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North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee

Thursday, October 19, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**Glenview Village Hall
2500 E. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2023 (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2023 (Attachment B)
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes
- III. Agency Reports**
 - a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment C)
 - b. IDOT Local Roads Update (Attachment D)
 - c. IDOT Highways Report
 - d. Illinois Tollway (Attachment E)
 - e. Metra
 - f. Pace (Attachment F)
 - g. RTA (Attachment G)
 - h. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
- IV. Upcoming Meeting Dates (Attachment H)**

Staff will provide an informational update on the upcoming meeting dates for the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee.

Action Requested: Informational
- V. Remote Participation in Technical Committee**

Staff will initiate a discussion on whether to offer a remote participation option for non-voting attendees and how such a policy may interact with requirements under the Open Meetings Act.

Action Requested: Discussion/Approve Recommendation
- VI. State of the Program (Attachment I)**

Staff will provide reports on current and past programming funds of both the North Shore Council of Mayors as well as other Councils to assist communities in assessing future programming.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VII. CMAP/RTA Targeting Planning and Funding Support (Attachment J)**
Staff will initiate a discussion among member communities using questions from CMAP and RTA to assist the agencies in improving the targeting of their planning and funding support.
Action Requested: Discussion
- VIII. North Shore Council of Mayors Call for Projects**
The North Shore Council of Mayors Call for Projects opens October 30 and closes December 15. Projects will be open for a 60-day public comment period, followed by scoring by NWMC staff.
Action Requested: Informational
- IX. Other Business**
- X. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.
- XI. Adjourn**

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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee
Thursday, July 27, 2023
8:30 a.m.
Skokie Village Hall**

MINUTES**Members In Attendance**

Russ Rietveld, Village of Skokie, Interim Chair
Jason Brianas, Village of Lincolnwood
Rachel Mieritz, Village of Lincolnwood
Mike Gesualdo, Village of Morton Grove
Jack Bielak, Village of Northbrook
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette
Patrick Brennan, Village of Kenilworth

Others In Attendance

Janice Pang, Chastain & Associates
Salvatore Di Bernardo, Ciorba Group
Mary Weber, CMAP
Gerardo Fierro, IDOT
Katie Herdus, IDOT
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC
Steve Andrews, Pace Suburban Bus
Jon "Tex" Mick II, SE3
Greg Benske, Thomas Engineering Group

I. Call to Order

Mr. Rietveld called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2023

Mr. Bielak moved approval of the May 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports**a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)**

Ms. Weber discussed CMAP's coordination and education efforts for the Plan for Action on Regional Transit (PART) and highlighted Mr. Larson's availability to assist with this outreach for member communities. Ms. Weber also indicated that CMAP has released its revised data hub and has community liaisons available to assist with CMAP's community data sheets. Finally, CFP draft programs out for comment through 8/11.

Mr. Manis asked about how public comment on PART is incorporated at this point. Ms. Weber indicated it is applied towards final approval, which occurs in October.

b. IDOT Local Roads

Mr. Fierro shared IDOT's federal aid status sheet and indicated his availability for assistance to member communities. Mr. Fierro stated that projects are moving faster with IDOT's transition to e-submissions and encouraged communities to continue this process.

c. IDOT Highways

Ms. Hurdis introduced herself as IDOT's new area director. Ms. Hurdis shared that the new IDOT MYP went out on July 7th, with state highway appropriated \$27.3B for FY27-29 for an annual \$4.6B. District 1 will be receiving \$6.6B of the state highway amount. Illinois will provide investments for engineering, ROW acquisition, and construction phases.

d. Illinois Tollway

Written report included in agenda.

e. Metra

Written report included in agenda.

f. Pace

Mr. Andrews reported on Pace Connect and its connections for local workers in and around the O'Hare area. Mr. Andrews also shared that the Pulse Dempster Line is currently under construction, with Sunday service beginning on August 13th and remaining weekday service later.

g. RTA

Written report included in agenda.

h. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Written report included in agenda.

IV. North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 2023-2028 STP-L Program

Staff will present the North Shore Council of Mayor's Local Surface Transportation Program for federal fiscal years 2023-2028 that was approved by the North Shore Council of Mayors at the June 27 special meeting.

Action Requested: *Informational/Discussion*

Mr. Larson presented the North Shore Council of Mayors' Local Surface Transportation Program for federal fiscal years 2023-2028. Fiscal changes noted were a deferral of 2023 CON funds to 2024 for Northfield's Happ Road, CON cost increase of \$776,650 for 2024 for Skokie's Gross Point Road, CON funding of \$2,663,240 reprogrammed to 2025 for Lincolnwood's Devon Avenue, cost increase of \$312,921 for 2023 for Morton Grove's Austin Avenue, cost increase of \$104,050 for 2023 for Glenview's Chestnut Avenue, CON funding of \$3,526,156 redistributed from STP-L to STP-S for Winnetka's Willow Road, CON/CE funds of \$2,503,000 reprogrammed to 2026 for Northbrook's Shermer Road, CON/CE funds of \$3,661,000

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reprogrammed to 2028 for Glenview's Harlem/Lehigh Avenue, and a cost increase of \$584,702 for 2023 for Wilmette's Wilmette Avenue.

Mr. Larson also reviewed the letting date changes for projects in the active and contingency programs. Additionally, he mentioned that award letters for all the projects would be sent out soon.

Mr. Rietveld asked about a discrepancy in the Old Glenview Road construction letting date. Mr. Larson indicated he would look into this and follow up with Mr. Rietveld.

Mr. Bielak reiterated that despite the shift for Shermer Road to 2026, Northbrook is still planning the project for FY2025.

Mr. Manis asked about access to the remaining FY2023 funds as Wilmette Ave is trending over contract even after incorporating the most recent cost increase. Mr. Czarnota stated a cost increase at this point would require a 6 month extension deadline, pushing the deadline for submission of documents back to March 21st.

Mr. Bury asked about cost overruns and where they apply towards the fiscal year. Ms. Weber responded that funds need to be obligated within the fiscal year, and that holdups with IDOT that would need paperwork revisions at this point in a project's timeline would be risky. Ms. Weber shared that changes this late would be difficult, but CMAP is open to discussion.

Mr. Bielak asked when would be best to submit for cost increase. Mr. Czarnota requested that such be as soon as possible to ensure obligations are within the fiscal year.

Mr. Bury indicated that an option existed previously to make small changes to the project listing, but constraint on the proposed project changes is more time-related.

Mr. Brennan asked whether there was a limit on how many cost increases were allowed. Mr. Bury stated there used to be an automatic escalator with a single increase, but it was removed.

Mr. Czarnota asked about the project's local split. Mr. Manis indicated the project would be split 80-20 based on the awarded contract value.

Mr. Rietveld asked about rollover of the current programmed funds. Mr. Czarnota stated that when the funds are below balance, NSCOM would utilize CMAP funds, such as STP-Shared, to make up the difference. Ms. Weber said that programming should be obligated as soon as possible as once FY24 begins, obligations need to get entered in order to get funds authorized.

Mr. Brennan pointed out contingency programs and asked about their funding. Mr. Czarnota stated that those funds are technically inactive. Mr. Manis asked for confirmation that the contingency list goes away in the fall, which Mr. Czarnota confirmed.

Mr. Brennan asked whether there is a current surplus if moving the project out to a different year is possible. Ms. Weber said that IDOT paperwork timeline makes such a change unfeasible. Ms. Herdus indicated that IDOT is currently in talks to speed up the paperwork process to address short staffing and number of projects.

Ms. Weber said that need to be careful with FY23 funding if projects get delayed because that could affect FY24 projects getting bumped back to a later fiscal year.

Mr. Manis asked about annual program balances, in order to shift a project like Illinois Road forward a year from FY27 to FY26. Mr. Bielak responded that the Illinois Road shift only happened because the Glenview Road project was moved from FY26 to FY28, and that they wanted to preserve the opportunity to complete the project in earlier years.

V. Other Business

Mr. Larson raised a question to the Committee based on public comments interested in remote involvement about the Committee utilizing a hybrid nature for non-voting participants. Mr. Brennan asked to create an agenda item to discuss this as a future option, which Mr. Larson will add to the next meeting's agenda.

