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Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. —
NWMC Bike & Pedestrian Committee

Thursday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. —
North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee

Thursday, October 21, 8:30 a.m. —
NWMC Transportation Committee

Friday October 29, 8:30 a.m. —
Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee

Transportation Committee Reviews ADA Transition Plans

At the Transportation Committee's first meeting of the year, members received a presentation from Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) Transportation Associate Jeremy Glover on the region's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans. Earlier this year, MPC issued a report entitled, "[Where the sidewalk ends](#)", which highlights existing plans in the region including those from *Barrington, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Evanston, Hanover Park, Niles, Schaumburg and Wilmette*. Mr. Glover provided an overview of best practices when creating and updating ADA Transition Plans and noted resources that are available to communities who are starting or in the process of creating a plan. In other business, the committee received updates from agency partners including the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, CMAP, Metra and the Illinois Tollway on local projects and the state of transit ridership and traffic in the region.

Bike-Ped Committee Briefed on Bike Repair Stations

On September 21, the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met and received a presentation from *Mount Prospect Assistant Village Engineer Matt Lawrie* and Northbrook Park District Park Operations and Project Specialist Kris Scharp on experiences with bike repair stations in their communities. They discussed the acquisition process and other associated considerations including installation and maintenance. The committee also received information from *Libertyville, Lincolnshire* and *Rolling Meadows* regarding their experiences with bike repair stations. The committee further discussed how to process feedback and data from the NWMC Multimodal Transportation

Last Call to Submit Applications for Illinois Special Bridge Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP). Candidate projects should be existing deficient bridges that carry a highway and are eligible for Surface Transportation Program-Bridge funding. Only construction and construction engineering phases will be eligible for funding, with a minimum total project cost of \$1 million inclusive of all phases. Local agencies who are awarded funding are responsible for a 20 percent local match toward eligible costs. If a bridge is not under the jurisdictional responsibility of the local agency, they can still apply for funding so long as the agency comes to an agreement with the railroad or other entity for a jurisdictional transfer. Applications are due by Tuesday, October 5 via email to the appropriate IDOT District Local Roads office. For more information and to submit an application, please refer to the instructions included in [Circular Letter 2021-19](#) or contact Melinda Kos, Melinda.Kos@Illinois.gov.

IDOT Accepting Applications for Truck Access Route Program

In September the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity for FFY 2023 [Truck Access Route Program \(TARP\)](#). TARP provides funding for projects intended to upgrade roadways to accommodate 80,000 pound truckloads. Eligible projects must start at a truck generator or designated truck route or municipality and end at another designated truck route or municipality. The program provides \$45,000 per lane mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection, with total project funding capped at half of the total project cost or \$900,000 per project. Only construction costs are eligible to be covered under the program. Completed project applications should be submitted to the appropriate IDOT Local Roads and Streets office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15. Project awards are anticipated to be announced during the week of November 15. More information is available in Circular Letter 2021-22 or by contacting Stephane Seck-Birhame, Bablibile.Seck@Illinois.gov.



Village of Lincolnwood

IDOT Soliciting Feedback on New Data-Driven Decisions Tool

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking feedback from the public and stakeholders as the department develops an enhanced data-driven approach to project prioritization. This new data-driven decision tool will use information from IDOT's nine districts and various data tools the department already uses to prioritize projects that would change capacity on the system and enhance transparency in the project selection process. Areas of focus include: the potential to impact traffic operations and congestion; economic development; safety and environmental impacts; and, livability. For more information please refer to IDOT's new webpage, [IDOT Data-Driven Decisions](#). To submit feedback, please fill out [IDOT's online survey](#), or email DOT.STIP@Illinois.gov.

Register Today for Upcoming Virtual Deicing Workshops

The Salt Smart Collaborative is hosting virtual workshops to help personnel from municipalities and public works facilities to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of salt used in snow fighting operations and to address NPDES Permit Requirements. Each workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon and will cover the same information. Certificates of Attendance will be provided upon request. See below for registration information for each workshop:

Tuesday, October 5, 8:00 a.m. to noon –
[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 8:00 a.m. to noon –
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