

# Newsletter

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## FUNDING UPDATES

### KKKOM FFY 2025- 2029 STP-L Call for Projects

KKKOM's biennial FFY 2025 - 2029 STP-L Call for Projects commences November 3rd, 2023. We are currently reviewing the methodology to have it finalized and adopted by November. The schedule is as follows:

Description	Start Date	End Date	Duration
CFP Open for Applications	November 3, 2023	December 22, 2023	7 weeks
KKKOM Staff Scores Projects	December 26, 2023	February 23, 2024	9 weeks
KKKOM Staff Publishes Recommended Draft Program	February 29, 2024	February 29, 2024	1 day
Public Comment Period	March 1, 2024	April 1, 2024	4 weeks
KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee & Full Council Considers Recommended Program	April 4 or 11, TBD	April 4 or 11, TBD	1 day
CMAP Transportation Committee Considers TIP for Approval	May 2024 / TBD	May 2024 / TBD	1 day
CMAP MPO Policy Committee Considers TIP for Final Approval	June 2024 / TBD	June 2024 / TBD	1 day

### Illinois 2023 Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Call for Projects

IDOT will be accepting applications for the [Illinois Safe Routes to School Program](#) (SRTS) beginning August 1, 2023, through October 2, 2023. The SRTS supports projects and programs that enable and encourage walking, rolling, and bicycling to and from school. New this year, for Cycle 2023, SRTS will be 100% funded and will require no local match. The program is funded with 80% from the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the 20% match will be funded by Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Applications are due **October 2nd, 2023**, by 4:30PM.

### FY2023 Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods Program

This [RCN NOFO](#) is a combination of two major discretionary grant opportunities: [The Reconnecting Communities Pilot](#) (RCP) and [Neighborhood Access and Equity](#) (NAE) Programs. Under the combined RCN Program, USDOT is offering three grant types: [Community Planning Grants](#), [Capital Construction Grants](#), and [Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants](#). Applications must be submitted by **September 28, 2023**.

## SAVE THE DATE

- September 13 CMAP Board
- September 13 CMAP MPO Policy Committee
- September 13 CMAP Unified Work Program
- September 22 CMAP Transportation Committee
- October 11 CMAP Board
- October 11 CMAP MPO Policy Committee
- October 19 KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee

## KKKOM IS HIRING!

KKKOM is looking for a Transportation Planner / Regional Planning Liaison to join our team. The position is posted on [Kane County's Employment site](#). Please share with anyone who may be interested. *Thank you!*



## IDOT 2023 FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The conference will be held October 2-4, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center. The three-day event will attract transportation professionals from around the state. Join this once-a-year opportunity to learn and network with program administrators, transportation engineers, and planning professionals. Register [here](#).

## Funding Updates - *continued*

### Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$13.4 Million Funding Opportunity for Transit-Oriented Development

The U.S. DOT announced on August 9th the [availability](#) of approximately \$13.4 million in competitive grant funds through the [Federal Transit Administration's \(FTA\) Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\) Planning](#). The funding will support local planning and investment near transit hubs to promote sustainable, liveable, and equitable communities. To apply for funding, an applicant must be an existing FTA grant recipient. The application period will close on **October 10, 2023**. Visit the [TOD website](#) for additional information.

## KANE COUNTY UPDATES

### 2023 Updated KDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

The [2023 Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan](#) has been adopted by the Kane County Board. Kane County's previous plan was adopted in April 2012. Since then, the County has experienced demographic changes, along with shifting infrastructure needs, notably the record nationwide increase in bicycle and pedestrian fatalities. Major components of the plan include updating the County's design guidelines and best practices pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Guidelines for accommodation in urban, suburban, and rural contexts helps ensure the plan serves all residents and visitors of Kane County and assists municipalities and partners with their planning efforts. Kane County is also using the plan to pursue grants and implement projects on the Kane County highway system, and work to connect to networks maintained by municipalities and other agency partners. Read more about the Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan by clicking [here](#).

### New Kane & Kendall County Bicycle and Pedestrian Web App

KDOT Staff has updated the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Web App](#) with new data from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The app was first launched in November 2018 and has had several updates over the years. Through this web app, individuals have access to interactive web maps of local and regional trails, bike facilities, bike shops, trail surfaces, and levels of traffic stress, which measures how stressful a roadway's traffic is to bicyclists or pedestrians.

