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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2023
8:30 a.m.**

Via Video Conference:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84743385640>
Dial: +1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 847 4338 5640
Passcode: 906441
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022 (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval of Minutes
- III. Agency Reports**
- a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment B)
 - b. IDOT Local Roads Update (Attachment C)
 - c. IDOT Highways Report
 - d. Illinois Tollway
 - e. Metra
 - f. Pace (Attachment D)
 - g. RTA (Attachment E)
 - h. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- IV. North Shore Cost Increases (Attachment F)**
Staff will present cost increases that have been requested by members. There is \$3,108,188 in unallocated FY 23 funds available to meet these requests. Staff will offer a recommendation.
Action Requested: Approve Cost Increases
- V. STP Methodology Working Group Recommendation**
Staff will present the recommendation from the STP methodology working group for how Pavement Data will be collected and scored for the next Call For Projects.
Action Requested: Approve Recommendation
- VI. North Shore STP Priority Points (Attachment G)**
Applicants for CMAP’s STP Share Fund will have an opportunity to present about their projects. After the meeting is concluded an email will be sent out with voting instructions for the priority of the projects that are due back on April 21.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- VII. Other Business**
- VIII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. via video conference.

IX. Adjourn

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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2, 2023
8:30 a.m.
VIA Video Conference**

Attendance

Jim Bernahl, Village of Winnetka, *Chair*
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette
Jack Bielak, Village of Northbrook
Russ Rietveld, Village of Skokie
Sat Nagar, City of Evanston
Stacy Sigman, Village of Northfield
Nadim Badran, Village of Lincolnwood
James Tigue, Village of Glencoe
Patrick Brennan, Village of Kenilworth
Tavis Farmer, IDOT Highways
Alex Househ, IDOT
Sanjay Joshi, Cook County Department of transportation and Highways
John Biessel, Robinson Engineering
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Kevin Lochner, Morton Grove Park District
Kyle Whitehead, RTA
Matt Pasquini, Village of Lincolnwood
Dave Block, TranSystems
Howard Killian, ERA Consultants
Zubair Haider, Baxter & Woodman
John Mick, Municipal Engineering
Tammy Wierciak, Metro Strategies Group
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Kendra Johnson, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bernahl called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2022

Mr. Nagar moved approval of the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Tomich seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Dobbs did not have any additional information to add beyond what was included in the agency report, but she was available to answer any questions.

b. IDOT Local Roads

Mr. Househ provided updates on North Shore projects that recently received agreements back from Springfield for upcoming lettings. According to Mr. Househ, the process should take 6-8 weeks if the documents are 95 percent correct, and delays in processing times are usually due to not making complete corrections. Agreements typically take two months to be processed, and he recommended taking advantage of the section 1440 agreement, which allows for Phase I and II to be processed at the same time.

Mr. Manis added that Wilmette is currently using 2 Section 1440 agreements and it has been working well.

c. IDOT Highways

Mr. Farmer noted that there haven't been many changes from the agency report he previously provided, but he is available for any questions.

Mr. Tomich requested design plans for US-14 Dempster Street as they had not received a copy yet. He also requested that they be sent to Niles as well. Mr. Farmer noted that he'd contact the design team to have them send the plans.

Mr. Rietveld raised concerns about some projects that were incorrectly labeled as being in Skokie and asked if he could contact Mr. Farmer after the meeting to discuss. Mr. Farmer agreed and asked others to contact him if they notice any discrepancies, so that the document can be updated accordingly.

d. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported that the tollway has resources on its website for best practices when traveling in inclement winter weather. She also reminded the committee that there are still winter construction zones on the Central Tri-State project and 290 I-80 Interchange project. Ms. Passi concluded her report by informing members that there were tollway increases for commercial trucks, buses, recreational vehicles, and vehicles pulling trailers that began on January 1.

e. Metra

Written report included in agenda.

f. Pace

Mr. Andrews informed the committee that 1 million riders used the fixed ride service, with a system-wide estimate of 1.4 million riders, marking a 3% increase from last year. He highlighted that recruitment is a top priority for Pace and mentioned the success of the first Hire on the Spot event of the year. Mr. Andrews also mentioned that construction will resume on the PULSE Dempster line in the spring.

g. RTA

Mr. Whitehead reported that they are working towards the adoption of their strategic plan titled "Transit Is The Answer". The plan is scheduled to be officially adopted at the next RTA board meeting.

h. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Mr. Joshi highlighted several recipients of Invest in Cook funding from the North Shore. He reported that they are currently working on finalizing a county-wide Bike Plan and Transit Plan that will be released in the Spring.

IV. Changes to CMAP Call for Projects Scoring and Active Program Management Guidelines (Attachment H)

Mr. Czarnota presented a memo detailing approved changes to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Surface Transportation Project Methodology scoring, as well as proposed changes to Active Program Management guidelines.

Mr. Bernahl asked if they could define what "substantially complete" actually meant. Ms. Dobbs answered that they now have definitions for what is considered "substantially complete," and it's when preliminary PDR has been submitted. Definitions for "complete" and "nearly complete" were also included.

Mr. Tomich raised concerns over projects being removed from programs for missing a deadline due to small administrative holdups. Ms. Dobbs assured him that as long as a project is progressing at a reasonable rate, there shouldn't be any worry about losing funding for the project.

V. North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 2023-2027 STP-L Program Update

Mr. Czarnota presented the North Shore Council of Mayors' Local Surface Transportation Program for federal fiscal years 2023-2027. The only financial change noted was an exchange of funding between FY 23 and FY 24 for Morton Grove's Austin Ave project and Northfield's Happ Rd project. He also reviewed all 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.

VI. Proposed Creation of STP Methodology Working Group

Mr. Czarnota proposed the creation of an STP Methodology Working Group to review the methodology and bring any recommended changes back to the technical committee.

Mr. Nagar moved to accept the creation of an STP Working group. Mr. Tomich seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved

VII. Other Business

VIII. Next Meeting

Mr. Bernahl noted the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via video conference.

