

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

FFY 23-27 KKOM STP-L Call For Projects Update

The STP-L FFY 23-27 Draft Program has been approved by the KKOM Transportation Policy Committee and KKOM Full Council. There are two remaining votes required for final program adoption.

- **September 16:** CMAP Transportation Committee
- **October 12:** CMAP MPO Policy Committee

Bridge Investment Program

FHWA is accepting applications for the [Bridge Investment Program](#), which helps replace, rehabilitate, and preserve the nation's bridges. More than \$2.4 billion in grant funding is available for FFY 2022. Applications are due **September 8, 2022**.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant – NOFO Amended

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) published a technical amendment to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). The updates are available on the [SS4A website](#) and [Grants.gov](#). **The deadline for applications remains September 15, 2022.**

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 15

The [Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program \(ITEP\)](#) call is open and will end **September 30**. This cycle will provide \$125 million in state and federal funding for walking, biking, and trail projects around the state. Take part in a 3-part webinar series to introduce the ITEP program and recent changes, prepare applicants for the application process, and provide guidance on completing the application. Please visit the [ITEP website](#) for details.

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCE)

The [Railroad Crossing Elimination Program](#) will fund projects that create grade separations – such as overpasses and underpasses – as well as closures, track relocations, and improvement or installation of warning devices at crossings; if related to a separation or relocation project. Planning, environmental review, and other preliminary design elements are also eligible for grant funding. More information can be found on the [fact sheet](#) and the [NOFO](#). Applications and due **October 4**.

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SAVE THE DATE

September 1	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
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September 13	CMAP Council of Mayors
September 14	CMAP Board
September 15	KKCOM Bike Ped Committee
September 16	CMAP Transportation Committee
October 12	CMAP Board
October 12	CMAP MPO Policy Committee
October 20	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- September 21-23: [IDOT Fall Planning Conference](#) at the [Embassy Suites Rockford](#)
- October 12 - 13: [2022 Illinois Bike Summit in Champaign](#)



IDOT ACCEPTING ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

On August 19, IDOT issued circular letter 2022-21 announcing updates to more than twenty BLRS forms to accommodate the use of electronic signatures. A list of the affected forms and instructions for electronically signing forms is included in the circular letter.

U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program - Planning and Capital Construction Grants

The [Reconnecting Communities Pilot \(RCP\) discretionary grant program](#) is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from opportunities by transportation infrastructure through solutions like high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, and main street revitalization. Visit the [RCP Program website](#) to access the [NOFO](#). Applications are due **October 13**.

Illinois Special Bridge Program - FY 2028

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the issuance of a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 30, 2022 for the Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP). This NOFO will address the FY2028 local increment, as the Department develops its FY2024-FY2029 proposed Highway Improvement Program. In addition, this NOFO has the Funding Opportunity Number of 23-1006-01, and is listed in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance ([CSFA](#)) as 494-00-1006.

KANE COUNTY AND IDOT UPDATES

Kane County Bike Ped Plan Update

Work has begun to update the [2012 Kane County Bike Ped Plan](#). Kane County received federal Unified Work Program (UWP) funding and has hired a consulting firm, Epstein, Inc., to assist staff with the update. The project launched in July and is expected to finish in June 2023. At the Bike Ped Committee meeting on **September 15th**, the consultant will share the plan scope and timeline with member municipalities and ask for initial thoughts and feedback. In addition, an online survey will begin in September to gather input from all stakeholders. Follow the progress of the plan update at [kanecountybikeplan.com](#); launching in September. Staff and the consultant will have a table at the 2022 Health and Fitness Expo as part of the [Fox Valley Marathon](#) on **September 16th and 17th** to spread awareness of the plan update. Agencies interested in the update should plan on attending the September 15th meeting.

