

Newsletter



Scott Rd Repair
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Dundee Ave Construction
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FUNDING UPDATES

ITEP Cycle 17

Cycle 17 of the [Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program](#) (ITEP) opened on August 1 and will close **October 5 at 5 p.m.** ITEP primarily funds bicycle/pedestrian facilities and streetscapes projects, amongst other project types. \$157M will be available this cycle with an increased maximum award amount of \$5M per project. Eligible projects types and details are available in the 2026 ITEP Guidelines document available on the IDOT [ITEP webpage](#). The Active Transportation Alliance is again partnering with IDOT to host [3 ITEP webinars](#) to assist municipalities with the application. The last webinar, a Q&A session with IDOT Staff, will be September 16 at 11 a.m.: [Webinar 3 Registration](#). Recordings of the previous webinars are available as well.

CMAP 2028-2032 STP Shared Fund, CMAQ & TAP-L CFP

CMAP will open their call for projects for the STP-Shared Fund program, CMAQ program, and TAP-L program on October 19. Applications will close on December 18. Final approval of selected projects is expected in June 2027. Details on each program are below:

- The [Surface Transportation \(STP\) Shared Fund](#) program is a federally funded program that supports highways and bridges, transit capital projects, and bike and pedestrian projects. Projects must have a total cost of at least \$5M or have at least three sponsor agencies.
- The [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\)](#) Improvement program is a federally funded program that supports improvements like traffic flow improvements, transit upgrades, and bike infrastructure that improve air quality and alleviate congestion.
- The locally programmed [Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP-L\)](#) provides federal funding for bicycle facility projects that serve a transportation purpose, not just recreation. CMAP uses a competitive process to select bicycle and pedestrian projects to that help complete the Regional Greenways and Trail Plan.

SAVE THE DATE

September 9	CMAP Board
September 11	CMAP Transportation Committee
September 15	Council of Mayors Executive Committee (online workshop)
September 17	KKCOM Bike/Ped Committee
October 14	Joint MPO Policy and CMAP Board
October 15	KKCOM TPC

IMPACT FEE PUBLIC HEARING

Kane County will hold a public hearing to consider the [Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan \(CRIP\)](#) and the imposition of road improvement impact fees. The hearing is planned for Tuesday, October 19, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Building A Auditorium at the Kane County Government Center (719 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva, IL 60134).



VanGo Vehicle
Photo Credit: Pace

RTA PROJECT AWARDS

The RTA has selected ten new projects for its [Community Planning program](#) following a joint call for projects with CMAP earlier this year. This includes funding for South Elgin to develop a corridor plan along IL 31/La Fox Street from Bowes to the Fox Valley Trolley Museum. The corridor is served by Pace Route 801 which is slated for service enhancements.

PARTNER UPDATES

Illinois E-Bike Law

On August 26, Governor Pritzker signed SB 3484 which establishes tiered compliance and regulation requirements for e-bikes, gas-powered bicycles, and motor-driven cycles. The [IL Secretary of State's website](#) provides a [table detailing the regulations](#). The Secretary of State is also partnering with law enforcement agencies, schools, and municipalities through the "[Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Ride Ready](#)" campaign to promote responsible micromobility use. The new law takes effect January 1, 2027.

NITA Takes Effect

The [Northern Illinois Transit Authority took effect September 1](#) replacing the RTA. NITA's first board meeting with a new 20-member board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, followed by the new CTA, Metra and Pace boards each meeting later in September. The transition will take place over several years. Throughout the process, NITA will engage riders, communities, workers, and regional partners as it develops service standards, safety programs, fare policies and future investment priorities. The new NITA website can be found at nita.illinois.gov.

IL Tollway Toll Increase Approved

The Illinois Tollway Board voted unanimously to approve the "[Driving Connections](#)" capital plan. This 15 year, \$26.5B plan includes a toll increase of 45 cents for passenger vehicles and 30 percent for commercial vehicle with future increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. The toll increases will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Upcoming IDOT Projects in Kane County

IDOT released a memo titled "[Rebuilding Kane County](#)" highlighting five upcoming major projects in the Kane County area that are scheduled to be completed between 2027-2030. The projects included are listed below:

