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Dates to Remember:

No Upcoming Meetings



City of Evanston

Transportation Committee, CMAP Talk ON TO 2050 Plan Update

On May 26, the NWMC Transportation Committee received a presentation from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Principal Jane Grover, who discussed the agency's ON TO 2050 Plan update goals and process. Goals for the update include: reaffirming the vision; projecting the future; reviewing accomplishments; and, reassessing transportation needs. Ms. Grover also reviewed the plan's regionally significant projects located in the NWMC service territory. According to the plan update timeframe, a public comment period will be held from June 10 to August 13, with final consideration by the CMAP Board scheduled for October 12. Please visit the [On To 2050 CMAP webpage](#) or email onto250@cmap.illinois.gov for more information.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Discusses Local Planning Efforts

On May 24, the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee held a roundtable discussion focused on local bicycle and pedestrian plans and strategies for implementation. Topics included transitioning to plans with a multi-modal focus, best practices for plan updates and tips to increase community engagement. The committee also approved meeting dates for 2022-2023 and directed staff to plan and schedule the committee's annual field trip to observe bike/pedestrian facilities in a member community.

Metra Adjusts UP Northwest Schedule

Metra began to implement minor changes to its weekday schedule on the Union Pacific Northwest Line on Tuesday, May 31. In this newest version of the schedule, passengers who board and alight at intermediate stops will have more options for service with fewer transfers. Metra will continue to monitor customer feedback, adjusting schedules as ridership rebounds, and it is evaluating opportunities to add additional express service. All of the new UP-NW schedule changes can be viewed on the [Metra website](#).



Village of Glenview

FLIP Returns This Summer

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is accepting applications for this summer's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program. FLIP is a free leadership development program for high school students to explore the field of urban planning and learn about the issues that shape our region and communities. Sessions will be held on Fridays, from July 22 to August 12, at CMAP's office in the Old Post Office. The sessions will include field trips around the region. Applications are due Monday, June 20. To [learn more](#) and [apply](#), please visit the CMAP website or contact CMAP Communications Senior Anna Williams, awilliams@cmap.illinois.gov.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Now Open

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. Funding is available to develop or update safety action plans, conduct planning and development activities in support of a plan, or carry out projects and strategies identified in a plan. Three webinars will be held in June to provide information on eligible projects and the overall application process. Registration is available on the [USDOT's website](#). Applications are due electronically by September 15. For more information, please review the [SS4A NOFO](#).

Metra To Sell \$100 Flat-Rate Monthly Pass

As part of a three month pilot program starting in July, Metra is offering \$100 flat-rate monthly passes valid for unlimited travel throughout the Chicago area. Reduced fare passes for eligible seniors, K-12 students, and children will cost \$70. The passes will go on sale via the Ventra app and through ticket agents starting June 20. While passes will still display a zone pair indicating the riders' origin and destination stations conductors will accept them for unlimited travel across all zones. For more information, please see [Metra's website](#)

Local Infrastructure Hub to Help Cities Apply for Federal Funding

With the support of the Bloomberg Cities Network, the National League of Cities, Results for America, and the United States Conference of Mayors are launching the Local Infrastructure Hub, which is a national program intended to ensure that cities and towns can access new funding available from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Local Infrastructure Hub will bring together policy experts into a program that will include information, resources and technical assistance to help cities and towns of all sizes to access funding from the IIJA.

The program will launch on July 1, and interested participants can [sign up](#) to receive updates online. For more information, please visit the [Local Infrastructure Hub website](#).

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