IX. Adjourn

Mr. Tomich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Brennan 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. Beginning May 11, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA), CMAP committee meetings will be held in-person and a quorum of committee members must be physically present. CMAP will continue 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 & Internship Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several full-time positions: an [Air Quality Analyst / Senior Analyst](#) and [Research Analyst](#) in the Research, Analysis and Programming Department; an [Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist](#) and [Policy Analyst](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Department; a [Planner](#) in the Planning Department; an [Administrative Assistant](#) on the Executive Team; and a [Senior Procurement Analyst](#) and [Procurement Analyst](#) in the Finance and Administration Department. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

Additionally, the Northwest Municipal Conference is hiring a [Program Associate for Transportation](#), the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is hiring a [Transportation Project Manager](#), and McHenry County is hiring a Transportation Planning Manager (search "Transportation" on the [McHenry County Careers](#) page).

FLIP Summer Program

CMAP is now accepting applications for our [2023 Future Leaders in Planning \(FLIP\) program](#). FLIP is a free summer program for high school students to explore the field of urban planning and learn about the issues that shape our region and communities. Students learn about planning topics through engaging sessions, activities, and site visits. FLIP is open to high school students in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. [Applications](#) are due by **Tuesday, May 30**.

When: Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: CMAP's office in downtown Chicago (433 W. Van Buren St.), plus locations around the region

2023 Call for Projects Survey

Thank you to everyone that applied for CMAQ, CRP, STP Shared Fund, and/or TAP-Local funding from CMAP! In order to make improvements going forward, we'd like to get your feedback on the application process. This [short survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

2023 State of the Region

The [State of the Region program](#) celebrates the organizations and individuals successfully working to improve northeastern Illinois, its communities, and its people, while bringing attention to public sentiment on key quality-of-life issues. Through their accomplishments and careers, the 2023 award winners have helped our region become more accessible, equitable, and sustainable. Congratulations to the [winners](#)!

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Accessibility

CMAP is hosting free ADA trainings. These half-day, interactive workshops will be located throughout the region. The trainings are intended for municipal staff, ADA coordinators, community leaders, and anyone interested in learning how to make their communities more accessible. Module topics, location information, and registration information can be found [here](#).

- November 15, 2022: ADA training pilot, materials available [here](#)
- January 18, 2023: ADA and Title II, materials available [here](#)
- March 1, 2023: ADA coordinator training, materials available [here](#)
- April 18, 2023 (Naperville): ADA self-evaluation and design standards, register [here](#)
- April 19, 2023 (Aurora): ADA transition plans, register [here](#)

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

As directed by Public Act 102-1028, CMAP is developing the [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) report, which will be a set of legislative recommendations to strengthen the regional transit system. This report must be approved by CMAP's Board and MPO Policy Committee before it is submitted to the General Assembly and Governor's Office by January 1, 2024. The recommendations will discuss topics including: improving transit through enhanced bus service, enabling fare integration, and other measures; identifying sustainable revenues for the system through changes to the sales tax and other mechanisms; and exploring what governance reforms are needed to enact these desired changes.

The PART report will also leverage findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as CMAP's [Mobility Recovery](#) project. CMAP is also required to assemble a steering committee comprised of business, civic, labor, and environmental stakeholders who will help guide development of the recommendations. The PART steering committee have held two meetings, and will next be convening on Wednesday, May 24th. If you are interested in receiving a briefing on the PART report, please contact Jane Grover at jgrover@cmapp.illinois.gov or 312-386-8802.

Program Status Updates

CRRSAA Program

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. In the fall of 2021, the STP Project Selection Committee and local councils of mayors selected [33 individual project phases](#) for CRRSAA funding. The [Regional CRRSAA Status Report](#) and [Regional CRRSAA Accounting Summary](#) were updated in February 2023.

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

Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) met on April 13, 2023. At that meeting, the committee received a [summary of STP Shared Fund applications](#) received during the recent call for projects. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **May 18, 2023**. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page. 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](#).

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

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on April 13, 2023., and the committee's next meeting is scheduled for **July 13, 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 aims to improve the region's traffic safety environment. It will continue and build on the work of the Safety Action Agenda and align the effort with new federal funding opportunities including: the development of policy related to speed management, bicycle and pedestrian safety; the creation of safety action plans for qualifying local partners, the dedication of resources to planning and implementing complete streets projects and the creation of data resources for partners to better address safety.

Northeastern Illinois was awarded a \$5 million grant to improve traffic safety across the region. The joint application submitted by CMAP, IDOT, and the region's counties will fund a comprehensive, regional program called [Safe Travel for All Roadmap](#) (STAR), which will provide a framework for safety research and programs to make northeastern Illinois safer for all travelers.

Staff Contact: [Victoria Barrett](#) (312-386-8641)

CMAP Products and Data

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Local Summaries

An updated [greenhouse gas emissions inventory](#) using 2019 data is available. This shows that between 2010 and 2019, overall greenhouse gas emissions in northeastern Illinois decreased by 9 percent. While this is progress, the region has a shared goal of reducing emissions by 5 percent annually through 2050, and it fell 36 percent short of the goal. [Individualized data summaries](#) by county, community, and Chicago neighborhood that provide a snapshot of emissions from the building, transportation, and waste sectors are also available.

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, and advance notice of upcoming CMAP trainings and other information. Sign-up to receive the new Accessible Communities newsletter by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#). We look forward to keeping you informed and invite you to connect, stay in touch, and join us to create a more inclusive region. Email us at accessibility@cmapp.illinois.gov.

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.

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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 [IIJA booklet](#). These projects align with the [core principles](#) that guide IIJA and our region — inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

From Our Partners

Streamlined Environmental Survey Screening Process

On March 7, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-08](#), which details significant improvements and changes made to streamline the process of environmental surveys to improve review time. Recent Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) policy changes allow local projects to now be screened for natural and cultural resources by certain qualified and trained Central Office Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (CBLRS) Staff. The intent of the screening process is to also determine which projects must be submitted for more detailed surveys via the BDE Environmental Survey Request (ESR) process. For new projects which have not previously submitted an ESR and are not already within the BDE ESR queue, the new screening processes became effective on all documents submitted after March 6, 2023.

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.

National Bike & Roll to School Day

Registration is now open for the 12th annual National Bike & Roll to School Day. The event will take place on **May 3, 2023**. There are currently 19 registered events in Illinois. Information on how to register, see which schools are currently participating, and to plan an event are available on the [event website](#).

Funding Opportunities

2023 Special Programs Assistance Conference (EDP, ITEP, and SRTS)

On March 13, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-09](#) announcing that the Special Programs Unit will be holding informational conferences in each IDOT district this spring to present three grant programs that could help fund your next transportation project – Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). IDOT staff will be available for two days in each IDOT District area to offer general information about each program and answer your specific questions one-on-one to help you take advantage of funding available from these programs. Meetings in District 1 will be held **May 23 - 24** at the IDOT District 1 building in Schaumburg and **May 25 - 26** at the Orland Park Civic Center. Meetings in District 3 will be held **May 16 – 17** at the IDOT District 3 office in Ottawa. Links to register for the morning sessions and to reserve individual appointment slots are available on the [ITEP](#) and [SRTS](#) webpages.

