

Newsletter



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FUNDING UPDATES

State Fiscal Year 2024 State Planning and Research (SPR) Funds

Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPR) funds are federal funds for planning and research activities. The funds are used to establish a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research activities throughout the State. The funding available for this program in FY 2024 is approximately \$7 Million.

- February 24, 2023 - Call for Projects Opened
- March 15, 2023 - [Informational Webex](#) 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- March 30, 2023 - Applications due 11:59:59 CDT
- Summer 2023 - Awards Announced

See [Circular Letter 2023-07](#) for more information.

AARP Community Challenge Grants

AARP has an open call for three different types of grants:

Flagship Grants: Focus on improving public places; transportation; housing; diversity, equity and inclusion; digital connections; community resilience; civic engagement; and community health and economic empowerment.

Capacity-Building Microgrants will include additional resources provided by leading nonprofit organizations. AARP will fund projects that improve walkability and community gardens.

Demonstration Grants: AARP will fund projects that build capacity towards transportation systems change and build awareness of new housing options through accessory dwelling unit (ADU) design competitions.

Visit the Community Challenge [website](#) for more information. The application deadline is **March 15th**.

IDNR's Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

The RTP grant provides funding assistance for acquisition, development, rehabilitation and maintenance of both motorized and non-motorized recreation trails. It can provide up to 80% federal funding on approved projects. Eligible projects include: trail construction and rehabilitation, restoration of areas adjacent to trails damaged by unauthorized trail uses, construction of trail-related support facilities and amenities, acquisition from willing sellers of trail corridors through easements or fee simple title. Applications are due by **March 17th**, visit the IDNR's [website](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

March 8	CMAP Board
March 9	MPO Policy Committee
April 12	CMAP Board
April 13	CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee
April 18	Council of Mayors Executive Committee
April 20	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
April 27	KKCOM Full Council Meeting
April 28	CMAP Transportation Committee
May 10	CMAP Board
May 11	KKCOM Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
May 18	STP Project Selection Committee



KANE COUNTY UPDATES

Kane County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update

Municipal and stakeholder engagement concluded on January 25th. Over two months, the project team held six engagement meetings to learn existing gaps, infrastructure preferences, and the vision of walking, cycling, and rolling in Kane and Kendall County. Staff sincerely appreciates the participation of those in attendance.

The Draft Plan is in progress and will be available for public comment at the end of April until the end of May. At the hybrid Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting on May 11, 2023, Epstein will present findings of the Draft Plan and facilitate an opportunity for engagement and public comment.

The Kane and northern Kendall County Bicycle and Highway Map are under review. Maps will be ready for distribution, free of charge, by spring.

Fox Valley Bike Share Program

Staff is pleased to announce a continuation of service with Koloni for the Fox Valley Bike Share in 2023. For more information, or to join the Fox Valley Bike Share, please contact Kaci Crowley (crowleykaci@co.kane.il.us).

Trail Clean-Up Opportunity

Advocates of the Illinois Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail are sponsoring a trail clean-up on Saturday, April 29th, in honor of Earth Day. Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM & IDOT UPDATES

Revised Active Program Management Policies

On February 9, 2023, the CMAP STP Project Selection Committee adopted [revised Active Program Management policies](#) for projects funded with the STP Shared Fund and/or STP-Local funds, effective immediately. Appendix A contains a summary of the major changes.

Reminder: Quarterly Status Updates are due **March 31st** to the Planning Liaisons.

Salary Cap Increase for Engineering Agreements

The salary cap for Engineering Agreements has increased from \$78/hour to \$86/hour, according to [Circular Letter 2023-06](#); effective February 7, 2023, with updates to the [BLR 05513](#) and [BLR 05514](#). For agreements not fully executed by the February 7, 2023 effective date, the new salary cap of \$86/hour will be in effect.

Electronic Signatures – BLR Forms

On January 23rd, IDOT published [Circular Letter 2023-03](#), stating that all BLR Forms have the capability for electronic signatures. Electronic signatures are optional, not a requirement. As always, it is important to utilize IDOT's website, within the Local Roads "tab" to access the latest version of forms each time a new form is needed. A full list of revised forms can be found within the Circular Letter.

