KANE KENDALL COUNCIL OF MAYORS

November 2026 Newsletter

Check out our new Newsletter format!

We simplified our newsletter format into a monthly email format.
The newsletter will still cover the same topics, but will now release monthly in order to better keep up with time-sensitive funding opportunities, public input opportunities, and other transportation items of interest.

Thanks!



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Funding Opportunities

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

CMAP opened 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. A **webinar** was held on October 28 and is posted online. Final approval of selected projects is expected in June 2027. A summary of the three funding sources included in the call 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.

Upcoming Meetings

November 5: STP Project Selection Committee
November 5: CMAQ, CRP, & TAP-L Project Selection Committee
November 5: Unified Work Program
November 18: CMAP Board
November 20: CMAP Transportation Committee
December 1: KKCOM Full Council
December 3: STP Project Selection Committee
December 3: CMAQ, CRP, & TAP-L Project Selection Committee
December 3: Unified Work Program
December 9: CMAP Board
December 18: CMAP Transportation Committee

KKCOM Calendar

CMAP Calendar

Kane County Updates

Bunker Road Extension

On October 23, Kane County held a ribbon cutting for the **Bunker Road Extension project**. The $11.5 million project extends Bunker Road from its current northern terminus near the LaFox Metra station to LaFox Road, north of the LaFox Village District Center. The extension is designed to improve north-south connectivity, enhance traffic flow and provide an additional route through the central portion of the county between Geneva and Elburn. The project is anticipated to open at the end of November 2026.

Trainings & Conferences

2027 National Bike Summit

The League of American Cyclists is hosting the 2027 National Bike Summit on March 9-11, 2027 in Washington, D.C. **Registration is now open** and a **schedule outline** is posted. We are excited that two attendees of Kane County's 2026 Bike Friendly Community workshop with the League of American Cyclists are receiving a complimentary ticket to attend the workshop and represent Kane County muncipalities!

2027 Illinois Bike & Walk Summit

The **Illinois Bike & Walk Summit** is hosted by Ride IL in Springfield every other year. The 2027 Illinois Bike Summit will take place April 13-14 in The Bank of Springfield Center in Springfield, IL. The agenda is still in development and the request for proposals is currently open. Day 1 will consist of of speakers and breakout sessions and Day 2 will consist of a training for municipal staff/consultants and a lobby day for advocates.

IDOT Phase 1 Training

IDOT is offering an in person Phase 1 training on December 15 at Joliet Junior College from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This training will help attendees develop a better understanding of IDOT"s Phase 1 process. Registration is now open: **IDOT Phase 1 Training Registration**.

IDOT Fall 2026 T2 Training

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the **Fall 2026 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 webpage. New users will need to contact **Barry.Kent@illinois.gov** for credentials.

Transit Updates

Pace ReVision Draft Network

Pace unveiled the draft network maps for the **ReVision plan** at their October 21 meeting. The **plan** calls for Pace service to increase by 50% overall--across fixed route, Pulse rapid transit, and On Demand services. The public comment period is open until December 11. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the plan and feedback will be submitted to NITA to coordinate with its broader regional planning efforts.

A **survey** is open through December 11 for the public to comment on the plan. Additionally a **public webinar** will take place on November 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The proposed service changes in the ReVision plan are shown on **static maps** and an **interactive slider map**.

Municipalities interested in coordinating a response to the draft plan are welcome to reach out to **KDOT/KKCOM Planning Staff**.

Metra Systemwide Network Plan

Metra has developed a **Systemwide Network Plan (SNP)** that will serve as a blueprint for implementing regional rail through the Metra system. The **draft SNP** is available for **review** online. Feedback will be accepted through December 14. A virtual public hearing will take place on November 16 at 7 p.m. Metra Staff will be presenting about the SNP at the December 1 KKCOM Full Council meeting.

2027 NITA Regional Budget

The Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) has released the **Proposed 2027 NITA Regional Budget**. As part of the NITA Act, there is one regional budget for 2027 encompassing plans for NITA, CTA, Metra, and Pace. The 2027 Regional Operating Budget contains $5.04 Billion in funding for NITA, CTA, Metra, and Pace alongside a Five-Year Capital Program of $9.73 Billion.

