

Newsletter

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Village of Oswego Harvey Road
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FUNDING UPDATES

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Bike Path Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications until **May 9th** for their [Bike Path Program](#). There is \$750,000 in total available for bike path construction, maintenance, land acquisition, and supporting facilities. Grants range from \$0 - \$200,000 and cover 50% of the cost.

USDOT FY25 SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Funds for the FY 2025 [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) (SS4A) grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets. The [SS4A Resource Page](#) contains application materials, instructions, checklists, and planning worksheets intended to help guide applicants through the SS4A eligibility and application process. Additionally, USDOT webinar recordings are available online: [SS4A Webinars](#). Applications will be submitted via Valid Eval: [Planning and Demonstration Grants](#); [Implementation Grants](#). All grant applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on **June 26th**. Implementation grant applicants may submit an eligibility review request by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on **May 9th**. Technical questions must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. (CST) on **May 29th**.

IDOT FY27 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Illinois' HSIP is a data-driven program for infrastructure improvements administered by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) intended to reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes on public roadways. Applications are open until **June 20th** at 5:00 p.m. There will be a webinar about the application on May 8th at 10:00 a.m. Details are in [Circular Letter 2025-06](#).

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**.

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SAVE THE DATE

May 1	KKCOM Full Council
May 14	CMAP Board
May 14	CMAP UWP
May 15	STP Project Selection Committee
May 15	CMAP & TAP Project Selection Committee
May 30	CMAP Transportation Committee
May 30	Special Meeting of CMAP MPO Policy
June 3	CMAP CoM Executive Committee
June 11	CMAP Board
June 12	CMAP MPO Policy

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

IDOT's [Safe Routes to School](#) (SRTS) program is anticipated to open August 1st. Active Transportation Alliance will offer webinars starting in July: [Webinars](#).

2025 ILLINOIS BIKE & WALK SUMMIT

The [2025 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit](#) (ILBWS25) hosted by Ride Illinois will take place May 7-8 at the Bank of Springfield Center. ILBWS25 is the State's most important conference related to biking and walking. This year's theme is creating connected, livable, thriving communities. Contact info@rideillinois.org with any questions. Registration is still open.

CMAP ADA COORDINATORS GROUP

CMAP's Regional ADA Coordinators Group is a peer professional development group. Information from prior meetings is available online: [CMAP ADA Coordinators](#). Registration is now open for the [May 13th meeting](#) which will continue discussions on self-evaluation and transition plans and will feature two expert panelists.

TRANSPORT CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Transport Chicago is an annual conference dedicated to improving transportation in the Chicago region and beyond. Transport Chicago brings together seasoned experts and professionals of all ages for a one-day fun, engaging, and semi-formal conference setting. Regular priced registration is open until May 27th: [Transport Chicago](#).

NATIONAL ADA SYMPOSIUM

The National ADA Symposium is an annual conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act and disability-related laws. This conference provides the latest information on all areas of the ADA, including regulations and guidelines, implementation strategies, and best practices. Registration is still open for the in-person summit which will take place June 15-18 in Atlanta, Georgia: [Great Plains ADA Center](#).

NATIONAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

The [National Regional Transportation Conference](#) 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 is available online.

KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Safety Action Plan Update

In mid-May, the Kane County Safety Action Plan steering committee will begin reviewing the draft plan. The plan is anticipated to be approved by on May 30th by the CMAP Transportation Committee and a special meeting of the CMAP MPO Policy Committee. Pending approval of the Safety Action Plan, municipalities in Kane County will be eligible to apply for SS4A implementation grants (for more details please see the SS4A NOFO on page 1).

Staff Announcement -- Heidi Files

The Kane County Department of Transportation has appointed Heidi Files as the new Executive Director of the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM). Heidi brings 21 years of experience in transportation planning and programming with Kane County, having started her career in 1998 as a KKCOM Planning Liaison. She has since served in various roles at both KDOT and Kane County and now returns in a new leadership role as Executive Director. Welcome back, Heidi!