Transit Planning Funding

On April 10, 2023 IDOT released a [NOFO](#) for a competitive grant program that aims to expand safe, equitable access to public transportation throughout the state. Selected projects will feature transit opportunities while furthering the goals of IDOT's [Illinois Long-Range Transportation Plan](#). An informational webinar to explain the grant program and provide assistance to prospective applicants will be held on April 18 at 10 a.m. CST. Join the event [here](#). Applications are due by **May 24, 2023** and must be submitted through IDOT's transit grants management platform, [BlackCat](#).

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Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

On March 24, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-11](#) announcing the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program. CFI offers up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas and local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities. This program provides two funding categories of grants: Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). Applications are due by **May 30, 2023**. A recording of the March 22, 2023 [webinar](#) is now available.

FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

On March 31, 2023 the US DOT released a [NOFO](#) for the [SS4A grant program](#). The NOFO is summarized in IDOT [Circular Letter 2023-12](#). Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users. SS4A is a direct recipient program, therefore funds will not pass-through IDOT. Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval by **July 10, 2023**. For questions, see these [additional resources](#), or contact SS4A grant program staff at SS4A@dot.gov, or call Paul Teicher at 202-366-4114.

Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP)

On April 4, 2023 the US DOT released a [NOFO](#) for the Wildlife Crossing Discretionary Grant Pilot Program (WCPP), which aims to protect wildlife, reduce the number of Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVC), and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. WCPP grants are available for all project activities, including but not limited to research, planning, design, and construction. The total amount of funding that is available is up to \$111.85M. It is anticipated that 60% or more of the available funds will be award to applicants in rural areas. Applications are due by **August 1, 2023** through www.grants.gov.

Training Opportunities

Climate Resilience Training Courses

The FHWA's National Highway Institute (NHI) is now offering five new Environmental courses addressing climate change through adaptation and resilience. The target audiences for the courses are primarily transportation personnel who work in engineering, design, and project development/NEPA units in transportation agencies (mainly State DOTs). The courses will also be relevant to those interested in planning, asset management, operations, and maintenance. Expected participants include experienced staff from State DOTs, local governments, Tribal governments, Federal State agencies, and consultants.

- [Understanding Past, Current and Future Climate Conditions](#)
- [Introduction to Temperature and Precipitation Projections](#)
- [Systems Level Vulnerability Assessments](#)
- [Adaptation Analysis for Project Decision Making](#)
- [Addressing Climate Resilience in Highway Project Development and Preliminary Design \(NHI 142085\)](#)

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Transportation Planning Video Learning Series

Two videos now available on FHWA's [Transportation Planning Capacity Building Website](#) under [Connect & Learn](#). This video learning series is designed to exchange information on planning tools, share common experiences and noteworthy practices across the planning discipline, and establish a common knowledge base for all planners.

- [Federal Transportation Planning Process](#): This video explains the typical transportation planning process (based on the US DOT [Transportation Planning Process Briefing Book](#)), and provides an introduction to the transportation planning process conducted by public agencies.
- [Federal Transportation Planning Funds](#): This video explains the process to ensure that federal funding is being used to plan a safe and efficient transportation system according to laws and regulations and help State DOTs and sub-recipients manage the funding efficiently and effectively and in compliance with federal requirements.

Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making

This newly revised Introduction to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Transportation Decision Making course is an updated version of the existing web-based training (WBT). This WBT describes Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) approach to the NEPA transportation decision-making process. This training covers NEPA regulations, policies and guidance defined by the Council on Environmental Quality and FHWA.

This Web-Based Training is ideal for staff from FHWA, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), Federal and State Environmental Resource Agencies, Federal Land Management Agencies, Tribal Governments, Local Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and consultants working with various Federal-aid and Federal Lands Highway project sponsors. This self-paced training is a recommended prerequisite prior to enrolling in NEPA and the Transportation Decision Making Process FHWA-NHI 142005. If you have questions about this NHI training, please contact NHI, (877) 558.6873.

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 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 – April 2023

4/24/2023

Final agreements due for projects targeting the **June** state letting.

Final ROW documents due for projects requiring ROW and targeting the **June** state letting.

Final plans and draft agreements due for projects targeting the **August** 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.

Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

02

LOCATED IN THE CMAP **NORTH SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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	Environmental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested 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 *
5 MORTON GROVE 120010600PV 2607	FAU2791 - Austin Av Oakton St to Lincoln Av RECON; INTERSECTION IMPR. RESURFACING; SEWER	3,081,263	02-13-0002 E1: / / / / E2: FFY16 / STPL / 168,968 / 118,278 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY22 / STPL / 3,081,263 / 1,881,747 / / TARP / 98,544 /	CE 1 2 /16/2016	NR		Yes		6/16/2023	AH CR Ciorba	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
6 SKOKIE 080027900FP 1415	FAU3520 - Gross Point Rd Old Orchard Rd to E of IL 58 (Golf Rd) RECONSTRUCTION MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	4,598,000	02-06-0035 E1: / / / / E2: FFY17 / STPL / 265,714 / 186,000 / A / CMAQ / 40,000 / 32,000 / A RW: FFY18 / STPL / 150,000 / 105,000 / / ILL / 22,500 / C: FFY22 / STPL / 3,543,714 / 2,480,600 / / ILL / 1,560,000 / / CMAQ / 557,000 / 446,000 /	CE 1 1 /26/2012	E		Yes A 7 /31/2022	1 /26/2012	3/10/2023 6,618,000	AH CR Transyste		* * * * * * * * * * *
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Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
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LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

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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 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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3007						REMARKS: Com Ed/CTA lease agreement. PE2 kick-off meeting held 10/30/19. Letting TBD as of 11-15-2022.						



