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## **NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

#### **Agenda**

**Friday, January 24, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Barrington Village Hall  
200 S. Hough Street, Barrington, IL 60010**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. October 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**

**Action Requested:** Approve meeting minutes

#### **III. Agency Reports**

- a. CMAP Report (Attachment B)
- b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
- c. IDOT Highways Report
- d. IDOT Local Roads
- e. Illinois Tollway (Attachment C)
- f. Metra
- g. Pace
- h. RTA (Attachment D)

**Action Requested:** Informational

#### **IV. Northwest Council Surface Transportation Program**

##### **A. Current Program Update (Attachment E)**

Staff will provide an overview of the current program, noting changes that had occurred since the last meeting.

**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion

##### **B. Cost Increase Request (Attachment F)**

Staff will provide an overview of Elk Grove Village's request for additional funding for their Tonne Road – Landmeier Road to Elk Grove Boulevard reconstruction project. The funding would come from either planned use of redistribution or NW STP-L allotment, depending on availability.

**Action Requested:** Approve Cost increase

##### **C. Approval of Current Program (Attachment E)**

Committee approval is needed to include changes in the current program.

**Action Requested:** Approve program

#### **V. Subregional Priority Points (Attachment G)**

Staff will present projects that have applied for STP-Shared Funding from the Northwest Council during the recent call for projects. The committee will rank-choice vote the projects via proxy vote at a later date.

**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion

**VI. Northwest Council of Mayors Replacement**

Staff will discuss the process for replacing the two upcoming vaccines for the Northwest Council of Mayors and on the Technical Committee.

**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion

**VII. Other Business**

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Barrington Village Hall.

**IX. Adjourn**

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**NORTHWEST COUNCIL OF MAYORS****TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****Minutes****Friday, October 25, 2024****8:30 a.m.****Barrington Village Hall**

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee met on Friday, October 25, 2024, at the Barrington Village Hall. The following committee members were in attendance:

Village President Karen Darch, Chair  
Village President Tom Hayes  
Dane Bragg  
Reid Ottesen  
Sharon Caddigan  
Jon Sfondilis

**Others Present:**

Briget Schwab  
Tommy Sakkos  
Heather Lis  
Marie Hansen  
Kyle Johnson  
Colby Basham  
Mayor Bill McLeod  
Alan Wenderski  
Matt Lawrie  
Tim O'Brien  
Matt Barry  
Brandon Saccone  
Aaron Grosskopf  
Marie Higginson  
Brent McQueen  
Mayor Paula McCombie  
Dan Kaup  
Alex Househ  
Jessica Rybarczyk  
Katelyn Dote  
Albert Stefan  
Darren Monico  
Duane O'Laughlin  
Jacob Thede  
Jon Vana  
Eric Czarnota  
Mark Fowler  
Larry Bury

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Village of Palatine  
Village of Streamwood  
Village of Wheeling

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Village of Buffalo Grove  
Village of Elk Grove Village  
Village of Hoffman Estates  
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Village of South Barrington  
Village of Wheeling  
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Metra  
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Gewalt Hamilton Assoc.  
Ciorba Group  
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**I. Call to Order**

President Darch called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m., and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

**II. Approval of July 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

*President Hayes moved approval of the July 19, 2024 meeting minutes. Ms. Caddigan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**III. Agency Reports****a. CMAP Report**

Written report provided.

**b. IDOT Highways Report**

Mr. Czarnota reported that Ms. Herdus was unable to attend but provided a updated project status sheet with changes from the previous version in bold.

**c. IDOT Local Roads Update**

Mr. Househ provided the committee with an update on projects that had received Phase I design approval since the last meeting. He also provided an update on projects targeting upcoming Lettings.

**d. Illinois Tollway**

Written report provided.

**e. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**

No report.

**f. Metra**

Ms. Dote reported that Metra's FY25 operating and capital budgets were recently released for review, with in-person hearings scheduled for November 6 and 7. She noted that systemwide ridership is currently at 62% of pre-pandemic levels, with the UP-NW at 66%, UP-N at 82%, and Milwaukee-North at 56%.

**g. Pace**

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that Pace's 2025 budget is balanced with no proposed fare increases. She highlighted the recent RTA Transit Summit and encouraged those who were unable to attend to rewatch the meeting on the RTA website. Additionally, she noted that current service levels in September increased by 13.2% compared to last year, and ADA Dial-a-Ride has exceeded 100% of pre-pandemic ridership.