Fox Valley Bike Share Program

Kane County advertised a RFP for the 2023 Fox Valley Bike Share program as the current agreement with Koloni is expiring at the end of this year. Unfortunately, the County did not receive any proposals by the due date of August 5th. Staff is reaching out to communities that currently have a bike share program to request their vendor contact information and will follow up to see if they had feedback on the RFP.

IDOT Releases FY 2023-2028 Multi-Year Program

On Friday, August 12, IDOT released the [FY 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Program](#), which includes \$34.6 billion to improve roads, bridges, transit, rail, airports, and ports over the next six years. The program aims to improve 2,562 miles of roads and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck. This funding represents a robust commitment to invest in people and communities backed by the historic Rebuild Illinois capital program. Read the press release [here](#).

ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS!

APPLY TO PROGRAM AND INFLUENCE TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) seeks community-based organizations for the Community Alliance for Regional Equity. This new initiative will improve CMAP's investment processes so it can better serve people traditionally excluded from transportation planning. CMAP will recruit up to 12 community-based organizations and pay \$10,000 for one year of their time and expertise. Program highlights include:

- Ability to influence decision-making that impacts your community
- Networking and relationship-building opportunities
- \$10,000 unrestricted honorarium

Learn more and apply for the [Community Alliance for Regional Equity](#) by **Monday, September 19**.

LISTEN: PODCAST WITH CMAP EXPERT ON AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Linda Mastandrea, Director of Regional ADA Planning and Local Safety at CMAP, was featured on a [recent episode](#) of the GovLove podcast. She shared some of the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), how compliance can help cities, and what cities should be doing to create an [ADA transition plan](#).

*** NEW PPI FORM ***

IDOT's PPI (Project Program Information) form has been updated and is effective September 1, 2022. Please use this form going forward, any PPI's submitted on the old form will be returned for revisions. The new form can be found [here](#).



CMAP NEWS

Improving Accessibility and ADA Title II Compliance

CMAP is developing a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility and comply with [Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#). This program will allow the region to make accessibility improvements that advance equity and build a [transportation system that works better for everyone](#). A key component of the program will be support for communities to create self-evaluations and ADA transition plans. Learn [more](#).

Communities Share Ideas on Improving Local Incentives

Recently, Economic Development directors throughout northeastern Illinois gathered for one of three meetings of the Collaborative on [Local Incentives](#), a group of peer communities participating in conversations around the use of incentives, economic development, and business retention. The collaborative effort builds on improving local development incentives, a CMAP guide published in 2020 that provides local governments with clear strategies for more effective incentive use.

Community Data Snapshots

CMAP has updated its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with updated 5-year ACS data and employment and tax base tables. These data-rich snapshots - one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress to make informed decisions in their communities. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

Creating a More Sustainable Future for Northeastern Illinois

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman shared insights

about travel demand and creating a more sustainable future for our region at the Association for Commuter Transportation's annual international conference in Chicago. Aleman was joined for this keynote panel by our partners at the Chicago Department of Transportation, Elevated Chicago, and Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. Aleman highlighted how the region can make transit, ridesharing, and other modes more accessible and interconnected for commuters through partnerships like Bedford Park's [Connect2Work](#) program.

Customize Your CMAP Emails

CMAP announced a new email service that allows you to receive information on the topics most relevant to you. In addition to the CMAP Update (now distributed monthly), you also can sign up for updates on specific topics based on your interests. Please follow these simple steps to update your preferences:

1. [Log in with your email](#)
2. Select the topics you're interested in receiving
3. Save your changes

Please note, the frequency of emails will be determined by relevance, timeliness, and noteworthiness. CMAP's goal is to provide you with news you can use while not overloading your inbox. You'll also find convenient links to your subscriber preferences in the footer of every message.

