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Dates to Remember:

NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
Tuesday, January 17, 8:30 a.m.

NWMC Transportation Committee
Tuesday, January 26, 8:30 a.m.

Northwest Council Technical Committee
Friday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. @ Barrington
Village Hall

Upcoming Call for CMAQ, TAP-L, and STP Shared Fund Projects

On Tuesday, January 17, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will issue a Call for Projects for the Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). These programs are designed to improve: transit; bicycle facilities; freight; traffic movement; safety; bridges; roads; and, investments in alternative fuel vehicles and equipment. All Call for Projects information will be posted on the [CMAP website](#); however, final application materials will not be posted until January 17.

USDOT Issues Notice of Funding Opportunity for RAISE Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is [soliciting applications](#) for Fiscal Year 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding. According to the program summary, “\$1.5 billion is available for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve: safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation.”

Applications should be submitted by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28 via [Grants.gov](#). More information on the application process and eligibility are available on [USDOT's website](#). Please contact RAISE grant program staff at RAISEgrants@dot.gov or 202-366-0301 with questions.

CTA and Pace Offer Shared Passes in 2023

Beginning early this year, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) and Pace Suburban Bus will offer joint passes that will be valid on both systems. Current one-day, three-day and 30-day unlimited ride CTA passes will be valid on Pace, and the existing \$5 surcharge on the 7-day Pace service pass will be eliminated. All four passes will remain at current pricing and are intended to allow more seamless connections between the two transit systems. CTA and Pace will inform riders on the effective date closer to implementation. For more information, please see the [CTA's press release](#).



Village of Wheeling

IDOT Issues Information on New Buy America Requirements

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act was expanded beyond steel/iron products to include a list of additional construction materials required to be manufactured in the United States. Beginning with the January 20, 2023 letting, all federal-aid contracts will be subject to the new BABA requirements as written in the [“Source of Supply and Quality Requirements \(BDE\)” special provision](#).

To assist in facilitating these new requirements, a “List of Construction Materials Subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA)” is now available on [IDOT's website](#). Please note that the list is subject to change as more information becomes available from the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration.

IDOT Releases New Hydraulic Modeling Guidance

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bureau of Bridges and Structures Hydraulics Unit (BBSHU) recently added the Interim Guide (IG) to 2D Hydraulic Modeling to the [IDOT website](#). The IG provides criteria and guidance when utilizing 2D hydraulic modeling for IDOT projects until the revised Drainage Manual is published. In addition, BBSHU added the [Quick Check Guidebook \(QC\)](#) and [Quick Check Guidebook Supplement](#) to the IDOT website. The Introduction to the QC describes when and how to use the QC methodology. For further information, please contact IDOT Hydraulics Unit Chief Neil VanBebber, neil.vanbebbber@illinois.gov.

Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook Available Online

Communities in northeastern Illinois can review a newly released federal [guidebook for the Inflation Reduction Act](#). This resource provides guidance on how communities and others can pursue the law's clean energy and climate programs and background on each program's purpose, eligibility requirements, period of availability and other key details. State, local, territorial, and tribal leaders, as well as the private sector, nonprofits, and communities are encouraged to use it to better understand how to benefit from these investments and unlock the full potential of the law. For more information, please visit the [White House website](#).



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