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April 2023

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April 25, 2023 | More information coming soon!
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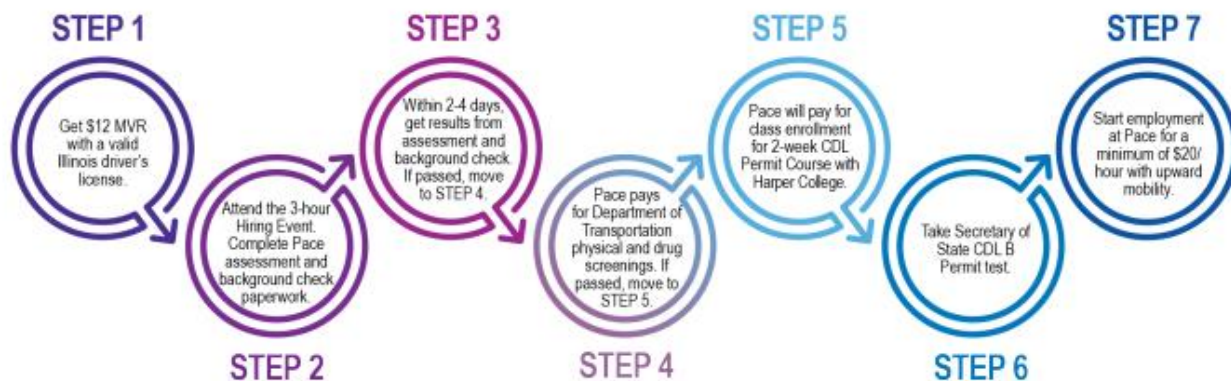
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- Elgin Community College
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April 2023 Update

Join the *Transit is the Answer* Coalition to help shape future of transit

To advance [Transit is the Answer's](#) vision of a reliable and safe system that's accessible to all, we need leadership from a diverse group of elected officials and community leaders. We invite you to [join our Transit is the Answer Coalition](#) and attend our [Transit is the Answer Coalition Kickoff breakfast](#) on April 25 to learn more about how you can help secure sustainable transit funding and improve transit for the future.

Transit is the Answer was recently recognized with [CMAP's Regional Excellence Award](#), which spotlights "projects and leaders who exemplify the ingenuity and dedication that makes northeastern Illinois a better place to live, enjoy, work, and do business." The plan was a collaborative effort that drew on feedback and expertise from partners and stakeholders throughout the region and this award reflects those important contributions.

RTA staff continues to communicate to local, state, and federal leaders about the plan and the importance of transit to the region. At the state level, the RTA and all three Service Boards participated in a subject matter hearing on regional transit hosted by the Illinois House Public Safety Appropriations Committee. RTA provided testimony alongside the Service Boards, detailing budgetary challenges and how Transit is the Answer charts a path forward for the region. The Service Boards discussed how they've adapted to COVID and advanced ambitious capital programs to modernize the region's transit system amidst the challenges of the past few years.

Funding available for projects that benefit seniors, people with disabilities

The [Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program](#) is a federal program that aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. The Call for Projects is currently open with a total of \$13,776,009 available for FY2022 & FY2023. Applications must be received by the RTA no later than noon on April 21 via the [online application form](#). Additional details on the Section 5310 program can be found on our website.

PMO Report Highlights

Twice a year the RTA publishes a Project Management Oversight (PMO) report that details major transit investments by CTA, Metra, and Pace and fulfills our oversight role in ensuring that we are efficient stewards of capital funding. There are 107 projects detailed in the [December 2022 PMO report](#), representing more than \$7.56 billion worth of construction, maintenance, and procurement to improve the Chicago region's transit system. Highlights in the region include:

- *Metra*: First phase of Ticket Vending Machine (TVM) installation at selected locations throughout the Metra system
- *Pace*: Technology enhancements to two ADA paratransit services and construction of two new ADA transfer centers in Schaumburg and Calumet City.



The Village of Glenview

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April 18, 2023

Mr. Eric Czarnota
Program Associate for Transportation
Northwest Municipal Conference
1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, Illinois 60010

RE: Request for Additional Funding – Chestnut Avenue – TIP ID 02-18-0007, Village of Glenview

Mr. Fowler,

The Village of Glenview is officially submitting this letter to the Northwest Municipal Conference to request additional funding for the resurfacing of Chestnut Avenue and the construction of a multi-use path from Lehigh Avenue to Waukegan Road. This project was let on April 29, 2022, and the construction has started in 2023.

The Village previously received approval for Surface Transportation Program (STP) Local funding for the Construction and Phase III Engineering. The bid for this project came in over the estimated cost in the amount of \$5,262,613, plus \$430,000 for the Phase III Engineering \$430,000. The total cost for the construction and construction engineering is \$5,692,613 leaving an unfunded balance of **\$104,000**. The Village currently has requested \$3,103,920 in STP funding for the construction and construction engineering phases of this project. The remaining balance of construction will be split between Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and Local Funds.

The Village of Glenview requests and additional **\$104,000** in STP funds from the North Shore Councils. This funding is critically important for the Village to successfully complete the project on time and per the approved scope.

The Village continues to work with NWMC to submit projects of regional significance for funding consideration and strongly suggests the Conference approve this additional funding request.

Should you have any questions specific to the project, please contact Adriana Webb, Engineering Division Manager at awebb@glenview.il.us or 847-904-4414.

Thank you,

Adriana Webb
Village of Glenview

Eric Czarnota

From: Chris Tomich <ctomich@mortongroveil.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Eric Czarnota
Subject: RE: North Shore COM Cost Increase

Eric,

Morton Grove has 2 projects in the TIP that will be ready to let prior to April 2024 letting in need of additional funding.

TIP ID 02-13-002 Austin Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Oakton Street has \$2,687,079 in STP for CON/CE. We are currently targeting the September 2023 letting. Our current estimate for STP-eligible expenses is \$3,000,000.

TIP ID 02-22-0021 Beckwith Road from Harlem Avenue to Waukegan Road has \$24,500 for ENG II and \$356,465 for CON/CE, totaling \$380,965 in STP funding. We currently estimate the STP-eligible cost to be \$430,000. We could be ready for January 2024 letting if we complete ENG II with local funds and would be willing to do so if we could get \$430,000 for CON/CE.

Please reach out if you need more information about this request.