VI. Next Meeting

Mr. Rietveld noted the next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Glenview Village Hall, 2500 E. Lake Avenue.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Mr. Bielak seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee Thursday, August 24, 2023 9:00 a.m. VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Members In Attendance

James Bernahl, Village of Winnetka, Chair
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove
Jack Bielak, Village of Northbrook
Steve Gutierrez, Village of Northfield
Russ Rietveld, Village of Skokie
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette

Others In Attendance

Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bernahl called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. Request for Cost Increase Modification to the North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 2023 STP-L Program

Mr. Larson presented the request from the Village of Wilmette for a cost increase of \$114,419 for the Wilmette Avenue project. He stated the project has incurred additional expenses since the April Technical Committee meeting, and that TIP change deadlines are due by September 12th, prior to the next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors. He noted the North Shore Council of Mayors presently has a FFY 2023 balance of \$590,261 in unprogrammed funds and that the North Shore Council of Mayors would retain a balance of \$475,843 unprogrammed funds for FFY 2023, which would be returned to the STP redistributive fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Bernahl asked about the possibility of balancing out and guaranteeing funds for subsequent years. Mr. Larson responded that use of the redistributive fund was based on a first-come, first-served process of regional councils making their requests. Mr. Czarnota clarified that the Council must let its currently programmed projects before utilizing redistributive funds, and if a project receives federal authorization, funds can be utilized earlier.

Ms. Webb asked about active projects facing cost increases and whether additional requests could be made. Mr. Larson clarified that the barrier to addressing additional requests is that they must be approved by the full North Shore Council of Mayors which has to meet in person. Mr. Bernahl confirmed that the present meeting was to get approval of the supplemental increase in front of Council of Mayors.

Ms. Webb indicated that they do not want to impact general funding available to the Council. Ms. Webb stated she would like to see Pfingsten Road in advance years rather than waiting in the MYB.

Mr. Bielak raised the point that despite dates currently shown for the program, Northbrook and Glenview intend to advance their projects to their previously programmed years. Mr. Tomich requested that Northbrook and Glenview raise the point each time the Committee approves the North Shore Council of Mayors program.

Mr. Rietveld moved for approval of the cost increase. Ms. Webb seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Other Business

Mr. Tomich asked to confirm that Ms. Webb indicated she wanted Glenview's program to schedule for FY26 instead of FY27, which Ms. Webb answered affirmatively. Mr. Czarnota added that as long as currently programmed projects keep hitting their deadlines, the Committee's statements to bring the Northbrook and Glenview projects back to their previously programmed years would remain a priority.

Mr. Bernahl asked whether there was information about other Council of Mayor programming patterns to find opportunities to plan for use of high and low programming periods of other Councils. Mr. Larson stated he would obtain that information for the next Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Tomich asked whether Mr. Bernahl was talking about reviewing other Councils to determine how overprogrammed they are. Mr. Bernahl said that doing so would assist North Shore decision making as currently funds cannot be 100% guaranteed, and that knowledge of other Councils budgets would provide a better understanding where there may be regional availability of funds from year to year.

Mr. Rietveld asked if Mr. Bernahl's proposal was a different interpretation of the contingency list. Mr. Tomich confirmed and clarified such a strategy would help support which contingency programs could be advanced.

Mr. Rietveld asked about the dates of the redistributive fund and how the fund is reallocated. Mr. Czarnota responded that the redistributive fund gets rolled into the following fiscal year, and that to his knowledge no Council has tapped into the FY2023 redistributive fund.

Mr. Bernahl asked to have an agenda item about the funding process and flowcharting to help answer general questions from the Technical Committee. Mr. Larson agreed to prepare that for the next Technical Committee meeting.

Mr. Bielak asked about looking forward and ahead to see how much funding is available, as well as previously available and what has gone into redistributive accounts. Mr. Larson agreed to prepare that report for the next Technical Committee meeting.

Mr. Manis indicated he was confused about the difference between the goals of the Committee and the present balance lists and asked for a visualization of goal of programming that includes the Glenview and Northbrook projects. Mr. Larson agreed to prepare that separate balance projection for the next meeting.

Ms. Webb asked for clarification on when a program is currently on the contingency list and whether it needs to reapply for the upcoming Call for Projects. Mr. Larson confirmed such a project would need to reapply. Ms. Webb asked how it would impact overall scoring of the currently programmed list. Mr. Czarnota said any currently programmed projects would not get moved by the upcoming Call for Projects. Mr. Tomich asked whether the upcoming Call for Projects builds out the FY2028 programming. Mr. Czarnota confirmed.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Glenview Village Hall, 2500 E. Lake Avenue.

V. Adjourn

Mr. Tomich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Manis seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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CMAP News

The CMAP office is open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. All CMAP committee meetings are held in-person and a quorum of committee members must be physically present. CMAP continues to provide options for non-member attendees to participate in meetings virtually. Meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings can be found on [CMAP's Legistar page](#). For general questions, complete our [contact form](#). Subscribe to updates from CMAP on transportation, the economy, climate and more [here](#).

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several full-time positions: a [Senior Research Analyst](#) and an [Air Quality Analyst](#) in the Research, Analysis and Programming Department; a [Designer](#) in the Communications and Engagement Department; and a [Policy Principal](#) and [Senior Climate Policy Analyst](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Department. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

Additionally, Kane County Division of Transportation is hiring for a [Regional Planning Liaison and Special Projects Coordinator](#).

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

As directed by [Public Act 102-1028](#), CMAP has developed a [Draft Plan of Action for Regional Transit](#) (PART) report, a set of legislative options to strengthen the regional transit system, which is facing a funding crisis that has the potential to decimate service, cripple our regional and local economies, and diminish quality of life. The PART report leverages findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as CMAP's [Mobility Recovery](#) project. Recommendations for system improvements and funding approaches are available on the [PART web page](#).

As part of this process, CMAP was also required to assemble a [steering committee](#) comprised of business, civic, labor, and environmental stakeholders who helped guide development of the recommendations. The PART steering committee met five times. At their joint meeting on October 11, 2023, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee authorized the submission of the PART report to the General Assembly and Governor's Office for consideration.

Program Status Updates

CRRSAA Program

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. The [Regional CRRSAA Status Report](#) and [Accounting Summary](#) were updated in July 2023.

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on August 31, 2023. At the meeting, the committee approved the Recommended FFY 2024 – 2028 Shared Fund [Active](#) and [Contingency](#) programs. TIP changes incorporating the active program were approved by the MPO Policy Committee on October 11, 2023. The committee is scheduled to meet next on **November 2, 2023** at 9:30 am. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance of the meetings. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

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Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction (CRP) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on August 31, 2023, and the committee approved the Recommended FFY 2024-2028 [CMAQ](#), [CRP](#) and [TAP-L](#) programs. TIP changes incorporating the programs were approved by the MPO Policy Committee on October 11, 2023. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **November 2, 2023**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting change requests for CMAQ or TAP-L funded projects can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824)

Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's STAR program continues to work to improve regional travel safety with assistance, resources and policy development. CMAP's Speed management paper is in the final stages of review to share with partners and the public. Our *Safe Streets and Roads for All* Regional Safety Action Plan program will kick off before the end of the year, with six county-led safety action plans across the region. The procurement process is nearing completion, with staff and county representatives reviewing 11 proposals for the 6 county safety action plans, hoping to align the responses with county needs and budgets. The Regional Equity and Engagement consultant responses are also under review.

Technical assistance work also includes:

- Glendale Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Recommendations phase)
- Round Lake Beach Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Recommendations phase)
- Alsip Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (anticipated start late October)
- Richmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (anticipated start November)
- West Cook Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (anticipated start November)
- Greater Ashburn Safety Action Plan (anticipated start November)

Staff Contact: Lindsay Bayley, 312-386-8826

CMAP Products and Data

New CMAP Data Hub

CMAP is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Data Hub](#). The Data Hub provides vetted and trustworthy information about northeastern Illinois so local governments, community organizations, academic researchers, businesses, and more can learn and make informed decisions about their communities. The new Data Hub allows you to search or browse by categories and tags. You can find tables or shapefiles for transit routes and stops, greenhouse gas emissions, economically disconnected and disinvested areas, bikeway inventory system, and more!

2023 Community Data Snapshots

Updated CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are now available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in our region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#),

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and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a [toolkit](#) to help communities share this information.

Improving Accessibility in the Region

CMAP has launched a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. This [CMAP webpage](#) provides communities and partners with essential information about improving accessibility and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Sign-up to receive the Accessible Communities newsletter by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#).

CMAP also conducts a series of free ADA trainings, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, completing a self-evaluation, the role of an ADA coordinator, and developing a transition plan. Training slides and recordings from spring sessions are available on the [CMAP website](#). Registration is now open for the [fall ADA trainings](#), which will cover the following topics:

- The ADA and Title II and Illinois Accessibility Code training - September 14, Glen Ellyn Police Department (ADA and Title II materials can be found [here](#), Illinois Accessibility Code materials can be found [here](#), and a recording will be available soon)
- ADA coordinator training - October 11, Brookfield Village Hall (materials and recording will be available soon)
- ADA self-evaluation and design standards - November 8, Arlington Heights Senior Center
- ADA transition plans - November 9, Arlington Heights Senior Center

IJA Booklet and Resources for Communities

CMAP has launched an [online resource](#) to provide communities and partners with the essential information they need to know about IJA and its benefits to the region. This includes funding estimates for existing transportation programs as well as new programs that can make our regional transportation system stronger and more resilient for the next generation of users.