**h. RTA**

No written report. President Hayes recapped the RTA Suburban Transit Summit that was held in the Village of Arlington Heights and mentioned the important stake holders that were in attendance.

**IV. Northwest Council Surface Transportation Program****A. Current Program Update**

Mr. Czarnota provided an overview of the current STP program, emphasizing changes since the last meeting. He noted that the fiscal year ended in September and outlined projects scheduled for FY25 lettings. He also detailed all projects planning to use Redistribution funds in FY25 and explained how the Council would manage the process of utilizing those funds.

**B. Cost Increase Request**

Mr. Czarnota provided an overview of Elk Grove Village's request for an additional \$709,781 in funding to achieve a 75/25 split between federal and local funding for the Busse Rd – Landmeier Rd Intersection Resurfacing Project. The funding would come from the planned use of Redistribution funds or any remaining NW STP-L allotment, depending on availability.

Mr. Ottesen expressed support for the increase, noting that it moves the Council closer to utilizing Redistribution funds. However, he stated a preference for limiting cost increases to road expansion and reconstruction projects.

The Committee inquired about the remaining Redistribution funding. Mr. Czarnota reported that approximately \$81 million is available for all Councils outside of Chicago.

*Ms. Caddigan moved approval of the cost increase. Mr. Ottesen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**C. Approval of Current Program**

*Ms. Caddigan moved approval of the current program. President Hayes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**V. Meeting Dates**

Mr. Czarnota present proposed meeting dates for 2025.

Ms. Caddigan noted that Streamwood's community festival starts on the same day as the proposed July meeting date and would most likely be unable to attend. However, she indicated that all the other dates were fine.

*Mr. Bragg moved approval of the 2025 meeting dates. Ms. Caddigan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**VI. Other Business**

No other business.

**VII. Next Meeting**

President Darch said the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Barrington Village Hall.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Mr. Bragg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. President Hayes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

## CMAP news

### New CMAP website – live and seeking feedback!

CMAP is excited to announce that our [new website](#) is live! The updated website features a modern design with user-friendly navigation as well as improved accessibility, interactivity, and search functionality. Pages include integrated data, resources, and tools. After you explore the website, fill out and share [our survey](#) to tell us your thoughts and how we can further improve the site.

### Job opportunities

CMAP is hiring for full-time positions: a [Procurement Officer](#) in the Finance division; [People and Culture Program Lead](#) in the Executive office. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

## Program status updates

### Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on August 28, 2024. The committee is scheduled to meet next on **February 13, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site 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 were updated in April and are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

Staff contact: [Jon Haadsma](#) (312-386-8664)

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

The most recent [CMAQ Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on December 5, 2024. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **February 13, 2025**, at 11:00 a.m. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting change requests for CMAQ, CRP, 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. Our *Safe Streets and Roads for All* Regional Safety Action Plan program, with county-led safety action plans across the region, is hosting engagement activities. Most counties have launched steering committees and are beginning to table at and host engagement events.

CMAP is seeking input to understand the most pressing issues and traffic safety hotspots in the communities you live, work, and travel in. Please visit the [Safe Travel for All project website](#) (and county-specific pages linked within) to take the traffic safety survey, get event and open house details, and sign up for project updates. Please use your platforms to encourage residents to participate. Check out CMAP's [social media and newsletter content templates](#) for customizable text and images.

CMAP's recent Speed Management report explores the factors that contribute to speed-related traffic safety risks and provides recommendations on road design, speed limit policy, education, and equitable enforcement. The report proposes that the region adopt the Safe System Approach to achieve travel safety goals outlined in ON TO 2050, the region's comprehensive plan. Learn more in the [full report](#) and [executive summary](#).

Staff contact: [Lindsay Bayley](#) (312-386-8826)

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### **Accessible Communities Program**

CMAP launched the Accessible Communities Program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. Essential information about improving accessibility can be found on this [CMAP webpage](#) and in the Accessible Communities newsletter. Receive the latest news by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#).

Recordings and slides for CMAP's ADA trainings, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, completing a self-evaluation, the role of an ADA coordinator, developing a transition plan, and PROWAG [available](#).

CMAP is excited to launch the newest initiative in our Accessible Communities program: the [Regional ADA Coordinators Group](#). The next meeting is the morning of **February 11** (registration and details coming soon). This group is for municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinators or others interested in learning more about this federally required role. It will connect ADA coordinators from across the region with each other, as well as resources and training.