Sincerely,

Chris R. Tomich, P.E.
 Village Engineer
 Village of Morton Grove

From: Eric Czarnota <eczarnota@nwmc-cog.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 11:08 AM
To: NS Council Membership <NS-Council-Membership@nwmc-cog.org>
Subject: North Shore COM Cost Increase

Hi All,

Due to recent developments, Happ Rd funding for FY 23 will be moved to FY 24 and funded using STP-Shared Funding from CMAP. As a result, the North Shore COM now has an additional \$3,108,188 to allocate in FY 23. I am reaching out to see if there are any STP projects in FY 23 or FY 24 that will be ready to let prior to the April 2024 letting and are in need of a cost increase. Projects on the contingency list that are prepared to proceed in FY 23 are also encouraged to submit a request. Please send any requests via email with a brief explanation for the increase by **April 13**. All requests will be included in the agenda and will be discussed and approved during the April 20 North Shore Technical Committee meeting. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

Eric Czarnota
 Program Associate for Transportation
 Northwest Municipal Conference
 Ph: 847-296-9200 ext. 128

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Village of Skokie

April 13, 2023

Eric Czarnota
Program Associate for Transportation
Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)
600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, IL 60016

Re: Gross Point Road – Golf Road to Old Orchard Road
Section No.: 08-00279-00-FP / Project No.: V57S(558)
TIP ID: 02-06-0035

Dear Mr. Czarnota,

The Village of Skokie appreciates Northwest Municipal Conference's (NWMC) continued support of the Gross Point Road (Golf Road to Old Orchard Road) Project. The Project is an important roadway improvement for the Village and will reconstruct Gross Point Road, modernize signals along the corridor, and add much needed bike lanes to the roadway. The Village has been working on this project for over 12 years (Phase I engineering was completed in 2012) and is close to realizing the construction of these much-needed improvements. Once the project is constructed, Gross Point Road will be jurisdictionally transferred from IDOT to the Village of Skokie, with the Village responsible for roadway maintenance.

The project was included on IDOT's March 10, 2023 letting, and the low bid received was \$6,618,000, leaving an unfunded balance of \$1,109,500. The Village explored securing additional CMAQ or CRRSAA funding from CMAP, however CMAP staff indicated that no additional CMAQ or CRRSAA funds could be programmed for the project.

The Village is requesting an additional \$776,650 in STP funding (70% of the funding amount difference between the currently programmed funding and the low bid) from the North Shore Council of Mayors. If awarded this funding, the Village anticipates IDOT will provide the local match to federal funds received, as they have done throughout the project.

We appreciate the North Shore Council's continued support of this project and appreciate the Technical Committee's consideration of this request.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at Russ.Rietveld@skokie.org / (847) 933-8231 or Dave Block at dwbblock@transystems.com / (847) 460-2950. We are available to meet and discuss as needed.

Sincerely,

Russ Rietveld, P.E.
Director of Engineering

cc: Dave Block, TranSystems



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Wilmette, Illinois 60091-0040

Engineering and Public Works
Department

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April 12, 2023

Mr. Eric Czarnota
Program Associate for Transportation
Northwest Municipal Conference
1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

Subject: Surface Transportation Program – Funding Request
Village of Wilmette

Dear Mr. Czarnota:

The Village of Wilmette (Village) formally requests that the North Shore Council of Mayors (Council) consider **reprogramming the Construction phase of the Old Glenview Road project from the Contingency Program to the Active Program**. This project has excellent project readiness and the flexibility to move to the active program and meet program management deadlines for the following reasons:

- Design approval is complete, and no right of way confirmed.
- Locally funded phase II engineering eliminates agreement delays.
- Funding is in place to begin phase II engineering upon funding approval.
- LAFO resurfacing project has a short design timeframe.

Secondarily, the Village requests the Council consider **providing full funding for the Construction phase of the Wilmette Avenue project in the Active Program**. This project was let in January 2023 and is not fully funded. See summary table of both requests below.

Project	Amount	Program	Letting
Old Glenview Road	\$1,081,507	Contingency	March 2024
Wilmette Avenue	\$584,702	Active	Complete – Jan '23

The Village of Wilmette thanks the Council for their time considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should require any additional information at manisd@wilmette.com or at (847) 853-7602.

Sincerely,

Daniel Manis, P.E.
Village Engineer

CC: Brigitte Berger-Raish, P.E., Director of Engineering and Public Works, Village of Wilmette

Eric Czarnota

From: James Bernahl <JBernahl@winnetka.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 3:29 PM
To: Eric Czarnota
Cc: Sloth, Timothy; Anthony Vasquez
Subject: RE: North Shore COM Cost Increase

Importance: High

Eric,

As a follow-up to your email below about available funding. As you are aware the top two projects on the contingency list are the design and future construction of two various sections section of Hibbard Road. The first section is a proposed resurfacing project from Willow Road to Winnetka Avenue, the second section is for the reconstruction of Hibbard Road from Willow Road north to Tower Road. Via this email I am confirming on behalf of the Village of Winnetka that we can confirm that the Village's contribution portion for each project is funded, and we are ready to commence with letting for the design proposals, and subsequent agreements with the State for both projects if allowed to move forward early. Please let me know if you need any additional information from the Village of Winnetka to move forward with this recommendation.

Thank you again for your consideration.

James J. Bernahl, P.E., CFM

Director of Engineering/Village Engineer
 Village of Winnetka, Illinois
 1390 Willow Road
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 Phone: (847) 716-3261
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Thanks,

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Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund**2023 Subregional Priority Points Application – North Shore Council of Mayors**

Eligibility: Only North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee members are eligible to vote. Only one vote per municipality is allowed. Potential applications are due by April 12.

Instructions: Each project sponsor requesting North Shore Council of Mayors priority points shall be given five minutes during the April 20 Technical Committee meeting to explain their project to the Committee and discuss benefits of the project. PowerPoint presentations, videos or other technology may be utilized. Once all project sponsors have presented to the Committee, ballots will be distributed to each Committee member via email (only one per municipality) following the meeting. Each member will rank their top 5 priority projects in order of highest priority to 5th priority. Ballots are due by close of business the next day, Friday, April 21. NWMC staff will tally the votes. Staff will notify the Technical committee, applicants, and CMAP staff of the final point allocation on Friday, April 21.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund
2023 Subregional Priority Points Application – Northwest Council of Mayors

Project Information

Project Title: Evanston Chicago Avenue Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project

Project Sponsor: City of Evanston

Partner Sponsors (if applicable): City of Chicago

Contact Person: Sat Nagar, Senior Project Manager Contact Email: snagar@cityofevanston.org

Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project scope:

The project proposes the creation of a complete street for multimodal transportation that improves safety for all users. The project includes improvements at Pace bus stops, public right-of-way enhancements near two CTA Purple Line stations, curb extensions and improved crosswalks, signal modernization, roadway lighting improvements, full roadway resurfacing, and the addition of a two-way separated bike lane along the east curb for the entire length of the project. The City of Chicago is a partner sponsor for the project's connection to the City of Chicago Juneway Terrace neighborhood greenway and the connection to the shared jurisdiction of Howard Street bike lanes between Chicago Avenue/Clark Street and Western Avenue/Asbury Avenue.