- IL 47 from Jericho Rd to south of Galena Rd reconstruction
- IL 47 from Cross St to Jericho Rd reconstruction
- IL 25 at May Ln, Courier Ave, and Seminary Rd intersection improvements
- US 20 at IL 31 to east of Grace St bridge replacement
- US 20 west of Randall Rd to east of Shales Pkwy noise wall construction

Pace VanGo Opens in Geneva

Pace held a [ribbon cutting ceremony](#) for the start of Geneva VanGo which is Pace's ninth VanGo service in the region. The new Geneva VanGo offers a flexible commuting option for employees who work near the Geneva Metra Station. Pace's VanGo service is a reservation-based transit option designed to close first-mile/last-mile gaps and make it easier for workers to reach job opportunities within a local service zone. After registering, VanGo users can reserve a vehicle for round-trip travel within a designated service zone. For Geneva users, the VanGo van is available at the Geneva Metra Station and can be used for trips to worksites within a 13-mile radius. Registration and usage details are available on [Pace's website](#).

IDOT 2025 CRASH DATA

IDOT has released Circular letter [CL 2026-09](#) announcing the availability of 2025 state-wide crash data in the IDOT Safety Portal. IDOT is also planning to launch a new crash reporting system called the Illinois Crash Analysis Reporting System (I-CARS). IDOT asks those with a Safety Portal account, to email DOT.I-CARSAdmin@illinois.gov to keep your account current in the new system.

BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Geneva's Bike & Pedestrian Committee is reapplying to be recognized as a [Bicycle Friendly Community](#) by the League of American Bicyclists after earning an "honorable mention" in 2024. As part of the application process, the [League's community survey](#) seeks to obtain a better understanding of current bicycling conditions in Geneva and pinpoint areas for improvement. The anonymous survey is open to anyone familiar with biking in Geneva. The survey is open until September 8.

IDOT ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN Q&A

The Active Transportation Alliance is partnering with IDOT to offer a [virtual Q&A session](#) covering the newly released statewide Active Transportation Plan, state roadway design questions, legislation, and more. The session will be held September 8 at noon.

IDOT ADA COORDINATORS GROUP

The next meeting of [IDOT's ADA Coordinators Group](#) will be held on September 24 at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the virtual meeting is available on [IDOT's T2 Training Portal](#). The topic of the meeting has not yet been announced.



CMAP NEWS

RTP Update

CMAP is currently reviewing public comments received on the draft [2026 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#). CMAP is preparing the final plan, FY 2027-32 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Air Quality Conformity Determination to be considered for approval by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October.

The Century Plan

As part of work on [The Century Plan](#), CMAP continues to release a series of articles on key topics of the Century Plan. This includes the article "[Driving change: a transportation system for the next century](#)" which highlights the strengths and challenges of the region's transportation system. Additionally, CMAP has released "[How do we power the next century of growth? Not with more but with better infrastructure](#)" regarding the region's electricity grid needs. Sign-up for CMAP's [newsletters](#) to stay updated with the Century Plan, Transportation News, and other topics.

Shared Waters, Shared Future 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. Sessions will be hosted virtually and will feature community leaders, water utilities, planners, policy makers, and residents. Registration is now open for the remaining workshops in September and November. The fourth session, [Strengthening Illinois' High Capacity Well Impact Review Process](#), will be held on September 10 at 9 a.m. and the final session, [Understanding Water Governance and Management in Illinois](#), will be on November 12 at 9 a.m. Recordings of past sessions are also available.