CMAP has also been working with partners and stakeholders to prioritize and achieve consensus around sustainable solutions to our region's transportation challenges. The highest priority projects for the region are reflected in the [IJA booklet](#). These projects align with the [core principles](#) that guide IJA and our region — inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

From Our Partners

IDOT 2022 Pavement and Structure Data

New pavement and structure condition data, collected in 2022, is available on the IDOT website [here](#). At the bottom of the page, you can download a zip file, which contains Excel and GIS layer packages containing the data.

2022 Statewide Crash Data

On June 20, 2023 IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-18](#) regarding the 2022 statewide crash data and safety portal. The information can be accessed by logging into [IDOT's Safety Portal](#), which provides access to search and retrieve individual crash reports, view the location of a crash on a map, access the full 10-year retention period for historical and trend analysis purposes of sites and crashes, and generate standardized summary reports of crash data based on various input parameters. Additional crash data may be requested by contacting the Bureau of Data Collection at DOT.DTS.DataRequests@illinois.gov.

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Additionally, the 2021 Illinois [Crash Facts and Statistics Publications](#) are also available on the IDOT website.

Bicycle Facility Inventory System

IDOT has launched the [Bicycle Facility Inventory System](#). Users have access to add new facilities, update existing facilities, and mark facilities as decommissioned. A recording of the April 5th [webinar](#) which demonstrates how to use the system is available. For questions and additional information please email: DOT.BikePed@Illinois.gov.

Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

On March 15, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-10](#). With the passage of IIJA, IDOT is required to assist and support LPAs to perform a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment as part of the state's Highway Safety Improvement Plan. The law establishes that the VRU Safety Assessment must be completed no later than **November 15, 2023**. You can help improve safety by identifying areas in your community that may be unsafe for bicyclists, pedestrians, or other vulnerable road in a new [online map](#).

Funding Opportunities

Illinois Special Bridge Program

On September 19, 2023 IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-27](#) detailing the FY 2029 Illinois Special Bridge Program. Local and state major highway bridges meeting all the criteria will be eligible. Only construction and construction engineering costs will be eligible for funding. However, the total project cost for all engineering, utilities, land acquisition, and construction costs, including minimal approach work, must be at least \$1,000,000. Application must be submitted to the appropriate District Local Roads office by **October 31, 2023**. District offices are responsible for submitting applications to the Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets by November 3, 2023. Questions should be directed to Melinda Kos, (217) 785-5178 or Melinda.Kos@illinois.gov.

Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator

U.S. DOT has released the [NOFO](#) for the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator grant program. The program will provide up to \$100 million in Federal funding to repair and replace existing but non-operational, EV charging infrastructure. Eligible applicants include only State DOTs and Local Public Agencies; however, the chargers may be publicly or privately owned provided they are available to the public without restriction. Applications are by **November 13, 2023** through [Grants.gov](#). A webinar will be held on September 21, 2023 at 2:00pm CT. Register [here](#).

Bridge Investment Program, Large Bridge Project Grants

U.S. DOT has released the [NOFO](#) for the FY 2023-2026 Bridge Investment Program, Large Bridge Project Grants. Large Bridge Project Grants under the Bridge Investment Program are available for bridges with total eligible project costs over \$100 million. The minimum grant award is \$50 million and the maximum grant awards is 50 percent of the total eligible project costs. Visit the [Bridge Investment Program website](#) to find more information, including a Benefit-Cost Analysis Tool, a fact sheet, Q&A, and information about 2022 recipients.

The deadlines for applications to be submitted via [Grants.gov](#) are:

- **November 27, 2023**, for consideration of FYs 2023 and 2024 funds.
- **August 1, 2024**, for consideration of FY 2025 funds.
- **August 1, 2025**, for consideration of FY 2026 funds.

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FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCO)

USDOT has released information on the [FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program](#). Applications are being accepted for two programs. The [Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program](#) is for applicants interested in providing support to communities. Additional information can be found in the [NOFO](#). The application period will close on **November 28, 2023**. The [Regional Pilot Program](#) is for applicants seeking to receive support. These applicants must submit a [Letter of Interest](#) by **November 15, 2023**. Webinar for both programs will be held in September. Registration information is available [here](#).

Public Input Opportunities

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing)

Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties are partnering with CMAP to apply for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development [Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing \(PRO Housing\)](#) grant program, which supports communities in developing affordable housing.

CMAP is hosting a [public hearing](#) on the application (in-person and virtual) on **Thursday, October 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** The draft application will be available online for public review and comment on October 15. For those wishing to attend the public hearing virtually, [registration](#) is required.

Training Opportunities

IDOT's T2 Fall Training Program

The Illinois Technology Transfer Center has an exciting lineup of course offerings this fall. The course [program](#) is now available online. Please register for all courses using [this form](#). IDOT also offers on demand, virtual courses through the [Learning Management System](#). For questions, contact Barry Kent at barry.kent@illinois.gov.

New FHWA Learning Management System

FHWA's National Highway Institute launched its new [Blackboard Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#) to provide a more interactive and user-friendly platform, offering easier access to course information, simplified course registration, transcript viewing, and online management of profile information and passwords. More than 30 self-directed training courses are currently available through NHI's LMS, and NHI will continue to migrate its Self-Directed Training courses between now and the Fall of 2023.

Integrating Transportation and Land Use

The [Integrating Transportation and Land Use](#) web-based training (WBT) course is designed to help practitioners plan multimodal transportation systems that supports community development goals and shape land use patterns that support transportation system performance goals. Course lessons include determining the interplay between transportation systems and land use development patterns, the processes and principles that influence integrated transportation and land use planning, and strategies for applying integrated land use and transportation principles to different types and scales of planning and decision-making processes. Target audience includes Mid-level State DOT employees, City and County engineers and planners, MPO staff, transit operators, Federal employees (FHWA, FTA, EPA), resource agency staff, consultants, elected officials, regulatory agency staff, local zoning officials, site designers, citizen activists, developers, media representatives and business leaders.

Every Day Counts (EDC) Virtual Summit

The EDC-7 summit was conducted virtually and included 2,000 attendees from State DOTs, local agencies, federal land management agencies, tribes and industry. The seven initiatives feature strategies

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to improve safety for all users, build sustainable infrastructure for the future, and grow an inclusive workforce. The presentations, fact sheets, videos, virtual booths, and pdfs of homegrown innovations developed by the National State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Network are available on-demand to all registered participants **through February 2024**. Register for the on-demand summit [here](#).

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Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – October and November 2023

10/19/2023

Change requests due for CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L funded construction phases targeting the January 2024 state letting, or non-construction projects targeting federal authorization before December 1, 2023

10/20/2023

Fall 2023 TIP conformity amendments due

11/17/2023

Pre-final plans due for projects targeting the April 2024 state letting

11/27/2023

Final agreements due for projects targeting the January 2024 state letting

Final PS&E and Draft Agreements due for projects targeting the March 2024 state letting

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This information is compiled from these official sources:

- IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Region One Letting Schedule (latest version available from IDOT District 1 BLRS staff)
- CMAP's TIP Due Dates and Master Transportation Schedule (latest version posted [here](#))
- [STP Active Program Management Policies](#)
- CMAP's call for projects [web page](#) (Refreshed prior to each call)
- CMAP's [CMAQ and TAP-L Program Management and Resources web page](#)

If there are any discrepancies in dates, the dates listed on the official sources above should be used. Consult with your planning liaison to resolve any questions or concerns.

Local Agency/ Section	Project Route/ From/ To/ Scope of Work 1/ Scope of Work 2/	Current CE3 Estimate	T.I.P. NO. FFY/Fund/Cost/Fed Cost/Authorized	Environ- mental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD Est/Act CD DT	ROW Req CD DT	Plans to CO CD DT	Target Let/ Low Bid/ Award Date Award Amt	E1/E2 Consultant	Jntagmt Cd Dt RR Agmt Cd Dt 404 Permit Cd Dt	A-95 Review STATE * * *	NIPC	
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1	COOK HIGHWAY 18SVTEX00BT	- Skokie Vly Tr Lake Cook Rd to Voltz Rd BIKEWAYS PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS	3,280,169	02-18-0002		NR	Yes		1/1/2024	ZH CR Primera	E Yes	NR	* * * * * * * * * *	NR
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5	SKOKIE 080028000FP	- Old Orchard Rd Harms Rd/(1-94) to Skokie Blvd RECONSTRUCTION SIGNAL TIMING/PROGRESSION	16,400,000	02-97-0006 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: FFY17 / CMAQ / 1,907,500 / 1,526,000 / A C: FFY23 / HPP / 1,000,000 / 800,000 / / CMAQ / 10,000,000 / 7,800,000 / / / / /	CE 2 12/10/2014	NR	Yes		1/1/2024	AH CR Transyste		* * * * * * * * * * *
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Illinois Tollway Update

I-PASS Assist Program

More income-eligible drivers are receiving the cost-saving benefits of I-PASS after signing up for I-PASS Assist Accounts that also offer few up-front costs. We've put together a tool kit [I-PASS Assist Communications Toolkit - Illinois Tollway](#) if you'd like to promote this program to your residents.