Impact on Northwest Council area: Describe how this project improves transportation and mobility in the Northwest Council's area. What are the project's benefits? Does the project help implement any county-wide or multi-jurisdictional planning initiatives?

This project will improve multimodal activities including walking, bicycling, access to transit, and support economic development along Chicago Avenue to implement the City's retail attraction strategy. The addition of bike lanes in the corridor will implement a key recommendation in the City's bicycle plan, and would produce a connected, low-stress bicycling facility that extends for the entire length of the Evanston City limits. This project would be the first of its kind, and providing a continuous bicycling facility for the entire length of the City of Evanston, connecting the City of Chicago Juneway Terrace neighborhood greenway with bike lanes along Sheridan Road in the Village of Wilmette.

Relevance to Northwest Council: Does the project build on any previously supported Northwest Council of Mayors initiatives such as a prior STP project, Northwest Council or NWMC-involved plan, or other initiative?

The Chicago Avenue Corridor builds upon the NWMC Multimodal Plan, specifically advancing Lakefront Trail Access, which is identified one of the "backbones" of the NWMC bicycle network. It is part of the NWMC regional Green Bay Trail, and improves access to the CTA Purple Line Main Street Station, which was identified in the plan as the second most popular station for active transportation (walking or bicycling) access in the NWMC region. Also, the project will connect to the Church Street Corridor bike lanes which is part of the NWMC E-W regional bicycling corridor.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund
2023 Subregional Priority Points Application – Northwest Council of Mayors

Potential Shared Fund Score: Please address how the project is anticipated to score in the Project Readiness, Transportation Impact, and Planning Factors scoring categories:

Project Readiness: The project has received Phase I engineering design approval from IDOT and is advancing to Phase II engineering in April 2023. Construction is programmed for 2025. The City of Evanston has funded 100% of Phase I and Phase II engineering, and is prepared to commit local funds for construction. As a result, the City will have committed far more than the 20 percent minimum local agency match requirement.

Based on these factors, it is anticipated this project may receive 15 out of 15 possible Project Readiness points.

Transportation Impact: The project's transportation impact, as analyzed by the topic areas of current condition/need, improvement, and jobs/housing benefit are described below.

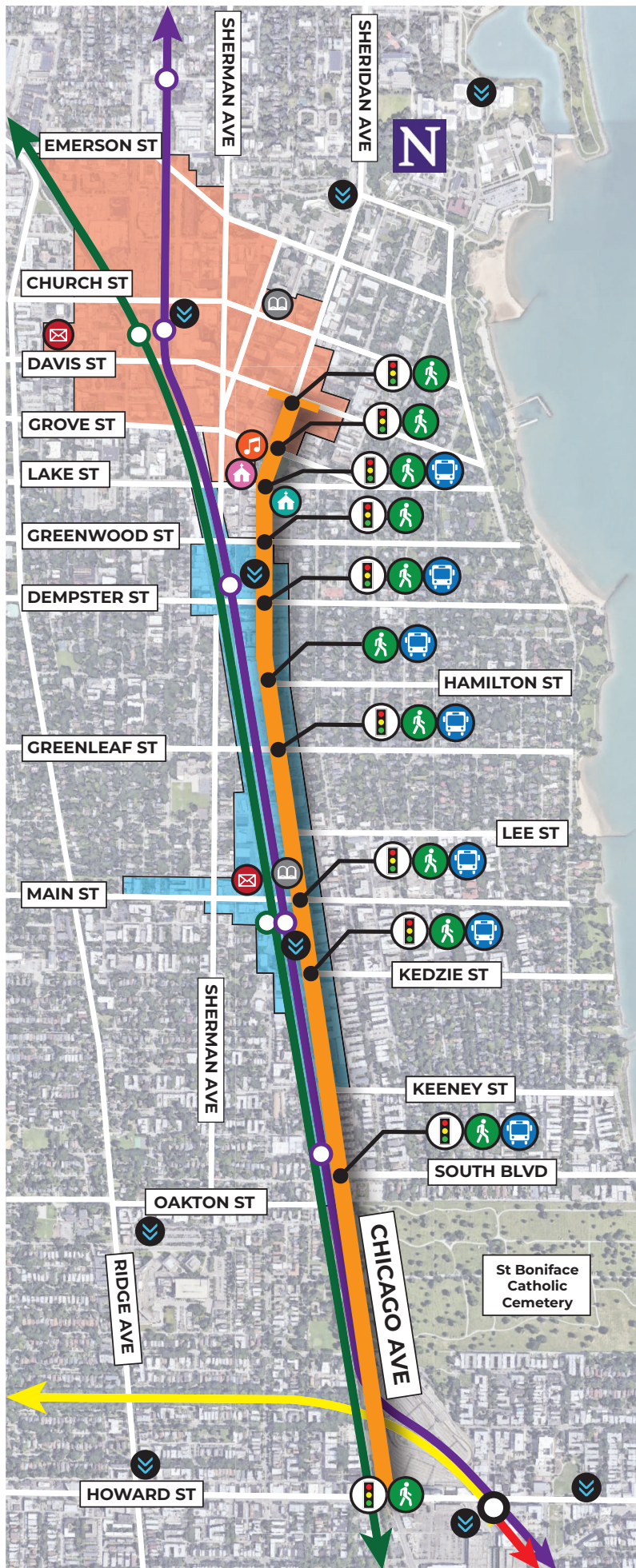
Current Condition/Need: The City first included Chicago Avenue resurfacing in its FY2019-2023 capital improvement program because the roadway surface no longer meets the City's pavement quality guidelines, and is in need of repair and resurfacing. Roadway lighting needs to be brought into compliance with current roadway lighting standards and the City of Evanston Streetlight Master Plan. Existing pavement markings need to be replaced, and sections of curb and gutter require replacement. Several sidewalk panels have cracked and have since been replaced by the City and property owners to address trip hazards.

Based on these factors, it is anticipated this project may receive 20 out of 20 possible current conditions/need points.



















Improvement: Cost effectiveness of the project will be calculated by NWMC on a scale of 0 to 20. The benefits of this project will be achieved through resurfacing, a lower cost option than full roadway reconstruction. As such, it is anticipated that this project will have a higher cost effectiveness score than full roadway reconstruction projects.

