

Newsletter

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Peace Bridge
Photo Credit: City of Batavia



Oswego ADA Project
Photo Credit: Shaw Local

FUNDING UPDATES

Kane Kendall Council of Mayors STP-L Call for Projects

The FFY 2027–2031 STP-L Call for Projects will open **October 27** and close **December 19**. This call will program projects for FFYs 2030 and 2031. The full schedule is available on the [KKCOM STP Program webpage](#).

In July, the KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee approved updates to the [STP-L Methodology](#) and the [KKCOM Programming Policies & Procedures](#), with final adoption anticipated at the October 7 Full Council meeting. *As a reminder, all projects currently on the Contingency List must reapply during this call to remain in the program.*

Safe Routes to School

IDOT's Safe Routes to School grant program will close **October 13 at 5 p.m.** This program funds programming and infrastructure projects that improve conditions for walking and biking within two miles of an elementary, middle, or high school. This cycle, \$12 million will be available at 100% funding (no local match needed). The maximum grant award is \$250,000 for infrastructure projects and \$100,000 for non-infrastructure projects. The 2025 guidelines and application materials are available online: [IDOT SRTS](#).

The Active Transportation Alliance is partnering with IDOT to offer a three-part webinar series to support applicants with one part remaining. Registration and past meeting slides are available: [Active Transportation Alliance SRTS](#).

Recording 1: [Grant Overview & Guidelines](#).

Recording 2: [Application Walk-Through](#).

September 17: [Q & A with IDOT Staff](#).

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 have closed, planning applications are due **October 1**, and applications for Bridge Projects under \$100 million are due **November 1**.

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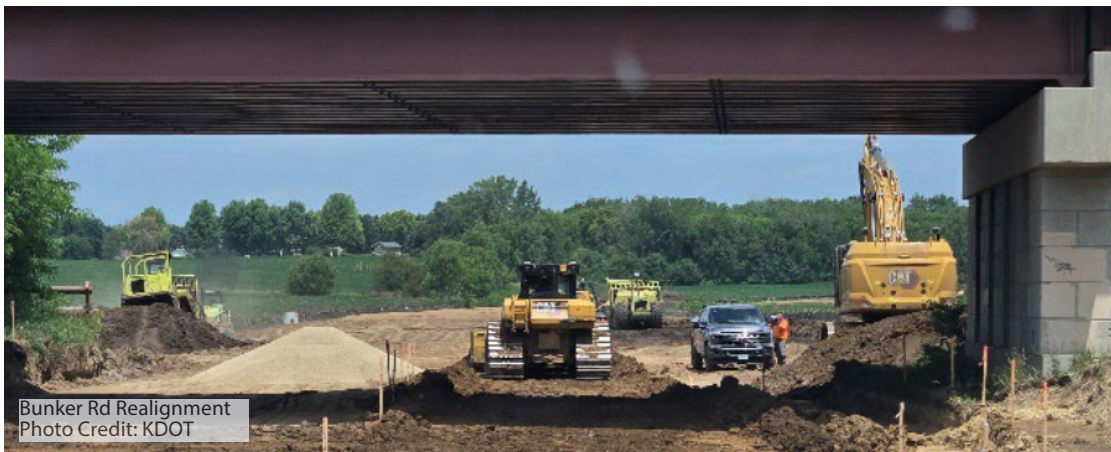
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SAVE THE DATE

September 10	CMAP Board
September 10	CMAP UWP
September 12	CMAP Transportation Committee
September 16	CMAP CoM Executive
September 29	KKCOM Bike Ped Committee
October 7	KKCOM Full Council
October 8	Joint MPO Policy and CMAP Board
October 9	CMAP UWP
October 16	KKCOM TPC

2025 BIKE MAPS

KKCOM's 2025-2026 Bike Maps have arrived! Use the [order form](#) on the KDOT [Bike/Ped Resources](#) page to request the free maps.



IDOT CIRCULAR LETTER 2025-12

IDOT has released [CL 2025-12](#) which details changes to the US Army Corps of Engineers Permit Review process. The goal of these changes is to improve communication and streamline permit reviews required under the statutory responsibility of USACE and better serve the public interest. The changes are effective immediately. Existing permit applications do not need resubmittal.

APA-IL STATE CONFERENCE

The Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association will be hosting its annual conference October 8-10 at the Old Post Office building in Chicago. Registration and the agenda are available online: [APA-IL](#).

IDOT FALL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The 40th Annual IDOT Fall Planning Conference will take place October 22-24 in Moline, IL. Topics will cover updates on important statewide transportation plans such as the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and Public Transportation Plan. Registration and more details are available online: [IDOT Conference](#).

