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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, January 6, 10:00 a.m. —
STP-L Call for Projects Workshop



North Shore and Northwest Councils to Host Call For Projects Workshop

The North Shore Council of Mayors and the Northwest Council of Mayors have released their local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Call for Projects schedules. Before the formal Call for Projects periods begin, NWMC transportation staff will host a virtual Call for Projects Workshop on January 6 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom video conference. This workshop will cover several topics, including the application process; timeline for creating and approving local programs; and, how to successfully manage projects once selected. More information, including eligible project types and application requirements for new and existing projects are available on the North Shore and Northwest Council websites. Registration for the workshop is required in advance—please [click here](#) to register.

North Shore Technical Committee Recommends Approval of 2022 STP-L Fund Allocations

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, November 18, to recommend the allocation of the Council's remaining 2022 Local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funds. Due to receipt of Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) funds, the council is able to add to its existing balance of 2022 STP-L funds for a total of \$1,037,306.

Six council members requested over \$2.5 million and the Technical Committee recommended funding cost increases for projects in *Evanston* (Green Bay Road), *Lincolnwood* (Lawndale Avenue), *Skokie* (Gross Point Road) and *Winnetka* (Willow Road). The committee also recommended allocating the remaining funds to construct *Wilmette's* Wilmette Avenue project. Staff forwarded the recommendation to the full North Shore Council of Mayors for final approval.



Village of Bartlett

Provide Feedback Through RTA Strategic Plan Public Survey

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is developing the next Regional Strategic Plan for Northeastern Illinois and is requesting feedback from the public through an [online survey](#) intended to gather opinions relating to the challenges and opportunities facing public transit in light of the pandemic and shifting travel patterns. The survey is part of a broader public engagement effort called Making a Plan, which features guest blogs, speakers at RTA Board of Directors meetings, virtual workshops, and other opportunities to engage the public. For more information, please contact communications@rtachicago.org.



Village of Buffalo Grove

Apply for Rebuild Illinois Main Street and Downtown Capital Program

On September 10, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced a \$50 million capital program to revitalize main street and downtown areas statewide that have been impacted by COVID-19. Eligible projects must be located in a commercial center or downtown area and may include a broad range of project types. Community organizations, local governments and private developers are encouraged to apply. Project awards will range from \$250,000 to \$3 million and will be prioritized based on: location in disproportionately impacted area (DIA) or rural area, alignment with local or regional economic development plans and demonstrated community support. Private businesses and organizations are required to provide a minimum of 50 percent local match. Public projects are not required to have a local match but will receive higher priority if one is included. The deadline to apply is January 10, 2022. A webinar was held to provide additional details for the program, and the recording is [available online](#). For updates on the program or other upcoming economic recovery grant opportunities, please check DCEO's [website](#) or contact DCEO staff, CEO.RDMS@Illinois.gov.



CMAP Researches EV Charging Infrastructure in the Region

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) was recently awarded a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Regional Infrastructure Accelerators grant program. A portion of that funding will be spent to research the feasibility and need for an electric vehicle charging infrastructure strategy for the region.

In the coming months, CMAP will assess the current state of EV charging Infrastructure gaps in the network and explore considerations for equity, efficiency, partnerships, and coordinated investment.

To participate in the project, please contact CMAP Senior Planner Brian Daly, bdaly@cmap.illinois.gov.



City of Evanston

Municipal Input Sought on EV Charging Infrastructure

To implement the newly passed [Illinois Electric Vehicle Act](#) (EV Act, 20 ILCS 627/45) the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is [holding a series of workshops](#) and inviting input into the design of programs that will support a resilient electric grid and new EV deployment and charging infrastructure. This “beneficial electrification” (BE) will be supported by the electric utilities in Illinois. You are invited to learn more about beneficial BE and offer ideas for new programs, incentives and investments that promote transportation electrification.

A way that you can get involved by reviewing materials from the two earlier BE workshops and attend an upcoming workshop. The tentative BE workshop is listed on the ICC website. Municipalities are especially encouraged to attend the workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, from 10:00 am to 3 p.m. on the topic of fleets (medium-duty and heavy-duty, government and private fleets) and school busses.

For more information please contact Edith Makra, emakra@mayorscaucus.org or 630-327-4193.

IDOT Announces Revisions to Illinois Supplement to MUTCD

In order to reflect two new public acts that become law this summer, the Illinois Department of Transportation has revised the Illinois Supplement to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Changes include the definition of the start of a school day and the messages on DUI memorial markers. For more information, please see [Circular Letter 2021-25](#).

NWMC staff wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season and Wonderful New Year. A special thanks goes to both our Bicycle and Pedestrian and Transportation Committee Members for their dedication throughout the year:

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Jim Baxa, Co-chair <i>Village of Northbrook</i>	Scott Mangum <i>Village of Lincolnwood</i>
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Transportation Committee

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