- If you are an ADA coordinator, [please take this survey](#) to help CMAP understand your role and how we can support your work.
- If you require an accommodation, please email [Accessibility@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:Accessibility@cmap.illinois.gov).

CMAP has also developed [templates and guidance](#) that public entities can use to help meet their legal obligations of providing an ADA notice, grievance procedure, and designating an ADA coordinator.

Staff contact: [Jaemi Jackson](#) (312-386-8706)

### **CMAP products and data**

#### **2024 Community Data Snapshots**

The 2024 CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are 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](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a [toolkit](#) to help communities share this information. Please email [data@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:data@cmap.illinois.gov) with any questions or provide feedback [through this survey](#).

#### **Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)**

Since CMAP's delivery of the [PART report](#) to the General Assembly and Governor's Office, legislative deliberations about the future of transit funding have continued. Most recently, the Climate and Equitable Transportation Act (CETA) was filed, which includes three bills that address several transit and climate issues in the region. One component of CETA, the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act, details several reforms to transit governance and operations in northeastern Illinois. A companion appropriations bill was also introduced with the intent to provide \$1.5 billion in additional operating funds each year to transit across the region. Additionally, the Illinois Senate Transportation Committee recently concluded a series of legislative hearings across the region focused on transit reform. Meanwhile, Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch has established a House Public Transit Working Group to closely examine the state's public transit system and develop recommendations for improvements and funding.

PART outlined three areas that must work in tandem to address the \$730 million fiscal cliff facing our region in 2026 and strengthen our transit system: system improvements, funding solutions, and

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governance reforms. CMAP will continue to provide feedback and input in alignment with the PART report. We look forward to continued collaboration with partners, stakeholders, and legislators to strengthen transit in the region.

Staff contact: [Kasia Hart](#) (312-386-8630)

### **Climate Action Planning**

CMAP collaborated with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to prepare the [Priority Climate Action Plan](#) that will set the region on a path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and allow communities in northeastern Illinois to compete for investments from the U.S. EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. The plan supports equitable investment in policies, practices, and technologies that can enhance the quality of life in our region. The goal is to reduce pollutant emissions, create high-quality jobs, and spur economic growth.

CMAP's new report, [Risk-based Vulnerability Assessment](#), uses the latest data to analyze climate risks in the region. The assessment identifies which climate hazards are the biggest threat, where they are located, which transportation assets are most at-risk, and how heat will affect transit riders.

CMAP has begun work on the regional Climate Action Plan. Due in June 2025, the plan will provide an overview of major regional sources and sinks of emissions, develop emissions scenarios and targets, and recommend strategies to reduce emissions.

Staff contact: [Nora Beck](#) (312-386-8677)

### **Explore the CMAP data hub**

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

### **Discover historical aerial photos of the region**

[The Imagery Explorer](#) showcases CMAP's large collection of historical aerial photographs of northeastern Illinois from 1970 through 1995. The archive includes 6,300 images in six of the region's counties. Historic aerial photographs are valuable resources for planning activities like landscape and land use analysis, environmental impact assessments, development projects, and education. These images provide a method for examining changes in properties, neighborhoods, and land use in general. You also can examine changes in historical, environmental, or architectural information about sites over time.

### **From our partners**

#### **CTA developing long-term strategic plan**

CTA recently launched its first-ever comprehensive, long-term strategic planning effort. The [Powering Our Transit Future](#) plan will set the agency's strategic direction over the next several years. Take a brief [survey](#) about your CTA experience and what types of transit service(s) you want to see in the future.



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### **ReVision: Pace's network restructuring project**

Pace is seeking to update the system to reflect how travel patterns have changed. Pace is rethinking the entire network of services, building on the principles of accessibility, equity, and productivity defined in the [Driving Innovation strategic plan](#). The ReVision plan is seeking public input through open houses and a [short survey](#), visit the [ReVision website](#) to learn more.

### **2023 IDOT National Highway System (NHS) pavement and bridge data**

IDOT collects condition data on Interstate pavements annually and on non-Interstate pavements on a two-year cycle. Bridges receive a routine visual inspection at least every 2-4 years, depending on the condition. The results of the most recent NHS pavement condition assessments and bridge inspections, along with performance measures and targets, may be accessed on [IDOT's "Performance" webpage](#).

### **2023 IDOT statewide crash data**

On July 22, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2024-15](#) announcing that 2023 statewide crash data is now available. This information can be accessed by logging into "IDOT's Safety Portal" via this [link](#). If you are a first-time user, please select "Create a New Account" and enter the required information.