ROAD, BRIDGE, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS OF ILLINOIS 2022 EDITION

The Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (BLRS) has published the Road, Bridge, and Other Related Laws of Illinois – 2022 Edition, available [here](#). All statutes are current as of October 1, 2022. See [Circular Letter 2023-04](#) for more information.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOTMENTS

[Circular Letter 2023-02](#) announced the Fiscal Year 2024 funding allotments for the following programs; STP-Rural, STP-Urban, Local Bridge Formula Program (LBFP-formally STP-Br), and State Matching Assistance. Allotment amounts are listed in the Circular Letter.

EQUIPMENT OWNERSHIP EXPENSE INDEX

The Bureau of Local Roads is applying an index to the SOAAEOE in order to account for the significant increase in equipment costs since the issued date. The PPI-CCM for January 2004 was 180.0. The preliminary PPI-CCM for January 2022 is 330.8. Therefore, an index factor of 1.838 should be used for 2023. See [Circular Letter 2023-05](#) for more information.

SIGN UP FOR FREE ADA TRAINING

CMAP continues to provide free ADA training for municipal staff, public works staff, ADA coordinators, elected and appointed officials, community leaders, and anyone interested in learning about how to make their communities more accessible.

Upcoming modules include:

April 18th: ADA Self-Evaluation and Design Standards

April 19th: ADA Transition Plans

To receive notice when registration opens, fill out the form [here](#). Locations are to be determined.

Resources from previous modules; ADA Training Pilot, ADA and Title II, and ADA Coordinator Training can be found on CMAP's ADA [website](#).



CMAP NEWS

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

The development of a plan for a stronger and more financially secure transit system for Chicagoland is now underway. The outcome will be a set of state legislative recommendations that ensure the long-term financial viability of a comprehensive and coordinated regional public transportation system, as required by state law enacted last year.

To identify actionable solutions, CMAP is engaging a diverse group of stakeholders from the business, community, environmental, labor, and civic sectors, along with the public, in this process. The PART steering committee held its first meeting on January 18 and plans to convene four other times throughout 2023. The PART report also will leverage findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as CMAP's [Mobility Recovery](#) project.

Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's STAR program aims to improve the region's traffic safety environment. It will continue and build on the work of the Safety Action Agenda and align the effort with new federal funding opportunities including: the development of policy related to speed management, bicycle and pedestrian safety; the creation of safety action plans for qualifying local partners, the dedication of resources to planning and implementing complete streets projects and the creation of data resources for partners to better address safety.

Northeastern Illinois was awarded a \$5 million grant to improve traffic safety across the region. The joint application submitted by CMAP, IDOT, and the region's counties will fund a comprehensive, regional program called [Safe Travel for All Roadmap \(STAR\)](#), which will provide a framework for safety research and programs to make northeastern Illinois safer for all travelers.

New State Water Plan Reaffirms ON TO 2050 Strategies

Illinois recently updated its water plan, which charts a 10-year path to help state and local partners tackle our shared water issues and sustain economic prosperity, environmental and public health, and quality of life. In addition to recommendations to improve water quality, sustain water supplies, reduce flooding, and enhance habitats in and around waterways, the plan addresses the threat of climate change and the need to advance social and environmental justice within the water sector.

Several recommendations in the [Illinois State Water Plan](#) are critical to implement [ON TO 2050](#), the region's long-range plan, including:

- [Inclusive growth principles](#) integrating with plan recommendations to reduce environmental burdens and better serve historically disinvested communities.
- Dedicated state funding for integrated [water resource management planning](#), to address water quality, water supply, and stormwater challenges and enhance coordination.
- [Regularly updated rainfall data](#) to account for future climate change.
- Technical assistance and funding to promote the adoption of green infrastructure and [nature-based solutions](#) — to build resilience to climate impacts and provide multiple ecosystem and community benefits.

Explore CMAP's Updated Land Use Inventory

CMAP recently released the 2018 Land Use Inventory, a survey of northeastern Illinois' land use, the data is [available for download](#). The Land Use Inventory is a resource for county planning departments, regional transportation agencies, federal and state agencies, university researchers, non-governmental organizations, consulting firms, and more.