Jobs/Housing Benefit: The project will improve access to transit and provide a complete street which will enable residents and visitors to access a key commercial corridor in the City of Evanston along Chicago Avenue. This section of the corridor is home to several retail and grocery establishments, including the highest grossing Trader Joe's per square area in Cook County, and is a key corridor for students and employees traveling to Northwestern University, Downtown Evanston, and is a key corridor for travel to/from the City of Chicago on the CTA Purple Line. The roadway links in the eTIP have been selected so that NWMC may calculate the household/job impact relative to other projects.

Due to the density of jobs and housing within the project corridor, it is anticipated that this project may receive as many as 10 out of a possible 10 impact points.



LEGEND

-  PROJECT LIMITS
-  CTA PURPLE LINE
-  METRA UP NORTH
-  CTA YELLOW LINE
-  CTA RED LINE
-  TRAFFIC SIGNALS
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Project Title: Skokie Valley Trail

Project Sponsor: Wilmette

Partner Sponsors (if applicable): Glenview, Northbrook, Skokie, and Northfield

Contact Person: Dan Manis, P.E., Village of Wilmette

Contact Email: manisd@wilmette.com

Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project scope:

The Skokie Valley Trail (SVT) is an existing and planned north-south regional bicycle path through multiple communities within Cook & Lake Counties. See Exhibit 1 for the project limits. This project is one of the final sections of the SVT yet to be completed. The SVT will ultimately provide direct bicycle path connectivity from Chicago to Lake Bluff in Lake County. The proposed improvements include construction of a 10-foot-wide hot-mix asphalt shared-use path connecting existing paths at Old Orchard Road (southern improvements limits) and Voltz Road (northern improvement limits). The proposed alignment generally follows the ComEd right-of-way from Old Orchard Road to north of Willow Road except for an omission at the North Branch Trail. From the intersection with the North Branch Trail, approximately 350 feet north of the Skokie River crossing, an existing Forest Preserve District of Cook County path provides connectivity up to Winnetka Road. Approximately 6,000 feet north of Willow Road the alignment enters an existing unused roadway right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Village of Northfield.

Impact on Northwest Council area: Describe how this project improves transportation and mobility in the Northwest Council's area. What are the project's benefits? Does the project help implement any county-wide or multi-jurisdictional planning initiatives?

This project will improve transportation and mobility in the NWMC area by providing an alternative mode of transportation to key destinations. This section is one of the final sections yet to be constructed and will provide a link to the following:

Pace Route 423 (Linden CTA – The Glen – Harlem CTA) runs along Willow Road from Patriot Boulevard to Hibbard Road. The overall Pace Route 423 operates from Linden CTA Purple Line station to Harlem CTA Blue Line station passing through Winnetka, Northfield, Glenview, and Niles. Pace Route 423 serves the following major destinations: Linden CTA Purple Line station, Plaza del Lago, Metra Union Pacific North Line (Winnetka), Northfield Village Hall, New Trier H.S. (Northfield), Loyola Academy, Regina Dominican H.S., Kraft Headquarters, The Glen Town Center, Metra Milwaukee District North Line stations (Glen of North Glenview and Glenview), Kraft (Glenview), Notre Dame H.S., Renaissance Condominiums of Niles and the Harlem CTA Blue Line station. The improvement also connects to the existing Skokie Valley Trail, existing North Branch Trail, Wilmette Park District Parks/Facilities, the Avoca West Elementary School, New Trier High School West Campus, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) NBT Purple line which is a 0.5-mile-long paved trail spur that connects FPDCC's NBT mainline to Winnetka Road. The proposed improvements will ultimately provide direct bicycle path connectivity from Chicago to Lake Bluff in Lake County.

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The improvement is included in the Northwest Municipal Conference’s Multimodal Transportation Plan, Village of Skokie Bikeway System Plan, Village of Glenview Proposed Bikeway Facilities Plan, Village of Wilmette Master Bike and Active Transportation Plan, Village of Northbrook Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Plan, the Northeastern Regional Illinois Greenways and Trail Plan adopted into CMAP’s 2050 Plan, and the Village of Northfield Vision Plan.

Relevance to Northwest Council: Does the project build on any previously supported Northwest Council of Mayors initiatives such as a prior STP project, Northwest Council or NWMC-involved plan, or other initiative?

The Skokie Valley Trail project is included in the Northwest Municipal Conference’s Multimodal Transportation Plan. The project sponsors have secured TAP funding for Phase II engineering. Council has committed STP – Local funds for Phase II engineering.

Potential Shared Fund Score: Please address how the project is anticipated to score in the Project Readiness, Transportation Impact, and Planning Factors scoring categories:

Project Readiness

Federally funded Phase II engineering is ongoing, which includes right-of-way acquisition. The Village of Wilmette and the other projects partners, Village of Skokie, Village of Glenview, Village of Northfield, and Village of Northbrook are committed to this project and to get to construction when the construction is funded.

Transportation Impact

Based upon the benefits to non-motorized travel in the NWMC area, this project will score well in several of the Transportation Impact categories. The regional transportation benefits of this project will result in a positive impact to a diverse range of households and jobs throughout the northern suburbs. In addition, this improvement supports all economic levels as users of this regional arterial represent a wide-ranging group of individuals and communities.

Planning Factors

- Inclusive Growth
 - The SVT project will support a diverse group of individuals representing the full and inclusive spectrum.
- Complete Streets
 - All of the communities have adopted Complete Streets Policies. As summarized above, this project will link to many non-motorized forms of transportation.
- Resilience
 - This project will extend existing pipes and construct small culverts under the path to maintain the existing drainage patterns.

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- Freight Movement
 - This project does not address freight because it is a bicycle and pedestrian improvement.
- Transit Supportive Land Use
 - No transit stations are within 0.5 miles of the project area. However, Pace Route 423 (Linden CTA – The Glen – Harlem CTA) runs along Willow Road from Patriot Boulevard to Hibbard Road. The overall Pace Route 423 operates from Linden CTA Purple Line station to Harlem CTA Blue Line station passing through Winnetka, Northfield, Glenview, and Niles. Pace Route 423 serves the following major destinations: Linden CTA Purple Line station, Plaza del Lago, Metra Union Pacific North Line (Winnetka), Northfield Village Hall, New Trier H.S. (Northfield), Loyola Academy, Regina Dominican H.S., Kraft Headquarters, The Glen Town Center, Metra Milwaukee District North Line stations (Glen of North Glenview and Glenview), Kraft (Glenview), Notre Dame H.S., Renaissance Condominiums of Niles and the Harlem CTA Blue Line station.