### **Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (VRUSA)**

The IDOT [Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment \(VRUSA\)](#) is available for download and use. The VRUSA contains IDOT's efforts to help stakeholders identify programs and projects to address vulnerable road user safety through stakeholders' engagement and data analysis. It also outlines safety strategies based on the safe system approach with a profound consideration for equity principles. It is IDOT's intention for this document to be an important tool for stakeholders to continue to address the needs of VRU's in their communities.

To assist in the use of the VRUSA for the planning of future projects that address the safety of VRUs, a [VRUSA Dashboard](#) has been created that allows the user to view the results of the VRUSA data analysis in a way that can be filtered to specific areas of the state.

### **Funding opportunities**

#### **USDOT FY 2025 RAISE grant opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program provides grants for surface transportation infrastructure projects with significant local or regional impact. The minimum size for capital RAISE grant awards is \$5 million for projects in urban areas and \$1 million for those in rural areas. There is no minimum award amount for planning grants. The maximum award size for both capital and planning grants is \$25 million.

The [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) details a round of selections using a portion of the \$1.5 billion in FY 2025 RAISE BIL funds and/or additional funding that may become available for the program under the FY 2025 Appropriations Act. Complete instructions on how to register and apply can be found at [Grants.gov](#). Applications for Round 2 are due **January 30, 2025**, and awards are expected to be announced by June 28, 2025.

#### **USDOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program grant opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for the fourth round of Illinois EECBG formula funding. Funds are available to eligible municipalities and counties for energy audits and government energy efficiency building upgrades based on Blueprints developed by USDOE.

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Projects must address at least one key activity in the [USDOE Blueprint](#). Grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 and a cost match is not required.

Applications are due by **February 3, 2025**, and more information, application materials, and related resources can be found on the [EECBG website](#).

#### **FHWA PROTECT grant opportunity**

FHWA has posted the [Fiscal Years \(FY\) 2024-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program, a competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters.

This NOFO offers a total of up to \$876 million in funding through two application periods, including up to \$576 million for FYs 2024 and 2025, and up to \$300 million for FY 2026. The FY 2024-2025 application period will remain open through **February 24, 2025**.

#### **IDOT Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) Highway Safety Program grant opportunity**

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE) has posted six Highway Safety Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for the grant year of October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. Illinois is seeking grant applications to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways.

These NOFOs are for local agencies and organizations. Visit the [safety grants webpage](#) for links to the NOFOs and application information. All NOFO applications will be submitted in the State of Illinois' grant management system – AmpliFund. Applications for FY26 are due by **March 3rd, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Training opportunities**

##### **National ADA Symposium**

The [National ADA Symposium](#) is an annual conference on the Americans with Disabilities Act and disability-related laws. This comprehensive conference provides the latest information on all areas of the ADA, including regulations and guidelines, implementation strategies, and best practices.

**Virtual ADA Symposium: May 5-7, 2025** —Registration Opens January 6th

**In-Person ADA Symposium: June 15-18, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia** —Registration Opens February 12th

##### **FHWA Learning Management System**

FHWA's National Highway Institute launched its [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.

##### **IDOT BLRS 2024 MFT Eligibility and Spending Process T2 training**

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the Spring 2024 MFT [training](#), along with all past offerings, available online. For more information on how to navigate this training, along with 35+ additional trainings offered by T2 Center, please reference the [T2 website](#). New users will need to contact [Barry.Kent@illinois.gov](mailto:Barry.Kent@illinois.gov) for credentials.

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### **Engage with CMAP**

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](#).

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## **Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders –January 2025**

- 1/13/2025:** Final agreements due for projects targeting the March 2025 state letting  
Final plans and draft agreements due for projects targeting the April 2025 state letting
- 1/22/2025:** Final ROW certification must be completed for projects targeting March 2025 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.***

## **Illinois Tollway Update**

### **Capital Plan – Investing in the Future**

The Illinois Tollway is continuing to advance its planning process for the next major capital plan that will shape the framework for the agency's long-term capital priorities.

The Tollway established a Stakeholder Advisory Team to assist with defining program goals and providing regional input for the next capital plan, as well as a Strategic Planning Committee, a Board-level committee overseeing the agency's strategic and capital planning process with a goal of delivering plans in 2025.

The Stakeholder Advisory Team delivered its final report to the Strategic Planning Committee in December, marking a significant milestone in our planning process. This report contained the Team's value statements, priorities and a series of recommendations for the Tollway's consideration as it develops the next capital plan. This report is available on the Tollways website at [www.illinoistollway.com/future](http://www.illinoistollway.com/future).