PARTNER UPDATES

IDOT Spring T2 Training

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the [Spring 2025 T2 training](#), along with all past offerings, available online. For more information on how to navigate this training, along with 35+ additional trainings offered by the T2 Center, please reference the [T2 website](#). New users will need to contact Barry.Kent@illinois.gov for credentials.

IDOT Special Program Assistance Conference (SPAC)

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Special Programs Unit is offering informational conferences this spring to present three grant programs that could help fund your next transportation project – Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). IDOT staff will be available for two days in each IDOT District area to offer general information about each program and answer your specific questions one-on-one to help you take advantage of funding available from these programs. Links to register can be found on both the [ITEP](#) and [SRTS](#) webpages.

Pace Board Greenlights Next Step for Regional Day Pass

At its April meeting, the Pace Board of Directors approved a key step toward expanding and improving regional transit access for riders across the Chicagoland area. The Board authorized the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Regional Day Pass (RDP) Pilot Program, a collaborative effort between Pace, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The RDP will provide riders with a convenient, cost-effective option for unlimited rides on all three systems for a single day. More information is available on Pace's website: [Region Day Pass Press Release](#).



Photo Credit: RTA



The 606/ Bloomingdale Trail
Photo Credit: American Galvanizers Assoc.

CMAP NEWS

Northeastern Illinois Development Database

Since 1987, CMAP has maintained the [Northeastern Illinois Development Database \(NDD\)](#) to track significant developments and redevelopments in the seven-county northeastern Illinois region. Municipalities are encouraged to submit proposed, in-progress, or completed developments, as all phases contribute valuable data for the model. The NDD web map is an opportunity to ensure your community's growth is accurately represented in regional forecasts. The NDD web map is tailored for local government staff to actively participate in the forecasting process by submitting and editing developments. This data informs CMAP's local forecast model, which predicts household and job placements in developments across the region.

Modernizing Illinois Sales Tax Report

In support of funding recommendations in the [PART Report](#), CMAP partnered with the Civic Federation, the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability to produce [Modernizing Illinois' Sales Tax: A pathway for a sustainable future](#). This report details how specific reforms could apply sales tax to more consumer services, address revenue shortfalls, and ensure sustainable funding for essential public services, including public transit. The report concludes that reform could generate nearly \$2 billion annually in new state revenue and provide much-needed financial stability for Illinois communities. Please contact Kasia Hart with any questions: khart@cmmap.illinois.gov.

Local Housing Profiles

CMAP, in partnership with DePaul University, has created housing profiles for each of northeastern Illinois' 7 counties, 284 municipalities, and 77 Chicago community areas. A summary of the key findings is available on CMAP's Website: [Housing Data](#). Additionally, [profile documents](#) are available for each community and the full data set can be downloaded from [CMAP's Data Hub](#).