Working through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Revenue and now the Illinois Department of Human services, the Tollway is able to verify the eligibility of households for I-PASS Assist using a secure web form that requires minimal information to determine if household incomes fall below the required threshold, which is based on 250 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines or if households are currently participating in SNAP or TANF. I-PASS Assist offers eligible drivers all the benefits of I-PASS, including the standard 50 percent discount on tolls, as well as additional benefits, including waiving the transponder deposit fee and allowing drivers to open an account with as little as \$4 in prepaid tolls. In addition, participants may have fees accrued from unpaid tolls dismissed—and avoid future fees for missed tolls. Go to <https://www.illinoistollway.com/assist> to access the application.

The Official Illinois Tollway App

A quick, money-saving way for drivers to pay their tolls and avoid any fees or fines now is as close as their smartphone. It's the [Official Illinois Tollway App](#), which lets drivers use their phones or mobile devices to easily update or manage their I-PASS accounts, including adding or purchasing transponders, adding or changing payment methods and managing rental vehicle or new vehicles. Drivers who don't have I-PASS can use the app to create a Pay By Plate account that automatically pays their tolls. Because safety is priceless, drivers can use the app to call for roadside assistance with the press of a button for help with roadway emergencies so they can safely complete their trips. With the app, paying tolls and saving money is as easy as driving on the Illinois Tollway.

Notice of Violation for Unpaid Tolls

Starting in April, customers who have received multiple invoices and reminders for the same unpaid tolls will receive a notice of violation that, if ignored, will result in a \$20 fine assessed on each unpaid toll. These fines will be in addition to any previously assessed invoice fees.

Customers can go to <https://www.illinoistollway.com/ves> and search by license plate or invoice to identify unpaid tolls.

As the Tollway begins reinstating violation notices, customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued between June 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022, will have a six-month hold placed on notices and will be eligible for a discount of up to 50 percent off fees on paid

invoices. In addition, income-eligible customers who qualify for I-PASS Assist and also establish an I-PASS account may have their fees dismissed.

Customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued on or after October 1, 2022, will be issued a Notice of Violation, which may result in an additional \$20 fine per toll. However, customers will have an opportunity to dispute violations including via a hearing.

Since unpaid toll invoicing began in 2020 along with the agency's transition to cashless tolling, the Illinois Tollway estimates that more than 6 million invoices have gone unpaid, with a troubling trend of repeat non-compliance in a growing number of customers. This includes more than \$110 million in unpaid tolls over the past three years.

14 Days	Day 30	Day 60	Day 90	Day 120	Day 150	Day 180
Grace period to pay unpaid tolls with no fees	Invoice Issued	Second Invoice Issued	Third Invoice Issued	Notice of Violation (On hold since March 2020—resuming in 2023)	Final Order of Liability	Collections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I-PASS Pay By Plate (Non-I-PASS rate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpaid tolls owed \$3 per toll fee for passenger vehicles (\$5-\$15 commercial) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courtesy reminder—No additional fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpaid tolls owed \$3 per-toll fee for passenger vehicles (\$5-\$15 commercial) Additional \$5 fee per-toll fee added 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment via Violation Enforcement Services Customer has opportunity for dispute or hearing All unpaid tolls and fees still applicable, with warning of additional \$20 violation fine per toll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer owes all unpaid tolls, fees and a \$20 violation fine per toll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer may be subject to registration hold Customer may be subject to litigation

If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Passi at kpassi@getipass.com

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PULSE

CATCH GREENS WITH PULSE!

Dempster Line **Sunday Sneak Preview** started August 13

Pace is excited to announce the Sunday sneak preview of the Pulse Dempster Line, connecting Evanston to O'Hare International Airport. **Fast, frequent, reliable service** began on Sunday, August 13 to your favorite destinations. Don't miss your chance to try Pulse before the full daily service launches this fall.

Pulse is "catching greens" this fall through advanced Transit Signal Priority technology that extends green lights and minimizes reds, keeping Pulse buses on schedule. Pace invites your feedback as we roll out the service.



Hop on Board!

Starting August 13, Pulse buses will run on Sundays from 6 a.m. to midnight with service every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and every 20 minutes during early morning and late evening hours. This significant increase in Sunday service along Dempster Street offers a tremendous benefit for those working or traveling on weekends. Don't miss this opportunity to try Pulse before daily service begins. Look out for Pulse stations and temporary stops with Pulse signs while construction continues.

Full daily service for Pulse Dempster Line will begin Fall 2023.

Visit PaceBus.com/Pulse for updates, schedules, and exciting developments.

On August 9, Pace, Senator Laura Murphy, and City of Des Plaines officials celebrated the opening of the new Pulse Dempster Line station in downtown Des Plaines. Pace is thrilled to partner with communities to provide innovative, accessible bus services.



FAST TRACK TO BETTER TRANSIT: Pulse Halsted Line Making Strides Forward

What's the scoop on the Pulse Halsted Line? Pace has been working hard to improve transit on South Halsted Street in the south suburban communities of Harvey, Phoenix, Calumet Park, Riverdale, and Dixmoor, as well as the City of Chicago neighborhoods of West Pullman, Morgan Park, Roseland, Washington Heights, and Auburn Gresham.

Pulse Halsted Line Wins \$20 Million Federal Grant



The Pulse Halsted Line was awarded \$20 million from the highly competitive federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant program in June! This incredible investment will keep the project **MOVING FORWARD** with final design and construction. Pace continues to seek additional funding to cover the remaining costs to fully implement the Halsted Line.

In December 2022, the Pulse Halsted Line reached a milestone as it obtained National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval. The NEPA process ensures that environmental impacts are carefully considered and addressed, guaranteeing that the project aligns with NEPA standards while delivering improved transportation options to these communities.

So, what can you expect from the Pulse Halsted Line project? New buses and stations, making them easy and safe to reach. To keep the buses on schedule, the project team has proposed transit priority treatments to the roads, including a dedicated bus lane through one of the most congested parts of the corridor, and “queue jumps” that allow buses to skip traffic backups at several congested intersections. The project will also include Transit Signal Priority, ensuring reliable service. Riders will enjoy seamless connections to other transit services, making commuting a breeze.

The project will move into the Final Design phase with construction anticipated to begin in 2025. Pace anticipates launching service in 2027. Stay tuned for more updates on the South Halsted Line by visiting PaceBus.com/Pulse.

Advancing Transit Connectivity and Progress on the 95th Street Line



PULSE SERVICE

Coming to DuPage County



Pace has taken the first step toward making the Pulse Cermak Line a reality with the start of the Project Definition Study. The project aims to bring what customers have come to expect from Pulse to a corridor encompassing portions of Cermak Road, 22nd Street, and Butterfield Road and serving 10 communities within Cook and DuPage counties.

The project kicked off earlier this year with initial data collection. The study team is currently analyzing travel patterns and development conditions within the corridor to define the project limits and draft station locations. Stakeholder involvement will begin this fall with the first meeting of the Corridor Advisory Group, comprised of elected officials and other representatives from the impacted communities for feedback on initial service concepts.



THE PULSE 95TH STREET LINE IS MAKING PROGRESS.

This route is set to connect the CTA Red Line 95th/Dan Ryan Station in Chicago with Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. With key destinations and connections to other Pace and CTA bus routes, as well as Metra's Rock Island and Southwest Service Lines, passengers on the 95th Street Line will enjoy a wide range of local and regional travel options.

Pace has successfully completed the conceptual design phase and the project is awaiting approval of its environmental review by the Federal Transit Administration. Once approved, the project will move into final design followed by construction.

Both remaining phases are fully funded through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant awarded by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

Once complete, the Pulse 95th Street Line will offer commuters fast, reliable, and frequent service. Pulse buses will have the distinct Pulse purple branding. Pulse stations will feature conveniences such as near-level boarding, heated shelters and real-time bus arrival information.

Pace
plans to open
the Pulse 95th
Street Line
in 2027.

