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Northwest Municipal Conference
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Northwest Municipal Conference

Dates to Remember:

NWMC Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee:
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m. — NWMC
offices and virtually

NWMC Transportation Committee:
Thursday, December 19, 8:30 a.m. — NWMC
offices and virtually

Applications Closing for CRP, STP-SF and TAP-L Projects!

On October 21, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) opened funding applications for the Climate Reduction Program (CRP), Surface Transportation Program - Shared Fund (STP-SF), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). Over \$385 million is available through this call for projects in FFY2026-2030.

To assist communities with understanding options and identifying the best fund for their project, CMAP has developed fact sheets for each funding source, [CRP](#), [TAP-L](#) and [STP-SF](#). To learn more about the programs, as well as read answers to frequently-asked questions, please visit the [CMAP Call for Projects website](#). Applications are due by Friday, December 20.



Village of Northfield

UTC Seeking Employer Perspectives of Hybrid Work

The Urban Transportation Center (UTC) at the University of Illinois at Chicago is conducting research on employer perspectives regarding hybrid work. Research results will assist the UTC in identifying future office work and travel need trends, as well as how land-use and multimodal transportation needs will change. UTC has developed an [online survey](#) and requests the viewpoints of “human resources managers, corporate executives, and project leaders from all public and private sectors.” Additional information is available in the [project flyer](#).

Looking to Brighten Your Crosswalks? Tap a Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies!

Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Asphalt Art Initiative is offering up to \$100,000 each in grants available to communities looking to create “asphalt art” projects on city streets. Cities with populations greater than 50,000 are eligible to submit a single application. Up to ten cities will be selected. To learn more, visit the [Asphalt Art Initiative webpage](#), with additional information in this [Smart Cities Dive article](#). The deadline to apply is January 31, 2025.

Complete the CMAP “My Daily Travel Survey”

CMAP has launched a major survey called [My Daily Travel](#) to better understand the travel needs of residents in northeastern Illinois. As travel behaviors change and technologies evolve over the next few years, transportation planners will use this survey data to guide future transportation investments and prioritize improvements.

Through Spring 2025, at least 4,000 households in northeastern Illinois are expected to participate in the survey either online, over the phone, or through a smartphone app (rMove™). Households will receive an invitation by via mail and are strongly encouraged to complete the survey and help plan a transportation system that meets their needs. Participants who complete the survey will receive a gift card for their time.

Chicago Region Needs Your Input in the Safe Travel for All Safety Action Plan Process

As part of a regionwide initiative called [Safe Travel for All](#), CMAP has partnered with Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties to develop and implement a Safety Action Plan for each county. The goal of these plans is to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the region. Utilizing a nearly [\\$4 million federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant](#), the counties will develop individualized safety action plans that will operate in a regional framework for future coordination. To participate in each county's safety survey and to sign up to receive updates, please visit each county's corresponding Safe Travel for All page:

[Cook County](#), [DuPage County](#), [Kane County](#), [Lake County](#), [McHenry County](#)

The Cook County steering committee is also looking to promote community engagement at your local events. If you have upcoming events where the County can staff a table, please contact Brian Larson, blarson@nwmc-coq.org, to get involved.

Pace Seeks ReVision Input

The Pace Suburban Bus [ReVision Project](#) "seeks to reimagine Pace's transit network, informed by shifts in travel patterns and rider feedback." As part of the project, Pace is seeking input from frequent riders, non-riders and elected officials through an [online survey](#) and series of [open houses](#). Pace is also requesting help to spread the word about ReVision via a [toolkit](#) that features shareable content, graphics, text and links to use in newsletters and on social media.

Next Round of Public Engagement for IDOT'S Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has begun the next phase of Move Illinois: the 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The plan will strategically outline goals, objectives and strategies for Illinois' diverse transportation network for the next 20 to 30 years. This is a multi-phase effort that will take place into 2025. The first phase of the plan was focused on transportation studies and public engagement to determine preferences for transportation goal areas. During the second phase, IDOT is focusing on potential actions and strategies to include in the plan. Residents are invited to provide feedback for the plan by filling out a [survey](#) and staying informed via the online meeting that can be found [here](#). The project team works with residents, business owners and transportation professionals from across the state in an advisory group. This group combines the transportation expertise and information gathered from the community in each phase to help form the goals, objectives and strategies of the Long-Range Transportation Plan.



Kevin D. Idarius, 2020

Upcoming Transportation-Related Webinars

US DOT: [Parking Reform as a Climate Strategy](#) — December 18, 1 p.m.

US DOT: [Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessments - Implementing Results and Lessons Learned](#) — December 19, 12 p.m.

Did You Miss It?

News Items in Brief

Daily Herald: [CTA shrugging off pandemic service lows; how about Metra and Pace?](#)

Lake County News-Sun: [Lake County planning to double number of traffic roundabouts: 'Illinois is coming around on them, no pun intended'](#)

Daily Herald: [40% drop in Metra trains could come in 2027, leaders warn](#)

Roll Call: [Incoming Senate chairs expected to rein in infrastructure dollars](#)

Daily Herald: [Just follow the arrows: Tollway unveils I-294 SmartRoad system to give real-time traffic tips](#)

Sightline Institute: [Twice As Many Small Towns Have Eliminated Parking Mandates As Large Cities](#)

Chicago Tribune: [Rivian opens second Chicago-area showroom at north suburban Old Orchard shopping center](#)

Briefs, Continued

Streetsblog Chicago: [Everybody's working for the weekend: Pace's ReVision network restructuring project could lead to more Saturday / Sunday service](#)

Streetsblog USA: [How America's Mayors Are Fighting Back Against Harmful Highways](#)

The Nation's Health: [Communities creating safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists](#)

Land Line: [NHTSA examining how states vary in collection of crash data](#)

PBS News Hour: [As vehicles get safer for drivers, advocates demand protection for pedestrians and bikers](#)

Streetsblog USA: [The People Behind America's Game-Changing Local Infrastructure Grants](#)

The Verge: [Waymo compiles 'largest ever' dataset of pedestrian and cyclist injuries](#)

Vox: [The most dangerous roads in America have one thing in common](#)

Daily Herald: [Metra's traveling tribute to veterans hard to miss](#)

Forbes: [World Day Of Remembrance Observed For Road Traffic Victims](#)

Sightline Institute: [Parking Mandates Are Keeping Kids Out of Daycare](#)

Forbes: [Lack Of Diversity In Imagery Impacts Take-Up Of Cycling, Says Research](#)

Chicago Sun-Times: [What Sun-Times readers say about their Schwinn bikes](#)

USA Streetsblog: [Three Ways To Reimagine Streets for Kids](#)

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