HIGHLIGHTING REGIONAL BIKE/PED EFFORTS

Kane County, Aurora, and Batavia each applied to the League of American Cyclist's Bike Friendly Communities program. As a part of the evaluation for awards, a public survey is open through October 5. The same link allows you to access each of these three surveys: [BFC 2025 Survey](#).

Oswego is working on a Bike Plan through CMAP's Technical Assistance Program. Visit the [Oswego Bike Plan Engagement site](#) to see project updates and engagement efforts.

East Dundee just kicked off development of their Bike Plan. A survey and interactive map are available on the [plan's project page](#).

Elgin begun work on an Active mobility Plan this summer. A survey, comment map, and more information are available on the [Engage Elgin](#) page.

KANE COUNTY UPDATE

Kane County 2027 Impact Fee Program Update

Kane County is in the process of updating its [Impact Fee Program](#), which includes the Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan (CRIP) and the Impact Fee Ordinance. As part of this effort, meetings of the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and public hearings will be held to review and discuss proposed updates. Municipalities are encouraged to provide comments on the land use assumptions and socio-economic forecasts that will feed into the County's travel demand model. These assumptions are critical, as the model identifies future roadway deficiencies, which in turn guide the recommended roadway capacity improvement projects in the CRIP and establish the basis for the impact fees. A [public engagement website](#) has been launched to share meeting materials, project updates, and provide opportunities for public input. When the public comment period opens, community members will be able to submit comments through the site or attend the public hearing. The County anticipates holding the hearing and comment period this fall to ensure transparency and broad community involvement in shaping the updated program.

PARTNER UPDATES

RTA Regional Transit Fiscal Cliff Hub

The RTA has launched a [Regional Transit Fiscal Cliff Hub](#) on their website to provide residents with information and updates on the Fiscal Cliff and outreach efforts. Additionally, the RTA has created a new [Ad Hoc Committee on Transit Funding](#) to consider issues relating to the 2025 and 2026 transit funding crisis. The Illinois General Assembly is expected to revisit the Fiscal Cliff issue in the October veto session.

2024 IDOT Crash Data

On August 11, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2025-11](#) announcing the availability of the 2024 crash data. This data set provides important crash information required for the identification of areas of improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes. The data can be accessed through [IDOT's Safety Portal](#).

Illinois Tollway 20-Year Strategic Plan

The Illinois Tollway has approved its new 20-Year Strategic Plan: [Our Bold Steps, Together](#). This plan will guide the agency's next 20 years of development by identifying 45 initiatives across five goals to expand access to Tollway benefits, diversify offerings, and maintain and enhance past investments.

Metra BNSF & UP-W Lines Schedule Updates

Starting September 8, Metra is adding weekday express trains and expanding hourly service on weekends for the BNSF line. The new [schedule](#) responds to customer feedback and ridership data with the aim of minimizing capacity issues on express trains during the morning and evening rush: [BNSF Press Release](#). Additionally, the UP-W line has had added stops to weekday off-peak trains and all weekend trains, resulting in minor schedule adjustments: [UP-West Press Release](#).



CMAP NEWS

New 2025 Community Data Snapshots

The updated 2025 CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in the region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household.

Regional ADA Coordinators Group

CMAP's Regional ADA Coordinators Group will next meet virtually on September 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The topic will be "Accessibility in Construction" and discussion will focus on the standards and guidelines to ensure that temporary routes during construction are accessible. Details and registration information are available online: [CMAP ADA Coordinators](#).

Kane County Housing Readiness

Kane County is partnering with CMAP to create a Housing Readiness Plan. This plan will assess the County's housing needs and regulatory barriers such as zoning, entitlement processes and building codes which inform the housing types and price points in communities. The project team recently released the [Market Analysis Report](#) which provides an overview of Kane County's existing housing, zoning, land use conditions, and other key factors that will influence future housing recommendations. More information about the project and a resident's survey are available on the CMAP engagement page: [Kane County Housing Readiness](#).

Climate Action Project Spotlights

CMAP wants to highlight important work across the region to cut carbon emissions and build resilience to climate change. Local agencies and organizations that have completed a project that helps the region cut

emissions or prepare for climate impacts are invited to share details and photos with CMAP: [Climate action Project Submittal](#). Select projects may be featured in CMAP's reports, case studies, articles, and social media posts to inspire action and share solutions with others.