PACE SAVES THE DAY During Kennedy Expressway Construction

Pace provides suburban commuters an alternative to sitting in congestion on the Kennedy Expressway caused by a three-year construction project. As construction continues, riders are taking advantage of the Pulse Milwaukee Line and other services to connect to the CTA Blue Line and Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line at Jefferson Park, getting to their destination quickly and comfortably. In addition to Pulse Milwaukee, which serves Milwaukee Avenue between Jefferson Park and Niles, Pace also offers express bus routes to CTA stations for connections into Chicago by utilizing the I-90 Flex Lane or the shoulder lane of I-94.

Commuters are encouraged to explore the Pulse Milwaukee Line and I-90 and I-94 express routes. Find how to avoid Kennedy Expressway construction traffic by planning your trip on the Transit app, using Pace's online Trip Planner, or contacting RTA's Travel Information Center to improve your commute while construction continues. Express routes include:

PULSE MILWAUKEE LINE:

Niles to Jefferson Park Transit Center

ROUTE 600:

Schaumburg to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 603:

Elgin to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 605:

I-90/Randall Rd to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 606:

Woodfield Mall to CTA Rosemont Transit Center

ROUTE 626:

Buffalo Grove to Dempster-Skokie
CTA Yellow Line Station

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Pace Partners WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

To ensure the Pulse Halsted Line aligns with community goals, Pace coordinated with the Far South Community Development Corporation in Chicago. Together, we selected a location for a Pulse station that would provide the best visibility and pedestrian access to the new station from the planned 12-acre Morgan Park Commons mixed-use redevelopment.

"Exciting transformations are in the works to bring life to a crucial intersection. A new Pulse station will seamlessly link residents and visitors to the area, and help us create a thriving hub in the community."

— *Far South Community Development Corporation President, Abraham Lacy*

Pace is coordinating with the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development and CTA on the 95th Street Corridor Study. Pace's planned improvements along 95th Street as part of both the Pulse Halsted and 95th Street projects will play a big part in leveraging goals of the study such as multimodal connectivity -- to improve equitable transit options in the area.

Stay in the Know!

Be the first to know about exciting developments! Visit **PaceBus.com/Pulse** and sign up to receive updates on upcoming meetings and all the latest news. Follow us on social media to stay connected and track Pulse progress.

HAVE YOU TRIED THE APP?

Pace's Transit App makes trip planning easy with real-time bus tracking and a trip planner for transit connections.



Download the app at
<https://transitapp.com>.





Public Hearings on 2024 Budget



Pace is holding virtual and in-person public hearings on its proposed 2024 Operating Budget, 2025-2026 Two-Year Financial Plan, and 2024-2028 Five-Year Capital Program in accordance with the public hearings schedule on the back.

Pace presents a balanced and stable budget for 2024

- ✓ **A FARE REDUCTION is proposed on the Pace fixed-route system for ADA-certified customers.**

Presently, the RTA ADA Paratransit Permit ID Card enables an ADA-certified customer to ride on the Pace fixed-route system at the reduced fare rate. Beginning in 2024, Pace is proposing to offer a free fare on the Pace fixed-route system to ADA-certified customers with a valid RTA ADA Paratransit Permit ID Card.

- ✓ **Pace is proposing NO FARE INCREASE or service reductions for Suburban Service or Regional ADA Paratransit.**

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed budget may do so by attending an in-person or virtual public hearing, at Pace's website: <https://www.PaceBus.com/public-hearing-feedback>, by email to: public.hearings@PaceBus.com, by telephone to 847-354-7943, or by mail to: Pace, Community Relations Department, 550 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4412. All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27, 2023.

To provide live comments during a virtual public hearing, pre-register for a hearing at <https://www.PaceBus.com/Budget-Hearings-2024>. To view a virtual hearing without making live comments, you can access the hearing (in view-only mode) at [PaceBus.com/streaming](https://www.PaceBus.com/streaming) at the applicable time. Closed captioning of the hearing will be available.

For information about the public hearings and service changes, call (847) 364-7223 or visit [PaceBus.com](https://www.PaceBus.com).

Para Información en Español sobre las audiencias públicas y cambios de servicio llame al (847) 228-3575 o visite [PaceBus.com](https://www.PaceBus.com).



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Public Hearings Schedule

Lake County	Thursday October 19, 2023 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Waukegan Public Library Bradbury Room, Lower Level 128 N. County St. Waukegan, IL 60085
Will County	Friday October 20, 2023 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Joliet Public Library McGuire Meeting Room 150 N. Ottawa St. Joliet, IL 60432
Virtual Hearing	Monday October 23, 2023 12:00 pm	Register at: PaceBus.com/Budget-Hearings-2024
Kane County	Monday October 23, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Kane County Government Ctr. Auditorium 719 S. Batavia Ave. Geneva, IL 60134
Cook County	Tuesday October 24, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Elmer Wolf Community Ctr. 2607 North Thatcher Ave. River Grove, IL 60171
Virtual Hearing	Wednesday October 25, 2023 12:00 pm	Register at: PaceBus.com/Budget-Hearings-2024
DuPage County	Wednesday October 25, 2023 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	DuPage County Admin. Bldg. RM. 3500B 421 N. County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187
McHenry County	Thursday October 26, 2023 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Crystal Lake City Hall Council Chambers 100 W. Woodstock St. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend a public hearing in person or wish to view a public hearing virtually and who require accommodations other than transportation, and individuals who require translation into a language other than English to allow them to view and/or participate are requested to contact Pace at (847) 364-7223 option 3, no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

The 2024 budget information will be available after October 18, 2023 on Pace’s website at <https://www.PaceBus.com/budgets>, at most public libraries, township, city, and village offices in the six county Pace region, and at Pace, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Po informacje w sprawie debat publicznych i zmianach w serwisie, proszę zadzwonić pod numer (847) 354-7967 albo odwiedzić stronę internetową, PaceBus.com

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Transit ridership reaches record post-pandemic highs

Ridership across Chicago's transit system continues to increase to a post-COVID peak, according to recent data from CTA, Metra, and Pace. The last week of August and the first week of September were particularly strong for CTA ridership, which saw more than one million rides recorded on the four separate days. August 2023 was Metra's highest ridership month since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing 3.1 million passenger trips, a 13 percent increase from the previous month and a 29 percent increase from the same time last year. Pace recovery has been steady, providing 1.2 million rides in the month of July 2023, and new innovations – like the Pulse Dempster Line – are bringing back more riders. For the latest updates on ridership numbers and more, visit the RTA's State of Transit Dashboard.

RTA launches new dashboards to track progress

The vision of *Transit is the Answer*, the regional transit system's strategic plan, is "safe, reliable, accessible public transportation that connects people to opportunity, advances equity, and combats climate change." Realizing this vision requires ensuring the system is in a state of good repair; financially stable; and safe, accessible, reliable, and useful for riders. To help track progress on these outcomes — and to understand how outcomes may vary across communities, by race, by income, or by other important factors — RTA has launched new Performance Measures Dashboards. The measures capture user experience, progress made in investing-in and maintaining transit infrastructure, and how well RTA and the Service Boards are maximizing use of our shared resources.

2024 regional transit budget advances

The RTA's regional transit budget development cycle continues as the Service Boards have submitted their proposed operating budgets and capital programs to the RTA and will begin holding public hearings throughout the region. The Service Boards will present their adopted budget submissions to the RTA Board at the November 16 meeting, after which the RTA will present a proposed regional operating budget, 2-year financial plan, and 5-year capital program at county board



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meetings throughout the next two months. The final proposed regional budget will be presented for consideration by the RTA Board at their December 14 meeting.

Access to Transit Program Call for Projects

RTA's [Access to Transit Program](#) helps communities improve the infrastructure around their transit stations and stops. Using federal CMAQ and RTA funding, municipalities may apply for small-scale projects, up to \$1 million, that improve access to transit services. The 2023 Call for Projects will open on October 16 and applications are due no later than December 15. More details are available on the [RTA website](#) and newsletters, and a toolkit for municipal staff will be released soon.

Legislation expands Transit Benefit Program

[PA 103-291](#) expands the pre-tax [Transportation Benefit Program](#) to certain workplaces across the RTA service region. The law requires all employers with 50 or more full-time employees and within one mile of fixed-route transit service to offer the program by January 1, 2024. The governor signed the legislation into law on July 28. RTA staff have published a [searchable map](#) of the coverage area, as required by the law, and developed a [communication toolkit](#) for state lawmakers, local officials, and business groups as part of outreach to promote the program.

Follow new RTA social media accounts

RTA is officially on [TikTok](#) and [Threads](#), and can be followed at @RTA_Chicago on both platforms. These video-based platforms will enhance RTA's ability to reach riders and the public to promote the value transit has to the region, as well as make the case for sustainable funding to lawmakers who engage with their constituents on those platforms.