My Daily Travel Survey Phase 2

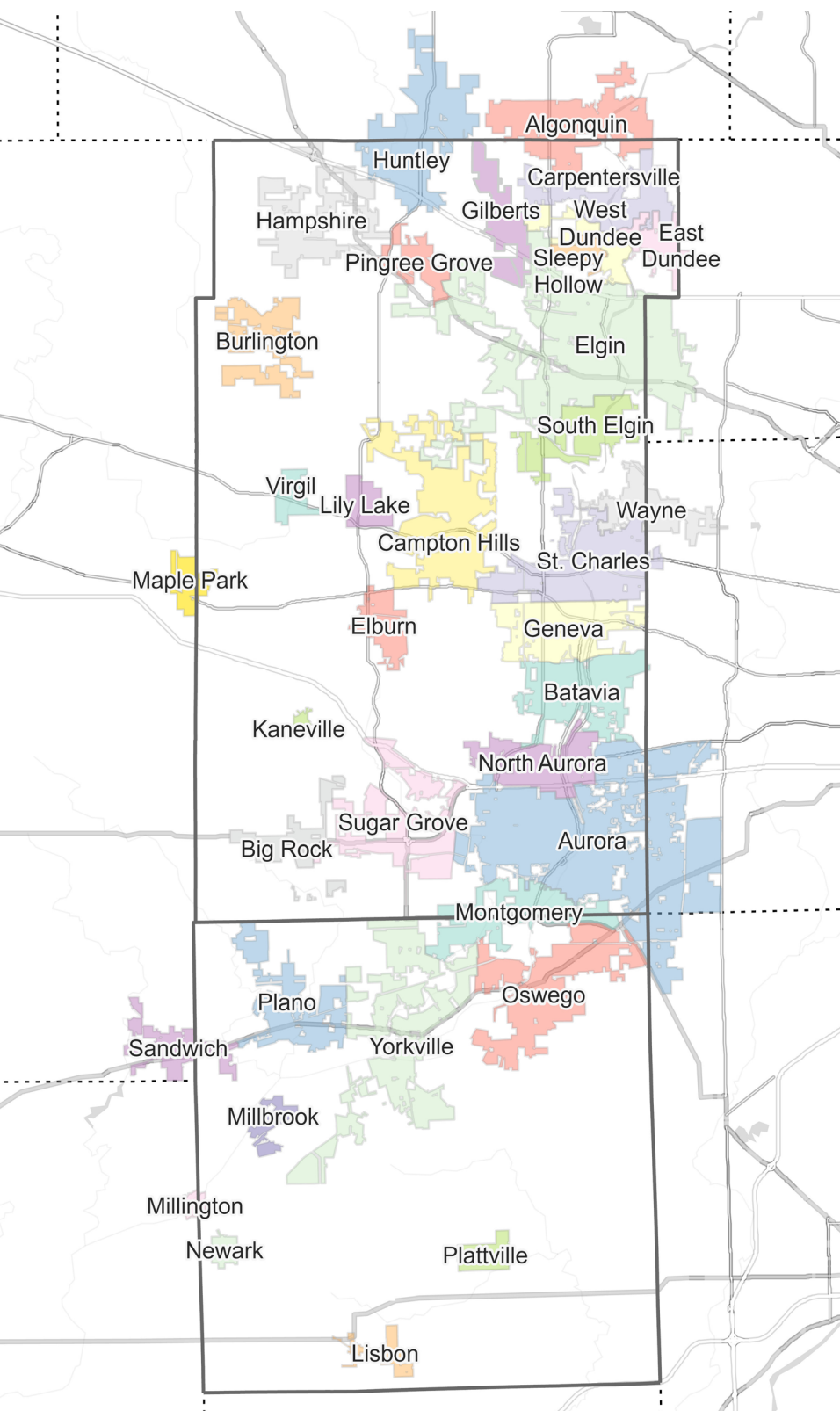
CMAP has launched [Phase 2 of My Daily Travel](#), a regional household travel survey. This survey provides current data to inform regional planning, guide transportation investments, and prioritize improvements to the transportation system. Households are selected at random to participate and will receive a gift card after completing the survey. [Initial findings](#) have been released from Phase 1 of the survey which had 3,525 participating households. Phase 2 aims to reach over 8,000 households who will receive notice of the opportunity to participate via U.S. mail.

Illinois FY2027 Budget Analysis

On June 16, 2026, Governor Pritzker signed [Illinois' FY2027 state budget](#). CMAP has produced an [in-depth analysis](#) of the newly enacted Illinois FY 2027 budget affecting the state's transportation system and its climate priorities. The enacted budget includes \$55.9 billion in General Fund appropriations, a modest 1.3 percent increase from the enacted FY2026 budget. CMAP concludes that Illinois sustains critical environmental investments amid federal uncertainty, but ongoing funding is still needed.

Flood Susceptibility Indexes

CMAP has updated the region's urban and riverine flood susceptibility indexes (FSI) as part of their effort to help tackle current and future flooding challenges. The FSIs measure the region's susceptibility to flooding using a 1-10 scale and provide an understanding of flood susceptibility across the region and highlight priority areas for focused stormwater management planning and [flood resilience investments](#). The data is available for [download](#) and in an interactive [web map](#). Details on the development of the updated index is in the [2026 FSI Report](#).



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