

Newsletter

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Aurora Bike Rodeo
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FUNDING UPDATES

KKCOM STP-L CFP Update

The [FFY 2027-2031 STP-L draft recommended program](#) was approved by the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee on April 16. Final KKCOM approval is scheduled for the Full Council meeting on **May 28**. CMAP's final program adoption votes will take place on **May 29** and **June 11**. A descriptive memo, project scoring, and the draft program can be found online: [KKCOM Draft STP Program](#).

USDOT FY26 SS4A NOFO

USDOT is accepting applications for the [FY2026 Safe Streets for All](#) (SS4A) program until **May 26 at 4 p.m. CT**. Grants will be awarded for Planning, Demonstration, and Implementation projects. Agencies that are covered under an existing Safety Action Plan, including the [Kane County Safety Action Plan](#), are eligible to apply for implementation grants. Additionally, planning and demonstration grants are available to support new safety action plans, supplemental plans, and demonstration projects. More details including [webinar recordings](#) are available on the USDOT site. In addition, CMAP partnered with the DuPage DOT to produce an [implementation guidance video](#) for applicants.

USDOT Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

USDOT has released a NOFO for the Crossing Safety Program/ Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program. This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Over \$1.1 billion will be awarded to projects that create a grade separation, track relocation, install protective devices, or plan/design safety projects. Applications must be submitted no later than **June 8 by 10:59 p.m. CT**. The minimum award size is \$1,000,000, except for planning projects. Detailed information is available in the [FY 2025-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). An Open Office Hours Session will be held May 11 at 1 p.m. CT. Additionally, slides from the April 30 webinar are available: [RCE NOFO Presentation](#).

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SAVE THE DATE

May 13	CMAP Board
May 14	STP Project Selection Committee
May 14	CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee
May 14	STP Project Selection Committee
May 28	KKCOM Full Council
May 29	CMAP Transportation Committee
June 10	CMAP Board
June 11	CMAP MPO Policy Committee
June 16	CMAP CoM Executive Committee

MAY IS BIKE MONTH!

Visit the Active Transportation Alliance's [Bike Month](#) webpage to find local events!

IDOT FY28 HSIP

Applications for IDOT's FY28 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) are anticipated to open in spring of 2026 and will be announced via IDOT Circular Letter. [HSIP](#) is a data-driven, strategic approach program for infrastructure improvements. Interested agencies can review the previous [FY27 Local HSIP Circular Letter](#) to prepare for the next application

FY2027 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOTMENTS

IDOT has released [Circular Letter 2026-03](#) detailing FY2027 Federal Funding allotments for the Surface Transportation Program, Local Bridge Formula Program, and State Matching Assistance Program.

ADA PROW TEMPLATES

IDOT has partnered with CMAP and HDR to produce an ADA Transition Plan for the Public ROW template and companion guide to assist local agencies with compliance. These resources are available on the Project Next Steps tab of the [IDOT ADA Title II webpage](#). The template provides agencies with a step-by-step process to comply with ADA Title II requirements. IDOT is accepting feedback on the templates to improve and finalize the documents.

ADA COORDINATOR GROUPS

IDOT's ADA Coordinators group will meet May 21 to discuss Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). Registration for this virtual meeting is available on the T2 portal. Slides from past meetings and other training information are available on IDOT's [ADA Title II page](#). Information about past and future meetings of [CMAP's ADA Coordinator's Group](#) is available online.

TRANSPORT CHICAGO

The Transport Chicago conference will be held June 12 at the [voco hotel](#) in Chicago. The conference brings together seasoned experts and professionals for a one-day fun, engaging, and semi-formal conference setting. [Registration](#) is now open online with regular pricing ending May 31.

Plano Train Station
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KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Bicycle Friendly Communities Workshop

Kane County is excited to be partnering with the League of American Bicyclists to offer a Bicycle Friendly Community workshop for local agency staff, elected officials, residents, bike advocates, and other partners interested in discussing ways to improve cycling in Kane County. Kane County recently received an honorable mention designation and [detailed report card](#) from the League. The free workshop will be held June 25 and 26 and will include a bike audit and small group discussions led by a representative from the League. More information is available on the [registration form](#) and [flyer](#).

KDOT Staff Update

KDOT has promoted Jennifer O'Connell to Assistant Director of Transportation-Project Implementation/Assistant County Engineer and Candi Thomas to Chief of Design. Congratulations to both Jennifer and Candi!