Capital planning stakeholder outreach remains ongoing, and the Tollway looks forward to continued engagement with this organization, and we invite you to visit the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com/future](http://www.illinoistollway.com/future) to learn more.

### **Bridging the Future**

In addition to the ongoing development of the next major capital plan, the Tollway recently announced *Bridging the Future*, a \$2 billion, seven-year capital program. The program will serve as a bridge between the infrastructure investments already underway as part of the current *Move Illinois* capital program, and the needs of the agency's next major capital program.

*Bridging the Future* includes planning, design and construction services to address four important themes across the system:

- 1) **Connecting Infrastructure:** The program will provide funding for interchange and bridge design and construction that improves interconnectivity and access to communities along the Tollway system.
- 2) **Improving Mobility:** The program will continue the Tollway's commitment to safety and mobility by supporting bridge reconstructions across the system and investing in strategic widening projects that reduce potential congestion and improve driver experience.
- 3) **Modernizing the System:** The program will ensure continued investments in system improvements and maintenance priorities by providing investments for bridge repairs, pavement rehabilitation, and funding for upgrades to Tier II plazas and Tollway facilities.
- 4) **Preparing for Tomorrow:** The program includes investments that explore the feasibility of new technologies, including allocating funds for pilot programs and studies.

Funding for the Bridging the Future capital program is not expected to require any adjustments in the Illinois Tollway's current tolling structure nor any additional debt financing beyond that already planned for the *Move Illinois* Program.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelsey Passi at [kpassi@getipass.com](mailto:kpassi@getipass.com).




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## January 2025 Local Government Update

### **Regional transit budget and 2025-2029 capital program adopted by RTA Board of Directors**

The RTA Board of Directors adopted the [2025 regional transit budget and 2025-2029 capital program](#), the last one supported by federal COVID relief dollars before an operating fiscal cliff threatens our region's transit system and puts current double-digit ridership growth at risk. The 2025 budget includes \$4.147 billion in operating expenses for northeastern Illinois' transit system, and a 2025-2029 Regional Capital Program of \$9.469 billion, a significant increase from previous capital programs.

Despite operating funding challenges, the region's transit system continues to grow ridership. The system provides more than 1.2 million rides per day, with special events and off-peak trips outpacing pre-pandemic ridership numbers. Each agency has seen double-digit year-over-year growth, thanks to service expansions that would not have been possible without federal COVID relief dollars. In places where more service was added, riders have returned.

The budget and capital program were presented to all six county boards in the region and held a virtual public hearing on Dec. 3, which followed similar hearings and comment periods by CTA, Metra and Pace for their respective budgets. These materials and activities are documented on the RTA's website, and the 2025-2029 Capital Program is also [available on RTAMS](#), the RTA's mapping and statistics website.




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## RTA Chairman Kirk Dillard to address City Club on Jan. 15

RTA Chairman Kirk Dillard will speak at the City Club of Chicago on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at noon. Chairman Dillard will share the agency's vision for a fully funded, seamless, and accountable transit system that serves riders with more frequent and reliable service. This vision is based on more than three years of consistent engagement of riders and stakeholders on the challenges the system faces, with key activities including the development and launch of the Transit is the Answer strategic plan, quarterly virtual and in-person coalition meetings on plan implementation, multiple in-person summits on key topics, rider surveys, and more. Seating is limited and tickets are available on the [City Club's website](#).

The Transit is the Answer Coalition will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. to provide the public with the opportunity to give feedback on this updated vision as legislative outreach and advocacy continue during the 2025 legislative session in Springfield. RTA staff will host a discussion and invite participants to both ask questions and provide feedback on potential funding and reform legislation and strategy. [Registration is now open online](#).

## RTA announces 2025 state legislative agenda

The RTA has published the agency's [state legislative agenda for 2025](#), outlining the need for sustainable funding for transit, reforms to transit governance, and strengthening partnerships and investment on personal safety and security, among other priorities. With federal COVID relief funds to be depleted in early 2026, [state lawmakers must reach a funding solution before adjourning in May](#) to avoid service cuts and fare increases. The RTA published an [economic impact assessment](#) illustrating two drastically different potential futures for the regional transit system, including how the system can be improved and expanded with additional investment, and how potential service cuts and fare increases would affect the region's economy.