NITA will hold a public hearing with in person and **virtual** attendance coinciding with its November Board Meeting on November 12 starting at 1 p.m. Presentations will be held in each County including at the Kane County Board meeting on November 10 at 9:45 a.m. Public comments can also be made using the **comment box on the budget webpage** or to **communications@nita.illinois.gov**.

IDOT Updates

IDOT New PPI Form

IDOT District 1 has released an updated Project Programming Information (PPI) form, D1 PI0004. The form has an updated user guide at the end to assist with completing the PPI. The form is available on the **IDOT Forms webpage** and **kkcom.org STP page**.

IDOT Implementation of IITAA

IDOT released **Circular Letter 2026-12** regarding the Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act (IITAA). The IITAA only applies to STATE of Illinois offices and agencies, including IDOT. However, because LPAs use State of Illinois materials to conduct governmental business, they will be affected by IDOT's implementation of the IITAA. The Circular Letter details requirements for project plans for IDOT State letting, and forthcoming updates to the BLRS manual and other IDOT documents in order to improve their accessibility.

CMAP Updates

Shared Water, Shared Future Series

The last session of CMAP's **Shared Waters, Shared Future** seminar series is titled "Understanding water supply governance and management in Illinois" and will take place on November 12 at 9 a.m. Speakers will include staff from IDNR Office of Water Resources, the City of Elgin water director, and

guests from Nebraska, California, and the University of Mississippi. Recordings from the previous four workshops are **available online**.

Heat Vulnerability Index Data

CMAP created the **Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI)** to identify higher-risk areas for extreme heat so communities can focus their planning and mitigation activities. As the climate continues to warm, the number of extremely hot days in northeastern Illinois could increase from a historical average of 2 days per year to up to 45 days by 2100. CMAP created the Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) to identify higher-risk areas so communities can focus their planning and mitigation activities. The **2026 HVI data** is available on CMAP's Data Hub or via an **interactive web map**. Details about the methodology is in the **2026 HVI report**.

The Century Plan Preview

CMAP has released the **Plan Preview of the Century Plan**. The **Plan Preview** details the emerging direction of The Century Plan, directly shaped by the past year of research, cross-sector engagement, and honest dialog about issues that require coordinated action at a regional scale. The Plan Preview identifies five areas of grand challenges: transportation, water, electric grid, housing, and open space.

Other News Articles

Local Middle School Bike Education

https://www.dailyherald.com/20261026/transportation/the-wheel-deal-cycling-program-gets-a-thumbs-up-from-junior-high-school-students/

Metra Unveils New Battery-Electric Trainsets

https://www.metra.com/newsroom/metra-displays-new-zero-emission-trainsets

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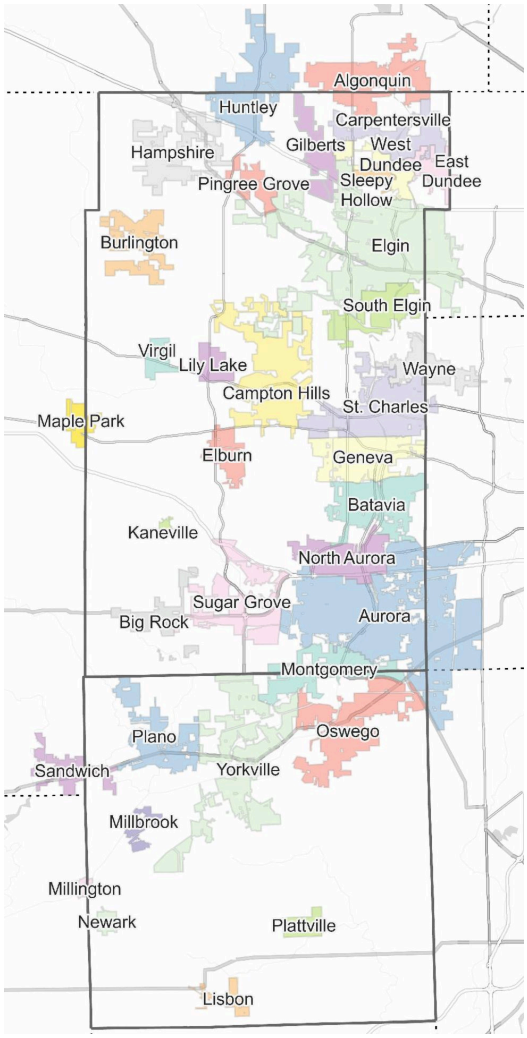
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