### Kane County Bicycle, Highway, and Transit Maps

Kane County produces the [Kane County & Northern Kendall County Bicycle Map](#), which includes existing local and regional trails and the [Kane County Highway Map](#). You can request to mail or pick up the Bicycle and Highway Maps by filling out the form [here](#).

## IDOT UPDATE

### IDOT 2022 Pavement and Structure Data

New pavement and structure condition data, collected in 2022, is available on the IDOT website [here](#). At the bottom of the page, you can download a zip file, which contains Excel and GIS layer packages containing the data.

## CMAP FALL 2023 ADA WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION OPEN

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) invites you to attend their free ADA and accessibility trainings. The trainings cover many aspects of the ADA with a particular focus on the public right-of-way.

These training are intended for elected officials, city administrators, program directors or managers, section leaders, city clerks, communication/media managers, administrative staff from library, parks and recreation and other divisions of local government. Participants are welcome to attend one or more of the training workshops. Register [here](#).

### [Module 1: ADA and Title II and the Illinois Accessibility Code](#)

September 14: 9am - 4pm  
Glen Ellyn Police Department

### [Module 2: ADA Coordinator Training](#)

October 11: 9am - 1pm  
Brookfield Village Hall

### [Module 3: ADA Self-Evaluation and Design Standards](#)

November 8: 9am - 1pm  
Arlington Heights Senior Center

### [Module 4: ADA Transition Plans](#)

November 9: 9am - 1pm  
Arlington Heights Senior Center

## KANE KENDALL FY 2024 TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM (TBP) ALLOTMENT

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-24](#) listing the allotment of the \$60 million for the FY 2024 TBP. The funds are to be used by the road districts for the construction of bridges. **Kane County** was awarded \$451,243 for the 534.170 total TWP miles while **Kendall County** was awarded \$302,025 for the 357.530 total TWP miles.





# CMAP NEWS

## **No Small PART: Recommendations Coming Soon in Plan of Action to Address Regional Transit**

Big, bold solutions are needed to secure the financial viability of northeastern Illinois' transit system. Our region's transit agencies — the Chicago Transit Authority, Pace, and Metra — face a budget shortfall of \$730 million in 2026 when federal assistance expires. Without action, train and bus service could be drastically reduced.

The state tasked CMAP with developing legislative recommendations that envision a stronger and more financially secure transit system. The [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) is in its final stages of development. The PART report will leverage findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as [CMAP's Mobility Recovery project](#). Several recommendations for system improvements and funding approaches are available on the PART page, and additional recommendations will be posted throughout the summer.

On Wednesday, September 6, the [PART Steering Committee](#) meets. Final recommendations will go to the CMAP Board and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, which will meet on Wednesday, September 13. Approval of the report is set for October. The report must be submitted to the Illinois General Assembly and the governor's office by January 1, 2024.

## **Community Alliance for Regional Equity (CARE)**

CMAP is accepting applicants for the second [CARE](#) cohort, which will launch in January and run through December 2024. CARE is a group of community-based organizations that will work with CMAP to make their investment processes more equitable and strengthen community collaboration. They are seeking community-based organizations that are traditionally marginalized or excluded in the transportation planning process, to

compensate them for their time and expertise, each member organization will receive a \$10,000 honorarium. [Applications](#) are due by **September 19, 2023**.

## **New CMAP Data Hub**

CMAP is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Data Hub](#). The Data Hub provides vetted and trustworthy information about northeastern Illinois so local governments, community organizations, academic researchers, businesses, and more can learn and make informed decisions about their communities. The new Data Hub allows you to search or browse by categories and tags. You can find tables or shapefiles for transit routes and stops, greenhouse gas emissions, economically disconnected and disinvested areas, bikeway inventory system, and more.

## **Improving Accessibility in the Region**

CMAP has launched a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. This [CMAP webpage](#) provides communities and partners with essential information about improving accessibility and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Sign-up to receive the Accessible Communities newsletter by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#). CMAP also hosted a series of free ADA trainings, which covered ADA and Title II requirements, completing a self-evaluation, the role of an ADA coordinator, and developing a transition plan. Training slides and recordings are available on the [CMAP website](#). Additional workshops are scheduled for fall 2023 and registration is open. These trainings will cover the ADA and Title II and Illinois Accessibility Code training, ADA coordinator training, ADA self-evaluation and design standards, and ADA transition plans.