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December 20, 2024

Mr. Eric Czarnota  
Program Associate for Transportation  
Northwest Municipal Conference  
1616 East Golf Road  
Des Plaines, IL 60016

RE: Funding Increase Request  
Tonne Road – Landmeier Road to Elk Grove Boulevard  
Village of Elk Grove Village  
TIP#: 03-20-0040

Dear Mr. Czarnota:

The Village of Elk Grove Village is requesting consideration for an increase in federal funding to the Tonne Road Reconstruction Project, which spans from Landmeier Road to Elk Grove Boulevard. The project was originally awarded \$3,500,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, due to the Northwest Municipal Conference's maximum project award cap. The Village is requesting an additional \$1,500,000 in funding, if available, to reach the current funding award cap of \$5,000,000.

The Village has been self-funding all design work, all land acquisition, and will be self-funding construction engineering. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025, with construction and construction engineering estimated at a total cost of \$12,158,500. The Village has been actively seeking partners and grants to reduce the local share of construction. As it stands today, the Village has received \$3,500,000 in STP funds, \$1,853,184 in Highway Safety Improvement Program funds, \$500,000 in Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funds, and \$250,000 in Invest In Cook (IIC) funds. Even with all the above grants, the Village is still responsible for over six million dollars to fund construction and construction engineering.

The Village feels that this project is worthy of being fully funded by STP funds, as the project hits on several goals of the conference. Tonne Road is a unique roadway that separates our residential neighborhoods from our business park. The road features a very large median, which has created unique safety issues, leading to large volumes of traffic accidents due to driver confusion. The project is reconstructing a roadway in poor condition, re-designing two intersections to drastically improve safety, improving roadway lighting and adding a bike path, taking advantage of the large median.

Our project has completed engineering design, is currently negotiating with property owners for all necessary easements and is targeting an April 2025 letting. We would greatly appreciate a favorable response to our request; ultimately the Village would graciously accept any increase in funding that may be available to ease the burden of the local share of construction costs.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call me at 847.734.8077 or email me at [kjay@elkgrove.org](mailto:kjay@elkgrove.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Jay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ken" and last name "Jay" clearly distinguishable.

Ken Jay, P.E., C.F.M.

Deputy Director of Public Works, Engineering & Administration

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**Memorandum**

TO: Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee

FROM: Eric Czarnota, Northwest Council of Mayors Planning Liaison

RE: Northwest Council of Mayors STP-SF Subregional Priority Points

DATE: January 24, 2025

While the STP Shared Fund methodology captures priorities of the entire region, each subregion and Chicago also have unique priorities. In order to give consideration to those subregional priorities, each council and the City of Chicago (through CDOT) are asked to identify their five highest priority projects from the eligible applications received during the call for projects. These projects will be assigned subregional priority points as follows:

Priority	Points
Highest priority	5
2nd highest priority	4
3rd highest priority	3
4th highest priority	2
5th highest priority	1

Project	Project Info
Barrington – US 14 NW Hwy at CN Railroad	New Grade Separation of US 14 at CN Railroad, Lake Zurich Rd will be lowered in place as part of the underpass project, Demolition.
Des Plaines – Algonquin Road & UP Railroad Grade Separation	Construct a grade separation of the roadway to eliminate an at-grade crossing of the double-track UP Railroad. Widen the roadway to five lanes, new sidewalk and bike path.
Elk Grove Village – Biesterfield Road at I-290 Ramp and Interchange Improvements	Biesterfield Road will be widened from IL Route 53 (Rohlwing Road) to Martha St to provide a wider median for dual left turn lanes on westbound Biesterfield Road to eastbound I-290/IL Route 53. In addition to resurfacing Biesterfield Road, roadway improvements consist of widening the I-290 bridge structure and the relocation of the westbound Biesterfield Road to I-290 Westbound on-ramp to a new alignment on the north side of Biesterfield Road.
Wheeling – Wheeling Road Reconstruction from Palatine Road to Dundee Road	This project seeks to provide a rehabilitated travel way within the project limits that increases safety and addresses the needs of all users. The existing pavement for the majority of the Wheeling Road corridor is near the end of its useful life span and need to be replaced. The roadway will consist of four 12 foot travel lanes, an 8 foot to 12 foot wide median with a 6 foot sidewalk and 8 foot trail.

Pace Transit Signal Priority	The proposed project includes deployment of TSP at 300 signalized intersections along major transit corridors to enhance bus travel time and schedule adherence. The scope includes signal timing optimization, timing design, engineering drawings, installation permit process, upgrade to ATC signal controllers, and backhaul communication systems for TSP/TMC integration.
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