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To: North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee

From: Brian Larson, Program Associate for Transportation

Date: October 16, 2023

Subject: North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee Meeting Dates for FFY 2024

Below are the proposed North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee meeting dates for FFY 2024. Meetings will be held in-person on an alternating basis between Glenview and Skokie as indicated. Virtual viewing options will be dependent upon adoption by the North Shore Council of Mayors.

Thursday	January 18, 2024	8:30 a.m.	Skokie
Thursday	April 18, 2024	8:30 a.m.	Glenview
Thursday	July 18, 2024	8:30 a.m.	Skokie
Thursday	October 17, 2024	8:30 a.m.	Glenview

TIP ID	Project	Muni/Lead	Phase	NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF MAYORS FFY 2023-2028 PROGRAM						Target Letting/Auth.	COUNCIL MARKS/PAST YEAR OBLIGATIONS					
				Programmed:	2024	2024-Shared	2025	2026	2027	2028	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
					\$8,015,047	\$0	\$5,825,350	\$6,064,871	\$5,470,682	\$2,928,800	\$5,943,353	\$8,015,047	\$6,070,514	\$6,174,075	\$6,279,707	\$6,387,452
				Balance:	\$0	-\$5,466,795	\$245,164	\$109,204	\$809,025	\$3,458,652						
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Village of Northfield	CON		\$1,547,641	\$2,997,581					Aug-24	2023 CON funds (STP-L, Shared, and Local) deferred to 2024 for fiscal constraints. Letting date changed from 9/2023 to 8/2024.				
02-16-0005	US 41 Skokie Blvd at Lake Ave	Village of Wilmette	ENG II		\$53,048						Nov-24	Project not previously listed in Program.				
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	ENG II		\$31,924						Mar-23	Funds not yet obligated and therefore shifted to FY2024				
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	CON/CE		\$776,650						Mar-23	CON cost increase of \$776,650 for STP-L programmed for FFY2024. Letting date changed from 3/2022 to 3/2023.				
02-13-0002	Austin Ave from Lincoln Ave to Oakton St	Village of Morton Grove	CON/CE		\$2,940,124						Mar-24	Obligation extension request not received by deadline. Funds reprogrammed in eTIP to FY2024. Letting date changed to 3/2024.				
02-18-0007	Chestnut Ave from LeHigh ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Glenview	CON		\$624,883						Apr-22	Received STP-L cost increase of \$104,050 in 2023 post-letting. Letting updated from 10/2022 to 4/2022.				
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON			\$2,469,214					Sep-24	CON funding of \$3,526,156 (STP-S: \$2,469,214, Local: \$1,056,942) redistributed by CMAP from STP-L to STP-S due to fiscal constraint. Letting date changed from 8/2024 to 9/2024.				
02-22-0004	Wilmette Ave from Ridge Rd to Green Bay Rd	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*		\$699,120						Jan-23	Project received obligation extension. Cost increase funds of \$699,120 shifted from FFY2023 to usable in FFY2024 as not yet obligated.				
02-23-0012	Old Glenview Road from Skokie Blvd to Wilmette Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*		\$1,081,507						Mar-24	Project received obligation extension. Funds shifted from FFY2023 to usable in FFY2024 as not yet obligated.				
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Village of Lincolnwood	ENG II		\$260,150						Nov-24	Phase not previously listed in Program.				
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Village of Lincolnwood	CON				\$1,678,068				Nov-24	CON funding of \$2,663,240 (STP-L: \$1,678,068, Local: \$719,172) reprogrammed to 2025. Letting date changed from 10/2024 to 11/2024.				
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	City of Evanston	CON				\$3,204,543				Sep-24					
02-20-0017	Howard St from Crawford Ave to McCormick Blvd (East)	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*				\$942,739				Jan-25					
02-22-0013	Shermer Rd from Walters Ave to Willow Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*					\$2,002,400			Sep-24	CON/CE funds of \$2,503,000 (STP-L: \$2,002,400, Local: \$500,600) reprogrammed to FFY2026. Letting date changed from 1/2025 to 9/2024.				
02-22-0014	Skokie Blvd from Lake Cook Rd to Village Limits	Village of Northbrook	CON*					\$2,017,049			Sep-25	Letting date revised from 1/2026 to 9/2025.				
02-22-0015	Howard St from Skokie Blvd to Crawford Ave (West)	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*					\$1,118,400			Jan-26					
02-22-0018	Walters Ave from Pfingsten Rd to Shermer Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*					\$927,022			Sep-26	Based on the target letting date, and in order for the council to be fiscally constrained in FFY 2027, CMAP staff reprogrammed this project from FFY 2027 to FFY 2026.				
02-22-0017	Gross Point Rd from Main St to Church St	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*						\$1,600,000		Jan-27					
02-22-0019	Pfingsten Road from E Lake Ave to West Lake Ave Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*						\$2,390,440		Jan-26					
02-22-0020	Illinois Rd from Locust Rd to Wilmette Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*						\$1,099,277		Jan-27					
02-22-0021	Beckwith Rd from Harlem Ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Morton Grove	ENG II						\$24,500		Jan-23	Split CON/CE funding				
02-22-0021	Beckwith Rd from Harlem Ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Morton Grove	CON/CE						\$356,465		Jan-23	CON/CE funding is separately listed.				
02-22-0016	Glenview Rd and Harlem/Lehigh Ave Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*							\$2,928,800	Nov-25	CON/CE funds of \$3,661,000 (STP-L: \$2,928,800, Local: \$732,200) reprogrammed to FFY2028.				

FFY=	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
ENG II=	Phase II Engineering (50/50 match ratio)
CON/CE=	Construction/Construction Engineering