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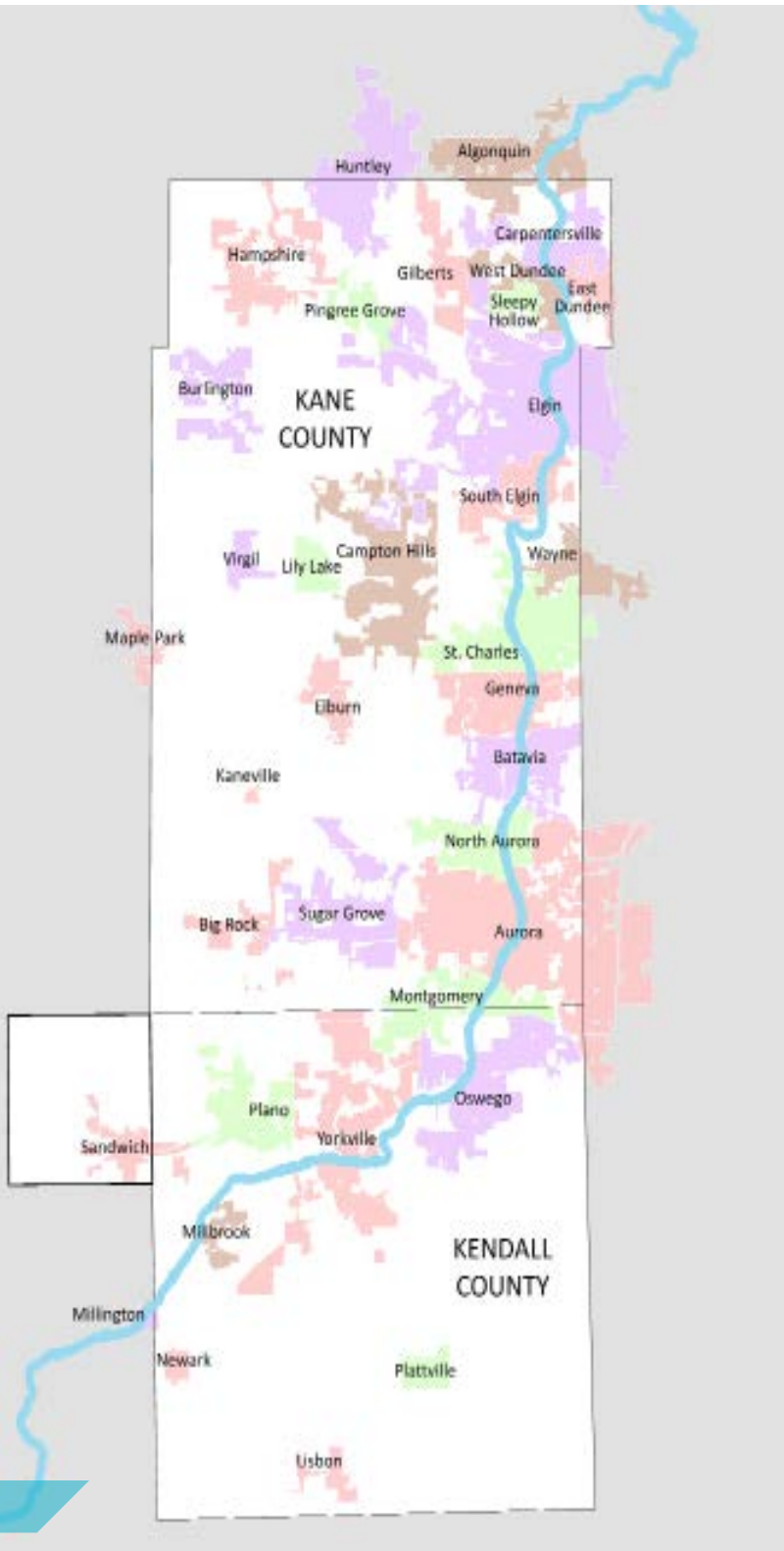
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