORMANCE MEASURES

IDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) shows how State roads and bridges on the National Highway System are maintained. Performance measures are used to indicate the condition of pavement and bridges. Excel and GIS files associated with these condition ratings are also available. For more details see: [Condition Ratings](#).



CMAP NEWS

2024 Priority Climate Action Plan Released

CMAP collaborated with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to prepare the Priority Climate Action Plan that will set the region on a path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and allow communities in northeastern Illinois to compete for investments from the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. The goal is to reduce pollutant emissions, create high-quality jobs, and spur economic growth. Building off this work, CMAP will embark on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Due in June 2025, the plan will provide an overview of major regional sources and sinks of emissions, develop emissions scenarios and targets, and recommend strategies to reduce emissions. Learn more about this work on the following webpage: [CMAP Priority Climate Action Plan](#).

2024 Northeastern Illinois Priority Transportation Investments

CMAP recently released [Northeastern Illinois Priority Investments](#), a blueprint documenting the highest-priority projects across the region for 2024. It reflects collaboration between CMAP and our partners at IDOT, CDOT, the RTA, the CTA, Metra, Pace, the region's seven counties, and the CREATE Program partners.

Summer 2024 Future Leaders in Planning Program Accepting Applications

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is looking for high school students from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties who want to learn about urban planning and our region and share ideas about how to make northeastern Illinois a better place to live, go to school, work, and play. The program will be from Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at CMAP's office in downtown Chicago. The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

Proposed FY2025 Budget and Work Plan

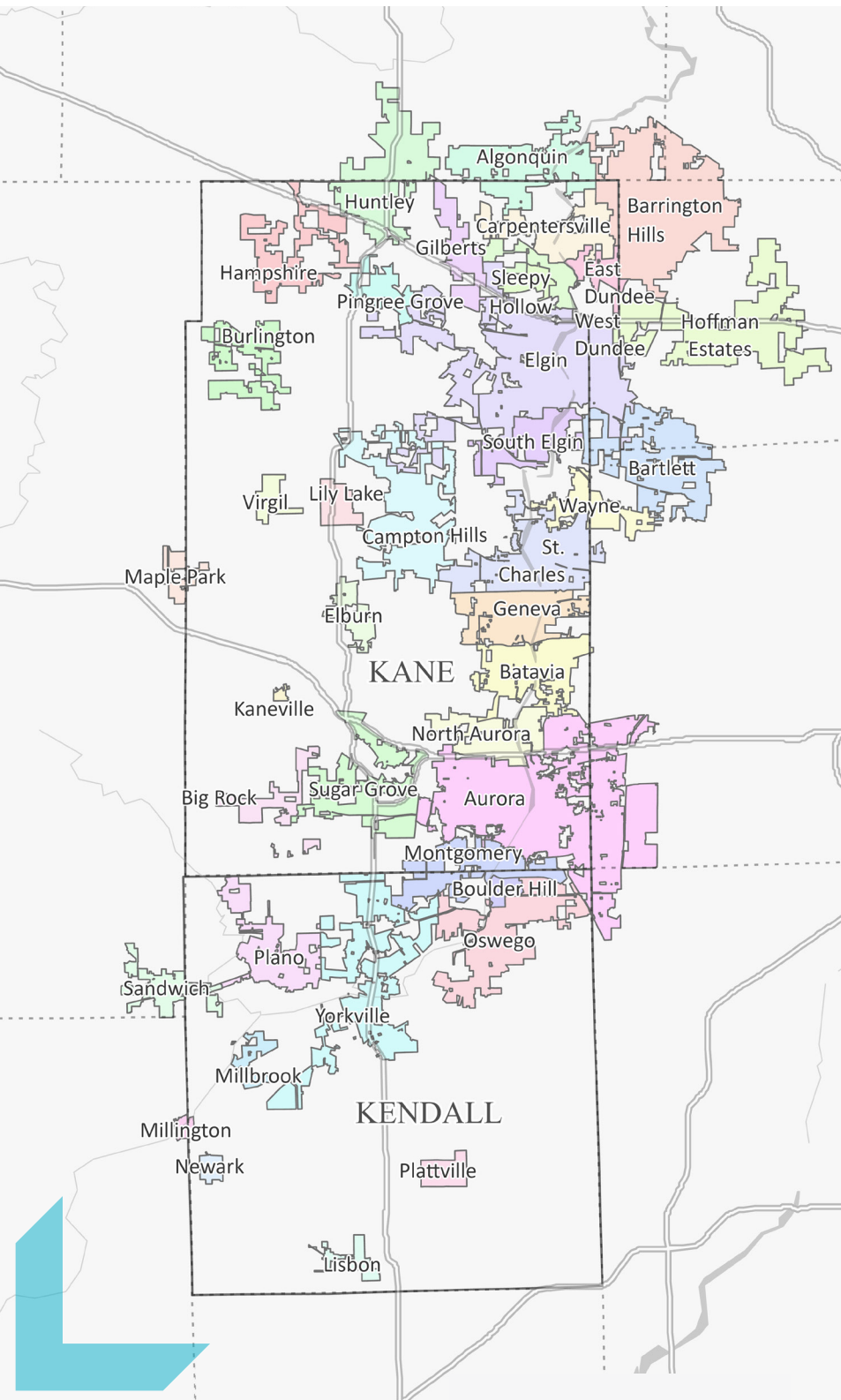
Every day, CMAP serves our region in an effort to make northeastern Illinois a stronger, more resilient place to live. CMAP's work is strategically planned in the region's long-range plan and in its annual budget and work plan. The CMAP Board recently approved the proposed FY2025 Budget and Work Plan for the next fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2024. This plan highlights CMAP's work to strengthen the region's transportation system, economy, and resiliency to climate impacts. The proposed FY2025 Budget and Work Plan as well as a seven-minute video can be found here: [FY2025 Budget and Work Plan document and video](#).

Legislative Update

During the March Board meeting the CMAP Board voted to approve language that modernizes the Regional Planning Act (RPA), CMAP's enabling legislation. CMAP is also seeking a \$5 million appropriation from the Illinois General Assembly to support their work that stretches beyond the transportation sector. Additionally, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is pursuing changes to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that would allow more flexibility for public bodies to meet remotely. CMAP staff is evaluating the possibility of working with IML to provide amendatory language that would add federally designated metropolitan planning organizations (MPO's) with jurisdiction over a specific geographic area of more than 4,000 square miles to the legislation. Please visit the following for more information: [Regional Planning Act](#).

Updated Land Use Inventory

CMAP's recently updated seven-county land use inventory is a great resource. This inventory contains GIS data and supporting documentation that divides land use in northeastern Illinois into 57 categories that can be used for forecasting, technical assistance, policy analysis, and so on. Please visit the following to see: [CMAP's 2020 Land Use Inventory](#).



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