PARTNER UPDATES

IDOT ITEP Program

IDOT will be hosting a series of Special Programs Assistance Conferences (SPAC) focused on the upcoming [Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program](#) (ITEP) Cycle 17, which will open on August 1, 2026 with \$157M total available. [SPAC 2026](#) takes place from the second week of April 2026 through mid-June 2026, with sessions hosted at various locations across IDOT districts. These conferences will highlight key updates and exciting changes planned for the next ITEP funding cycle. An informational session will be held on the morning of Day 1, and the remainder of Day 1 and all of Day 2 will be available for agencies to reserve one-on-one sessions with IDOT staff to discuss projects. Local sessions will be May 18-19 at IDOT D1 Headquarters in Schaumburg and May 27-28 at the McHenry Government Center.

Illinois E-Mobility Legislation

On April 15, the Illinois Senate unanimously passed SB 3336 detailing a statewide safety initiative to regulate high speed e-bikes, e-motos, and other electric transportation devices. This legislation is part of IL Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' "[Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready](#)" campaign. Next, the Illinois House will consider the bill where it is sponsored by State Rep. Barbara Hernandez (50th District - Aurora). Details about the legislation are available in the Secretary of State's [Press Release](#). If signed into law, the bill would take effect January 1, 2027.

RTA Proposed Amendment to 2026 Operating Budget

The RTA is requesting public input on a [proposed amendment](#) to the 2026 Operating Budget to invest \$132.2 million in near-term priorities in advance of the incoming NITA board. This will include \$59.6M for safety improvements and \$53.3M for service expansion. Public comment will be accepted through May 8 in advance of the amendment's consideration at the May RTA Board meeting.



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CMAP NEWS

RTP Update

CMAP is working on the Regional Transportation Plan which is anticipated to be released for public comment in early June in anticipation of full adoption in October. Supporting Documents for the RTP including major reports, policy briefs, and financial planning documents are available on CMAP's [RTP page](#). CMAP will be presenting information about the RTP at KKOM's Full Council meeting on May 28.

Regional Water Workshops

CMAP is continuing work on its new five-part virtual workshop series titled "Shared Waters, Shared Future: Northeastern Illinois Regional Water Supply Sustainability Workshops." These workshops are a partnership between CMAP, the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Office of Water. Topics and details are available online and include water governance, water sustainability, and groundwater impact: [Water Workshops](#). Sessions will be hosted virtually and will feature community leaders, water utilities, planners, policy makers, and residents. Registration is now open for each of the three remaining workshops which will take place until November: [Webinar Registration](#). The third session, Addressing Utility Climate and Drought Preparedness, will be held on June 3 at 9 a.m. Recordings of past sessions are also available.

Transportation Resilience Plan Released

CMAP's newly completed [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan](#) identifies vulnerabilities in the regional transportation system and how to make it more resilient to extreme weather and climate change. The plan includes 21 project resilience strategies, 25 organizational resilience strategies, and 64 priority projects. This plan meets FHWA's requirements for the PROTECT grant program and will help position the region to compete for PROTECT funds as well as other resilience funds.

State Budget Proposal Analysis

CMAP has published an [initial analysis](#) of Governor Pritzker's FY2027 budget proposal. This analysis offers early highlights from the governor's proposed budget and potential impacts on transportation, climate, and the regional economy in northeastern Illinois. A follow up analysis will be produced later this spring.

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

CMAP has released the [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago](#) in partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Grounded in rigorous data and shaped by community and partner voices, it offers more than 70 strategies to reduce emissions, improve public health, and strengthen the economy.

Land Use Inventory Update

CMAP has updated its Lane Use Inventory, which is a survey of Northeastern Illinois' land use. The new 2026 inventory features 2023 data refined by CMAP. The data is a resource for planners, transportation agencies, university researches, non-governmental organizations, consulting firms, and more. CMAP uses the Land Use Inventory to develop long-range population, household, and economic forecasts in support of its comprehensive planning projects. The data can be viewed on an [interactive web map](#) and is also available for [download](#).

Household Travel Data

CMAP has published an analysis of the [My Daily Travel Survey Phase One](#) data set. This [survey data](#) was collected from September 2024 to June 2025 and included a sample of over 3,500 households. The analysis includes charts and graphs detailing information relating to travel mode-share, telecommuting, trip lengths, demographic information, and more. Future phases of the survey will continue into 2027.