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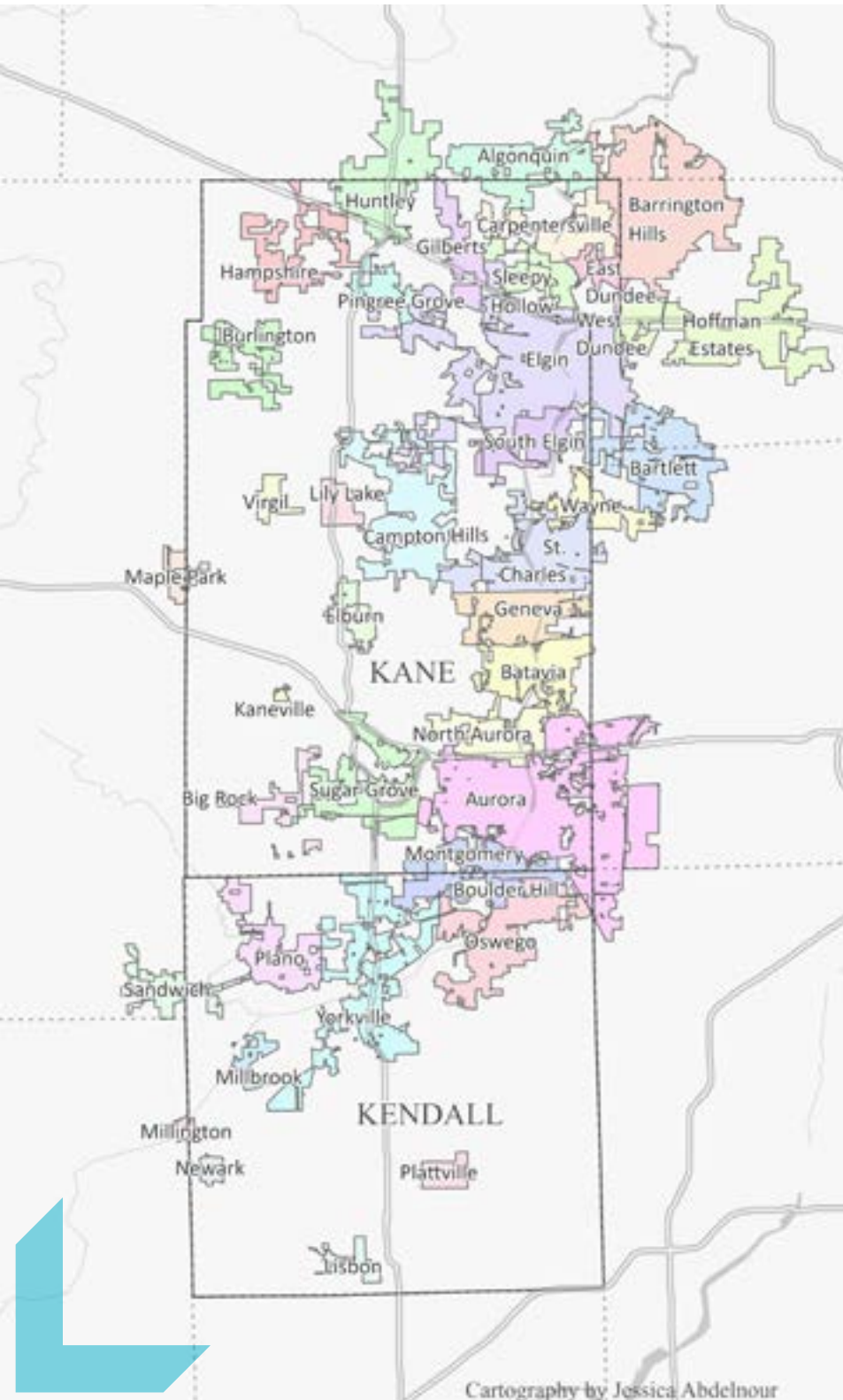
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