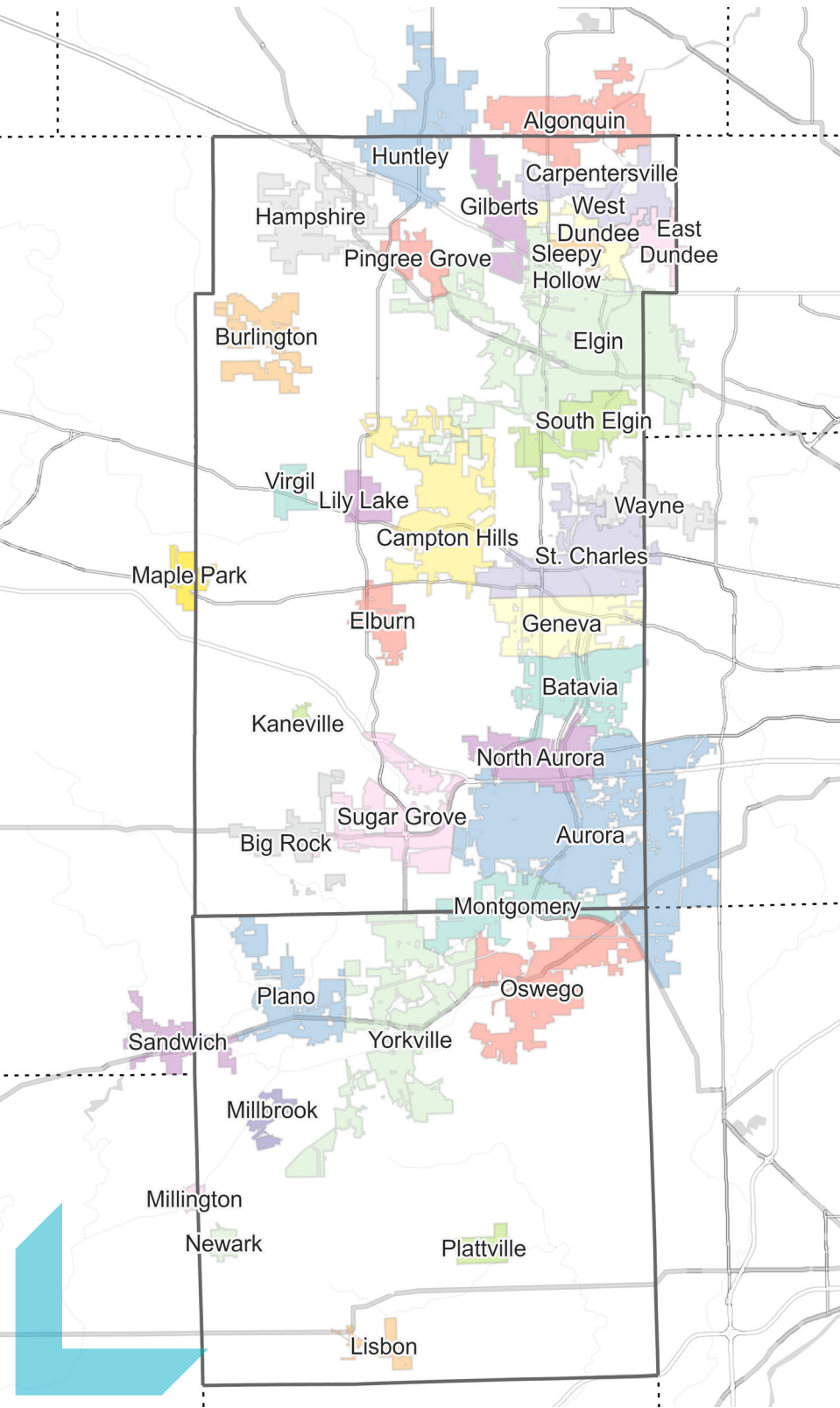
Legislative Update

CMAP staff are beginning a process to develop regional principles for the next federal transportation funding reauthorization bill. Similar to previous reauthorization cycles, CMAP staff will collaborate with regional transportation implementers, advocacy groups, and other stakeholder to develop principles that will be shared with the region's congressional delegation and other federal partners.

CMAP staff continues to track legislation before the Illinois General Assembly that impacts the region and is relevant to CMAP's work. CMAP staff is working with lead sponsor Representative Will Davis on the Strengthen Communities (HB3784) funding initiative that would appropriate \$2M to the agency to support the planning functions and programs required in the Illinois Regional Planning Act. CMAP derives most of its funding from the federal government for the activities associated with being a federally designated metropolitan planning organization. These funds can only be used for eligible transportation related uses and CMAP's ongoing engagement has revealed that local governments' needs go beyond the limits of this federal funding. CMAP's goal is to incorporate the \$2M appropriation into the final FY26 budget. For more information on other legislation of interest, please contact Ryan Gougis, IGA Specialist at rgougis@cmmap.illinois.gov.

FLIP Summer Program

Applications are open for CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning Summer Program which takes place July 15-17 and July 22-23 at CMAP's offices in Chicago. High school students in the seven-county region are eligible to apply for this free 5-day program where students can learn about career paths and opportunities to get involved in urban planning, sustainability, transportation and other related fields. Applications are due June 2nd: [FLIP Program](#).



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