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Northwest Municipal Conference

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, January 20, 8:30 a.m. — *North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee*

Thursday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. — *NWMC Transportation Committee*

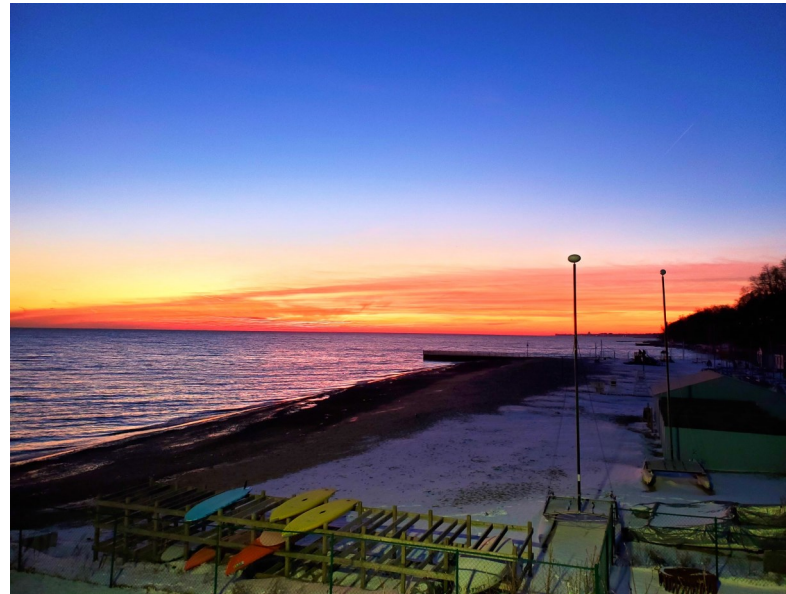
Friday, January 28, 8:30 a.m. — *Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee*

North Shore and Northwest Councils to Open Calls for Projects in January

The North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors have released their local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) Call for Projects schedules, which are both set to open on January 17. On January 6, NWMC transportation staff hosted a virtual Call for Projects Workshop, which covered several topics, including the application process, timeline for creating and approving local programs, and how to successfully manage projects once selected. The Call for Projects will close on March 18 at 5:00 p.m. and applications should be submitted via email to northshorepl@nwmc-cog.org for North Shore Council projects and northwestpl@nwmc-cog.org for Northwest Council projects. More information, including a recording of the workshop and slides from the presentation, is available on the [North Shore](#) and [Northwest](#) Council websites.

Cook County Unveils New ADA Transition Plan

Recently, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways published an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan designed to update certain pedestrian facilities and better serve all citizens. The ADA Transition Plan focuses on evaluating policies, programs, and facilities within the public right of way to ensure compliance with the latest ADA accessibility guideline requirements. Improvements will be prioritized based on: coordination with projects within the county's construction program, public input/complaints, population density, distance from schools and hospitals and distance from public rail stations. The county's full plan can be reviewed [online](#). After reviewing the plan, Cook County seeks stakeholder feedback from individuals and/or organizations. A public input form can be completed by [clicking here](#) and should be emailed to ADA.Coordinator@cookcountyil.gov.



Village of Glencoe

Reminder: Please Respond to NWMC's Multimodal Plan Annual Survey

Responses to the Northwest Municipal Conference's Multimodal Transportation Plan Annual Survey are due by Monday, January 10. The survey is designed to track the ongoing implementation of the NWMC Multimodal Transportation Plan and will be used to communicate multimodal investments made by communities across our service territory. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online by clicking this link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6611914/NWMC-Multimodal-Plan-Annual-Survey>.



City of Des Plaines

Ride Illinois to Offer Free Bicycle-Friendly Driver Courses

Bicycle advocacy organization Ride Illinois is now offering monthly online courses designed to educate drivers of motor vehicles how to drive safely near cyclists and increase safety for all road users. Their bicycle-friendly driver courses, entitled "Who's Lane is It?", will focus on the Illinois Rules of the Road, sharing the road, bike infrastructure, causes of common crashes, taking the lane, and the information that Ride Illinois shares with cyclists in education courses. As the number of injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways continues to increase, bicyclists and pedestrians are particularly vulnerable and this course shares information that could reverse the trend. The schedule of Bicycle-Friendly Driver courses is as follows:

- Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 28, 12:00 p.m.

Please visit Ride Illinois' [registration page](#) to sign up. For more information or for more opportunities to collaborate, please contact education@rideillinois.org.

City of Prospect Heights



U.S. DOT Seeks Input on Infrastructure Bill Implementation

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has launched a new [website](#) for transportation agencies, communities, and stakeholders interested in learning more about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). As part of implementing IIJA, the department is seeking input on the rollout of new programs and funding. The first [opportunity for input](#) focuses on how the department can best implement highway formula programs continued by the IIJA. The [second](#) is directed at the new formula and competitive funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Comments for the electric vehicle charging infrastructure guidance are due by Friday, January 28. For more information, please see the [U.S. DOT's press release](#).

Metra to Debut New 3-Zone Day Pass, Extend \$10 All Day Pass

To incentivize short trips and attract more riders, Metra customers can purchase a new \$6 Day Pass beginning in February that will be valid for unlimited rides within three zones for a full day. Metra's popular \$10 Day Pass good for unlimited rides on all Metra lines will continue to be offered; however, it will only be available on the Ventra app after January 31. For more information on fare changes and ticketing options please see Metra's [press release](#).



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