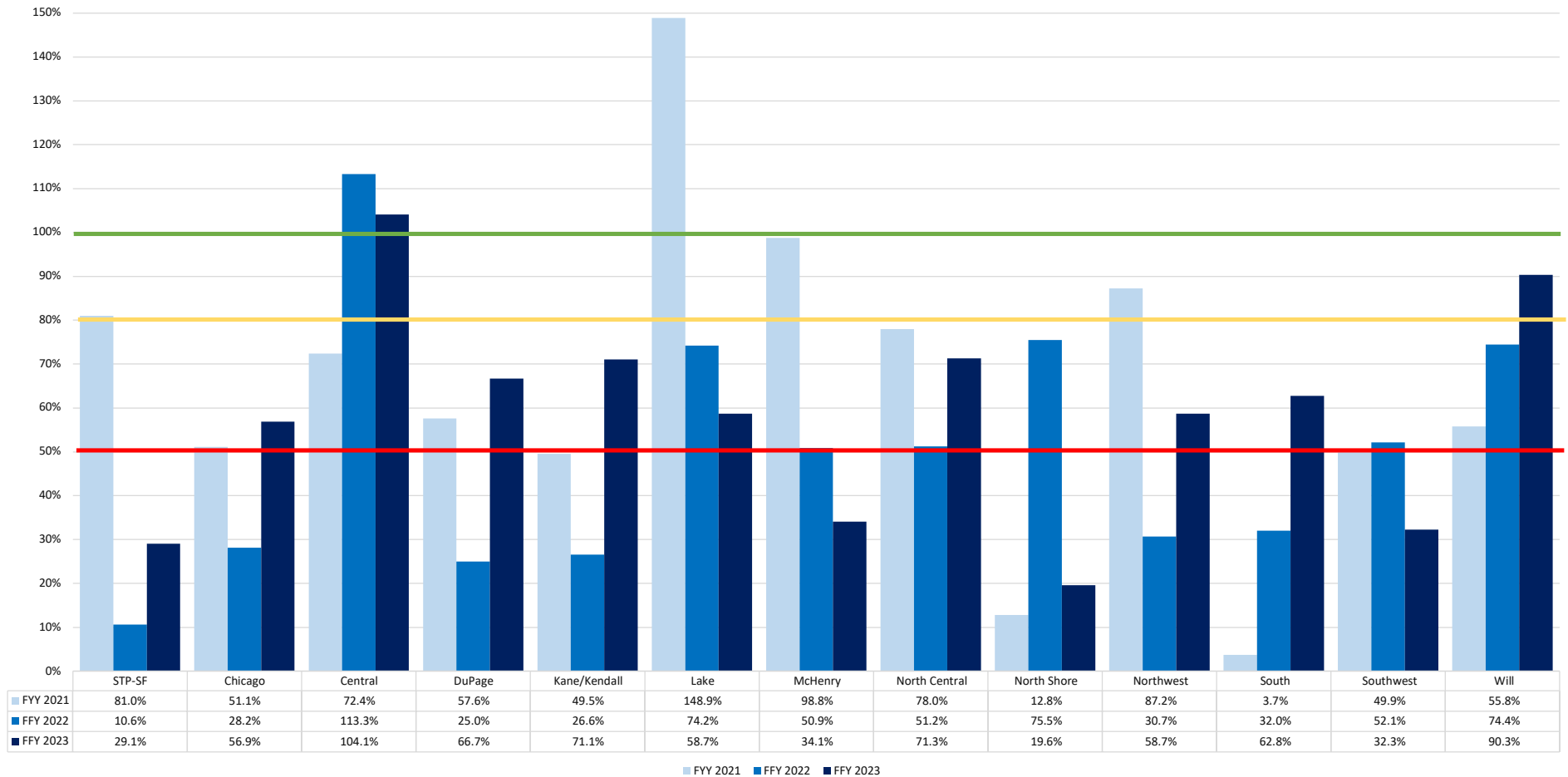
* eligible for 80/20 match ratio

FFY2023 Contingency Program (Not Currently Programmed)									
	Hibbard Road from Hill Rd to Willow Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON/CE*		\$1,047,360				
	Hibbard Road Reconstruction from Willow Rd to Tower Rd	Village of Winnetka	ENG II		\$552,230				
	Hibbard Road Reconstruction from Willow Rd to Tower Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON/CE				\$4,447,770		
	Cherry Ln from Landwehr Rd to Church St	Village of Northbrook	CON*						
	Techny Road from Pfingsten Rd to Waukegan Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$779,809				
	Western Avenue from Dundee Rd to Techny Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$546,548				
	Shermer Rd from E. Lake Ave to Central Rd	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$1,339,680				
	Pfingsten Road from Keystone Rd to Village Limits	Village of Northbrook	CON		\$612,284				
	Shermer Road from Golf Rd to Central Rd	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$1,199,240				
	Voltz Road from waukegan rd to Sunset Ridge Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$372,188				
	Glenview Rd from Shermer Rd to Milwaukee Ave	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$2,050,600				
	Commercial Avenue from Saunders Rd to Huehl Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$327,485				
Subtotals					\$8,827,424	\$0	\$4,447,770	\$0	
Total								\$14,458,914	

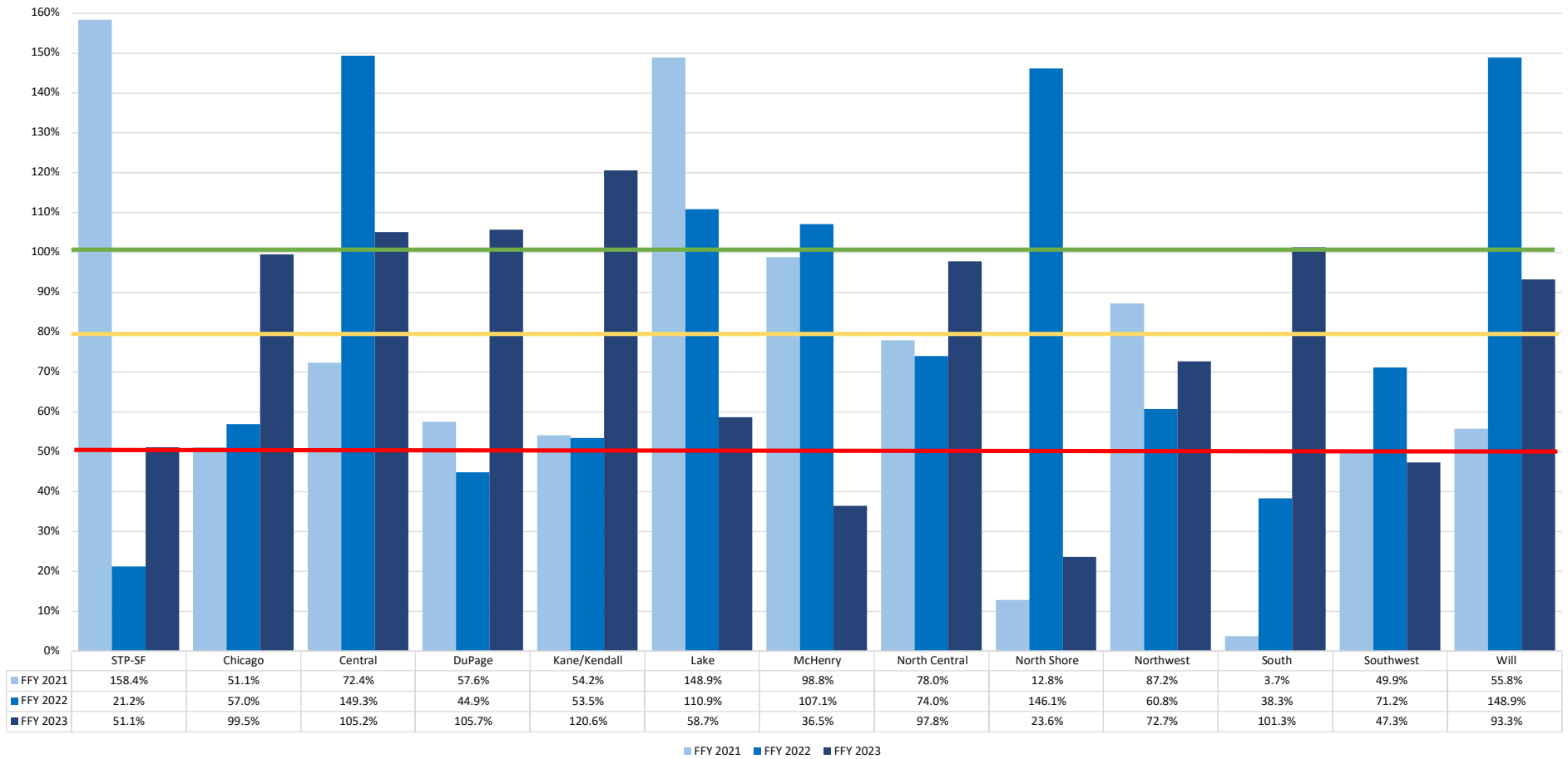
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TIP ID	Project	Sponsor	Phase	24-00 TIP change	Programmed FFY	Target SFY	STP-L Programmed	Match Source(s)	Match Amount	Phase Total	Max % STP-L	Federal Share (Calculated)	Project Total	Authorization Deadline	Target Let/Auth
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd.	Winnetka	CON	good - updated	2024 PUR	2025	\$2,469,214	Local	\$1,056,942	\$3,526,156	70%	70%	\$4,501,156	N/A	9/2024
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Skokie	ENG2	good - updated	2024	Supp	\$31,924	Local, IL	\$13,682	\$45,606	70%	70%	\$5,633,075	9/30/2024	Supp
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Skokie	CON	good	2024	Supp	\$776,650	Local, IL	\$332,850	\$6,446,813	70%	12%	\$5,633,075	9/30/2024	Supp
02-13-0002	Austin Ave. from Lincoln Ave. to Oakton St.	Morton Grove	C/CE	good - updated	2024	2024	\$2,940,124	Local, IL	\$1,693,981	\$4,634,105	70%	63%	\$4,864,157	9/30/2024	1/2024
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Lincolnwood	ENG2	good - updated	2024	2024	\$146,225	Local, CDOT STP-L	\$36,619	\$325,250	80%	45%	\$5,004,765	9/30/2024	10/2023
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Lincolnwood	ENG2	good - updated	2024	2024	\$113,925	Local, CDOT STP-L	\$28,481	\$325,250	80%	35%	\$5,004,765	9/30/2024	10/2023
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Lincolnwood	CON	good	2025	2025	\$1,678,068	Local, CDOT STP-L	\$719,172	\$2,397,240	70%	70%	\$4,964,462	9/30/2025	11/2024
02-16-0004	Devon: Lincoln to McCormick (w/ Lincolnwood)	CDOT	CON	good - updated	2025	2025	\$1,583,775	Local (Lincolnwood)	\$432,500	\$2,016,275	80%	79%	\$4,964,462	9/30/2025	11/2024
02-16-0005	US 41 Skokie Blvd at Lake Ave	Wilmette	ENG2	good - updated	2024	2022	\$53,048	Local, State, CRRSAA-L	\$82,208	\$135,256	70%	39%	\$3,483,818	9/30/2024	Supp
02-18-0007	Chestnut Avenue Multi-Use Path	Glenview	CON/CE	good - updated	2024	Supp	\$624,883	Local (also TAP-S)	\$267,807	\$5,016,315	70%	13%	\$5,815,479	9/30/2024	Supp
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	Evanston	CON/CE	good	2025	2025	\$3,204,543	Local	\$1,373,376	\$4,577,919	70%	70%	\$4,986,662	9/30/2025	9/2024
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Northfield	CON	good - updated	2024	2025	\$1,547,641	Local	\$663,275	\$2,210,916	70%	70%	\$7,582,182	9/30/2024	8/2024
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Northfield	CON	good - updated	2024 PUR	2025	\$2,997,581	Local	\$1,284,678	\$4,282,259	70%	70%	\$7,582,182	N/A	8/2024
02-20-0017	Howard Street Resurfacing	Skokie	CON	good	2025	2025	\$942,739	Local	\$680,000	\$1,622,739	58%	58%	\$1,772,739	9/30/2025	1/2025
02-22-0004	Wilmette Ave from Ridge Rd to Green Bay Rd	Wilmette	CON	good	2024 E6	Supp	\$699,120	Local	\$580,350	\$1,896,747	70%	37%	\$1,976,747	3/31/2024	Supp
02-22-0013	Shermer Road from Willow Rd to Walters Ave	Northbrook	C/CE	good	2026	2025	\$2,002,400	Local	\$450,540	\$2,503,000	80%	80%	\$2,503,000	9/30/2026	9/2024
02-22-0014	Skokie Boulevard from Lake Cook Rd to Village Limits	Northbrook	C/CE	good	2026	2026	\$2,017,049	Local	\$504,262	\$2,521,311	80%	80%	\$2,521,311	9/30/2026	9/2025
02-22-0015	Howard Street from Skokie Blvd to Crawford Ave	Skokie	C/CE	good	2026	2026	\$1,118,400	Local	\$279,600	\$1,398,000	80%	80%	\$1,709,000	9/30/2026	1/2026
02-22-0017	Gross Point Rd from Church St to Main St	Skokie	C/CE	good	2027	2027	\$1,600,000	Local	\$400,000	\$2,000,000	80%	80%	\$2,444,000	9/30/2027	1/2027
02-22-0018	Walters Ave from Pfingsten Rd to Shermer Rd	Northbrook	C/CE	good - updated	2026	2027	\$927,022	Local	\$231,755	\$1,158,777	80%	80%	\$1,158,777	9/30/2026	9/2026
02-22-0019	Pfingsten Rd/E. Lake Ave/W. Lake Ave Intersection Improvements	Glenview	C/CE	good	2027	2026	\$2,390,440	Local	\$597,610	\$2,988,050	80%	80%	\$3,178,050	9/30/2027	1/2026
02-22-0020	Illinois Road from Locust Rd to Wilmette Ave	Wilmette	C/CE	good	2027	2027	\$1,099,277	Local	\$274,819	\$1,374,096	80%	80%	\$1,464,096	9/30/2027	1/2027
02-22-0021	Beckwith Road from Harlem Ave to IL 43 Waukegan Rd	Morton Grove	ENG2	good	2026	2026	\$24,500	Local	\$10,500	\$35,000	70%	70%	\$585,000	9/30/2026	1/2026
02-22-0021	Beckwith Road from Harlem Ave to IL 43 Waukegan Rd	Morton Grove	C/CE	good	2027	2027	\$356,465	Local	\$193,535	\$550,000	70%	65%	\$585,000	9/30/2027	1/2027
02-23-0012	Old Glenview Road Resurfacing Project	Wilmette	C/CE	good - updated	2024 E6	2024	\$1,081,507	Local	\$270,377	\$1,351,884	80%	80%	\$1,351,884	3/31/2024	3/2024