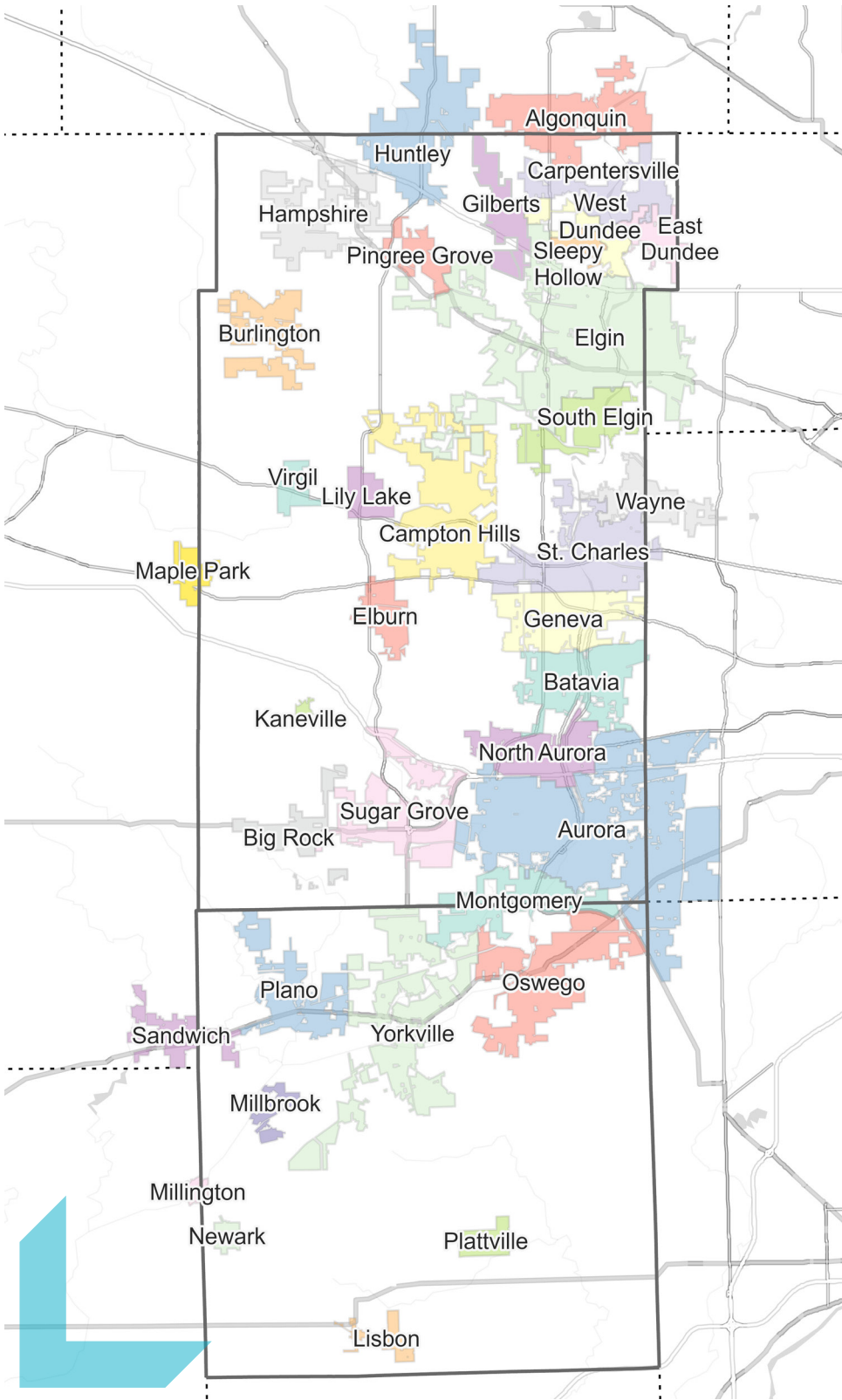
Regional Transportation Plan Progress

CMAP continues to work on updating the Regional Transportation Plan which is scheduled to be approved in fall 2026. As part of the Existing Conditions report, released earlier this summer, CMAP has developed an interactive data explorer allowing users to access the data presented in the report: [Existing Conditions Data Explorer](#). Additionally, the [RTP survey](#) remains open through the end of 2025 and CMAP is encouraging all residents of the region to contribute.

Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Progress toward the next surface transportation reauthorization bill continues. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held additional hearings over the summer to hear input from local and state elected officials as well as transportation industry representatives on priorities for the next reauthorization bill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee also held several hearings earlier in the year.

USDOT issued a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) on July 21 seeking stakeholder input on the next surface transportation reauthorization. The current authorization expires at the end of FFY26. The RFI notes the next reauthorization will focus on modernizing infrastructure through improvements in safety, streamlining federal processes, promoting economic growth, and strengthening partnerships. Comments must be received by September 8. CMAP continues to work with both with the region's transportation implementers and peer major metropolitan agencies on developing shared principles for the next reauthorization.



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