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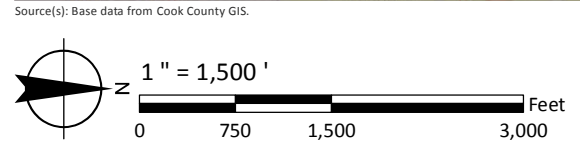
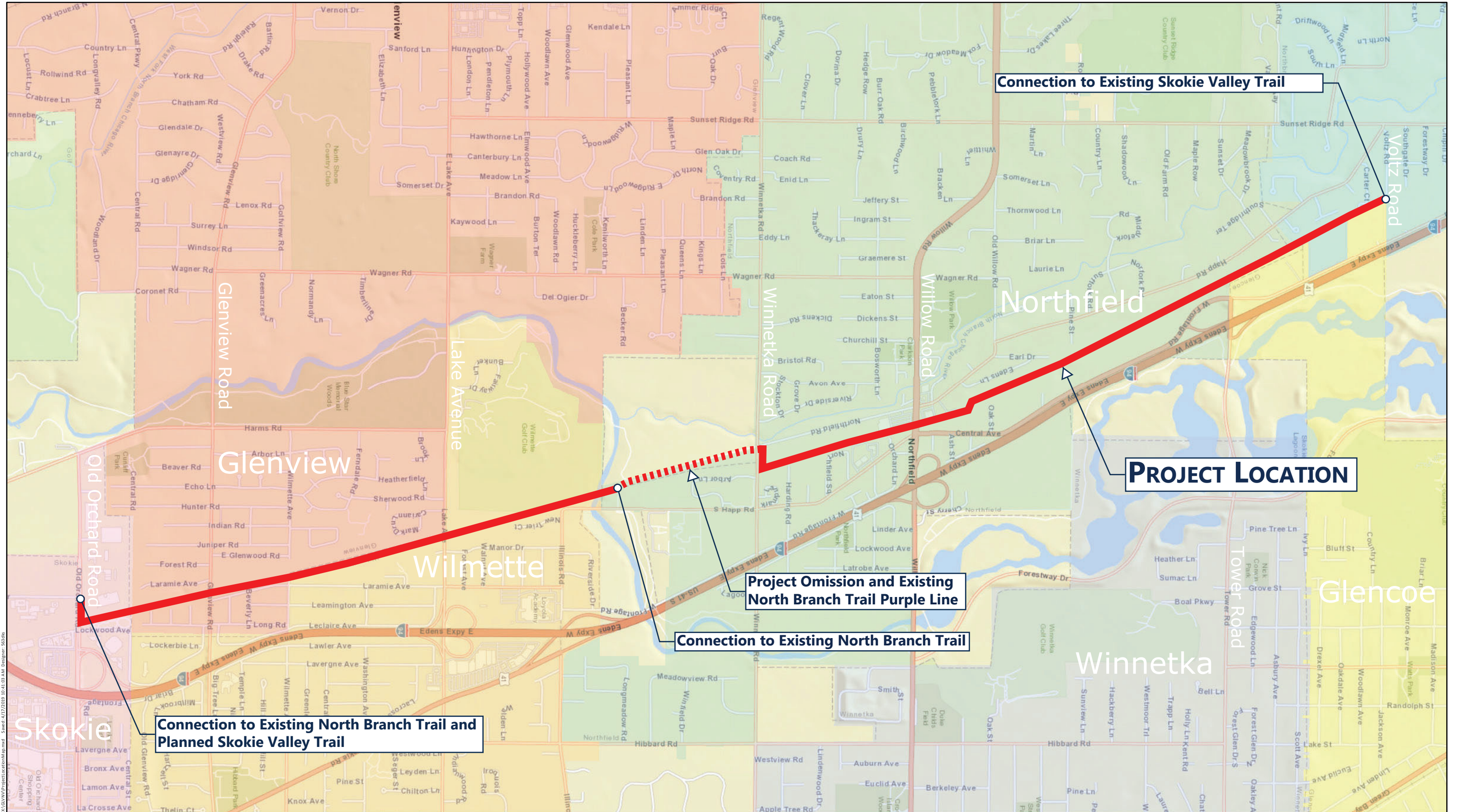


Exhibit 1

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Project Title: Green Bay Rd Reconstruction

Project Sponsor: Northfield

Partner Sponsors (if applicable): Lake Bluff

Contact Person: Jeff Hansen
jhansen@lakebluff.org

Contact

Email:

Project Description: Please provide a brief description of the project scope: Green Bay Road is a major collector under Village jurisdiction requiring reconstruction from south of Rockland Road to the southern Village of Lake Bluff boundary excluding the bridge over the Union Pacific railroad. This project includes new storm sewer to reduce roadway flooding, watermain improvements, curb and gutter, ADA sidewalk improvements, and new crosswalks on Green Bay Rd improving access to Mawman Park.

Impact on North Shore Council area: Describe how this project improves transportation and mobility in the North Shore Council's area. What are the project's benefits? Does the project help implement any county-wide or multi-jurisdictional planning initiatives?

Green Bay Rd provides a connection between numerous communities along the north shore paralleling Lake Michigan through northern Cook County and all of Lake County before continuing north through Wisconsin.

Traffic on Green Bay Road is generated mostly from outside communities both north and south of the Village (the current 9,550 ADT is almost double the Village's population). Therefore, improvements to this section of Green Bay Rd that reduce roadway flooding, increase ride quality, and increase pedestrian safety will benefit all north shore communities.

Relevance to Northwest Council: Does the project build on any previously supported North Shore Council of Mayors initiatives such as a prior STP project, Northwest Council or NWMC-involved plan, or other initiative?

This project correlates with Evanston's Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements as well as other North Shore Council projects intersecting Green Bay Road.

Potential Shared Fund Score: Please address how the project is anticipated to score in the Project Readiness, Transportation Impact, and Planning Factors scoring categories:

- Project readiness – Phase I was approved in 2020, pre-final Phase II plans are complete, and no land acquisition is necessary maximizing project readiness.
- Transportation Impact – The average pavement condition is poor.
- Planning Factors – The Village has a Complete Streets Policy and is improving pedestrian access along the project.