Annual percent of mark (includes carryover) obligated by council



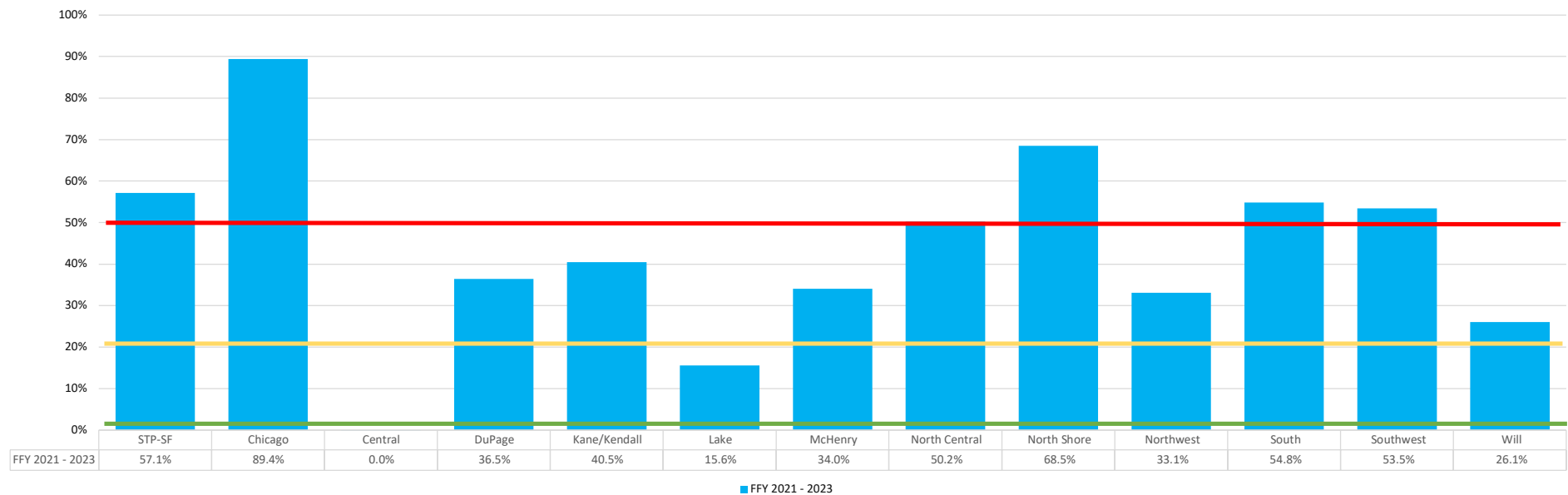
Annual percent of allotment (no carryover) obligated by council



Percent of total FFY 2021 - 2023 allotments (no carryover) obligated by council



Percent of total FFY 2021 - 2023 allotments (no carryover) transferred to redistribution by council



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To: North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee
From: Brian Larson, Program Associate for Transportation
Date: October 12, 2023
Subject: CMAP/RTA Targeting Planning and Funding Support Questionnaire

Regional planning liaison staff recently had a meeting with CMAP and RTA officials on how to target their planning and funding support. I conveyed recommendations and needs of the North Shore Council of Mayors that I am aware of. However, CMAP and RTA also had specific questions I wanted to share with you so you could provide any detailed responses. Several of the questions specifically ask about community interest in upcoming CMAP/RTA programs I wanted to ensure you could be aware of.

- Which types of assistance that RTA and CMAP offered in the past have been the most and least popular for your community? Why?

ADA

- CMAP anticipates offering assistance with ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans as a project type this year. Is your community interested in addressing ADA compliance issues?

Transit Access

- The RTA anticipates creating plans to construct mobility hubs as well as plans to better manage curb space. Is your community interested in exploring new, or strengthening existing, micro transit and shared mobility programs in order to improve first and last mile connections and overall access to transit?

Equitable Transit Oriented Development

- The RTA anticipates supporting communities' efforts to improve the area around their transit stations/stops and pursue equitable transit-oriented development. What planning needs does your community face today in areas surrounding a transit station? How can RTA support plans to spur the redevelopment of underutilized properties adjacent to transit?

Climate action

- What challenges does your community experience with taking climate action?
- Is your community interested in working on climate action planning broadly, or in need of a specific type of assistance, like decarbonization planning, or strategic ordinance/building code updates?

Housing

- CMAP anticipates offering housing planning assistance this year. Is your community interested in creating affordable housing plans to comply with the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act?

Transit Corridors

- The RTA plans to advance more transit-friendly streets and advance bus rapid transit along corridors throughout the region. Is your community interested in developing corridor plans to improve arterial roadway design and dedicate more space on roadways for the use of transit?

Implementation and funding

- What are the biggest barriers your community faces to implementing recommendations from completed plans? Are you using completed plans to guide investments or prioritize capital improvements?
- What types of assistance would help address difficulties with applying for funding or managing funding?
- Is your community interested in assistance to apply for and manage funding – broadly, or for a specific funding source?

Safety

- What types of transportation safety issues is your community experiencing?
- CMAP and the RTA are interested in multi-jurisdictional transportation safety projects. Are you aware of other communities you would be interested in working together with to address transportation safety?

Economic development

- What types of assistance would help your community address economic development challenges?

Resilience

- CMAP and the RTA are starting to think about climate resilience planning, potentially offered in future years. How is your community thinking about climate resilience in transportation projects?