IJJA Resources for Communities

CMAP has launched an [online resource](#) to provide communities and partners with the essential information they need to know about IJJA and its benefits to the region. This includes funding estimates for existing transportation programs as well as new programs that can make our regional transportation system stronger and more resilient for the next generation

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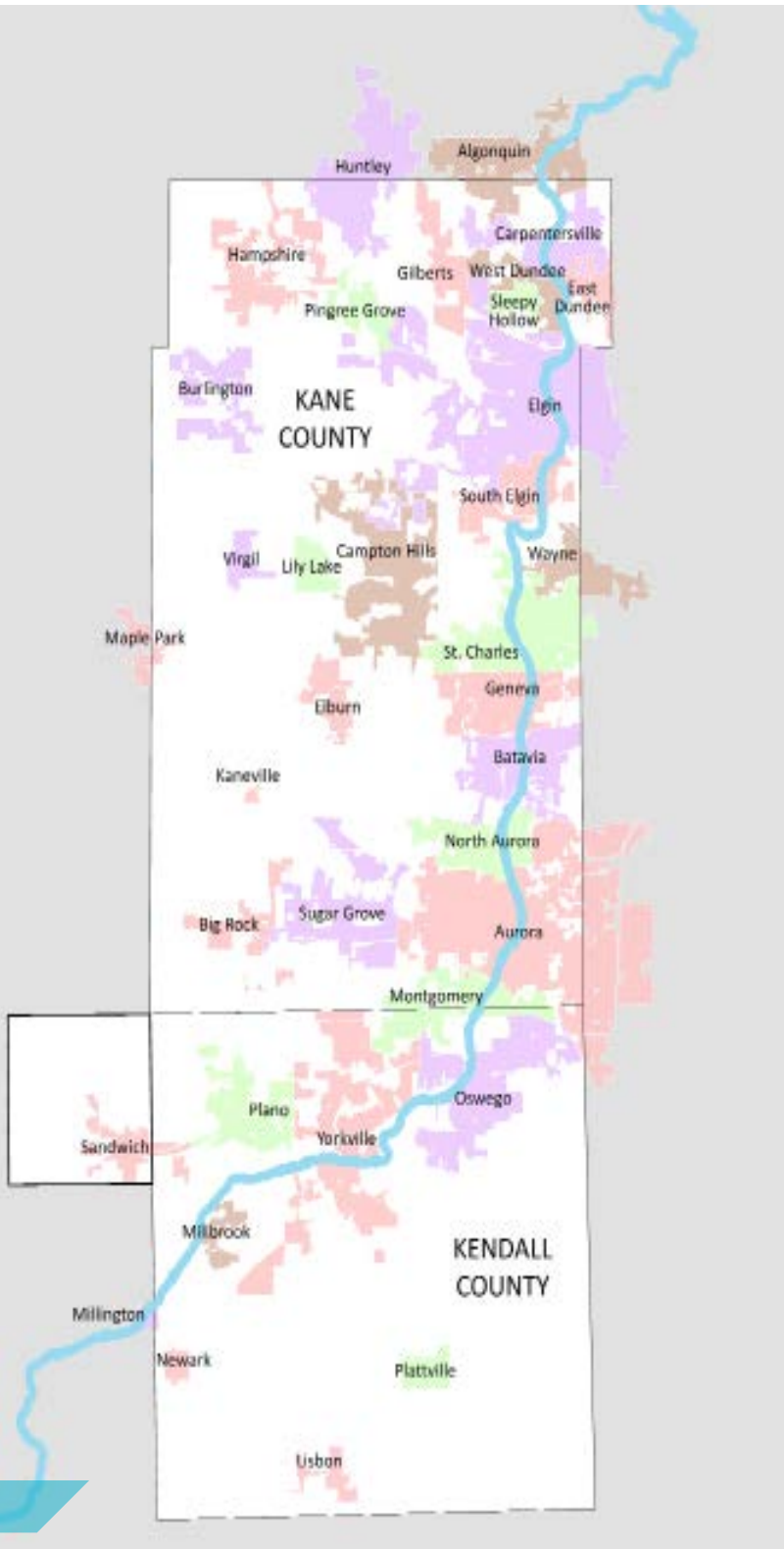
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