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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee**

Agenda

February 27, 2025

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices and Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83891823629>

Meeting ID: 838 9182 3629

Passcode: 620039

- I. Call to Order**

- II. January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

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

- IV. Transit Commuting Burden in Chicagoland**
Dr. Kate Lowe of the University of Illinois Chicago College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs will present a [recent report on how the burden of public transit commute time is distributed across the Chicagoland region](#), where this burden differs from traditional predictions of job accessibility, and how the burden relates to earnings, race, and access to quality jobs.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- V. Funding Opportunities**
Staff will provide an update on the following funding opportunities that will close within the next month:
 1. [AARP Community Challenge Grants](#): Wednesday, March 5
 2. [Invest In Cook](#): Friday, March 21*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.

- VIII. Adjourn**

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Members Present

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Libertyville, Co-Chair
Marie Hansen, Barrington
Heather Lis, Barrington
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield
Maggie Jablonski, Elk Grove Village
Dudley Onderdonk, Trustee, Glencoe
Jeff Brady, Glenview
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect
Sean Dorsey, Mount Prospect
Timothy O'Brien, Niles
Matt Barry, Palatine
Lou Arrigoni, Park Ridge
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows
Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg
Sidney Kenyon, Schaumburg
Samantha Maximilian, Skokie

Others Present

Briget Schwab, Buffalo Grove
Eric Heiker, Des Plaines
Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village
Sarah D. FioRito, Evanston
Aram Beladi, Northbrook
Glen Cole, Rolling Meadows
Tom Powers, Winnetka
Ryan Ruehle, Cook County
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Steven Andrews, Pace Suburban Bus
Dimitre Guenov, Pace Suburban Bus
Jessica Rybarczyk, Pace Suburban Bus
Kendra Johnson, RTA
Rob Nash, RTA
Matt Pasquini, DMMC
Suzette Quintell, DMMC
Joe Cwynar, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

II. Approval of December 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the December 20, 2024 meeting minutes. Mayor Sanoica seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports**a. CMAP**

Written report provided.

b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Mr. Ruehle introduced himself as the new representative from Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways. He reported that the Invest in Cook grant program is currently open for applications with \$85 million to assist transportation projects.

c. IDOT Highways

No report.

d. IDOT Local Roads

Written report provided.

e. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported that the Tollway has begun its capital planning process and is currently requesting regional input. She noted that as part of this effort, the Tollway's Stakeholder Advisory Group reported its areas of interest in December. Ms. Passi added that Tollway will be rolling out its Bridging the Future program to cover periods between this and future capital plans to connect infrastructure, improve mobility, and repair the system for tomorrow's needs.

f. Metra

No report.

g. Pace

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that Pace's ReVision process would reimagine suburban transit services, which currently includes three network concepts, which are not formal plans. Ms. Rybarczyk thanked communities for their input to date, noting that the deadline for public comment on the current phase is Friday, January 24. She said that once the concept phase ends, Pace will move to create and release draft plans in Summer 2025. She encouraged communities to continue to reach out during this process. She said a final implementation plan would be developed afterwards, and that Pace is coordinating with Metra and CTA to ensure Pace's plan is matching those of the other service boards.

Ms. Rybarczyk noted that Pace supports a stronger RTA which increases coordination on things like fare systems but disagrees that the MMA proposal will have positive impact on rider experiences. She added that Pace strongly believes the Plus 50 transformation will be best for the region.

h. RTA

Ms. Johnson reported that in addition to the written report provided, RTA has approved its 5-year capital program.

V. RTA's Transforming Transit Proposal

Mr. Nash presented [RTA's "Transforming Transit"](#) proposal. He said that the transit fiscal cliff creating a 20% operating budget gap would mean a 40% reduction in service. He said that the RTA agrees that funding must come with reforms including increased efficiency, transparency, accountability, integrated fares, improved customer service, service standards, and capital project prioritization. Mr. Nash said a reformed RTA could enable more proactive oversight and review of service board decisions to ensure efficient operations throughout the year, whereas the current system generally only permits an annual review.

Mr. Nash reported that RTA's proposal would increase revenue by \$100 million through fare increases, non-farebox revenue, efficiencies and savings. He added that the Transit is the Answer Coalition will meet on Tuesday, February 11 to review the proposal and move forward on the advocacy campaign. Mr. Nash noted that the RTA budget process begins mid-May, just before the adjournment of the General Assembly, and due to the interaction between local, state, and federal transit requirements, RTA needs certainty by that time on funding, otherwise reductions will be based on what RTA knows to be available.

Mayor Johnson asked whether there will be collaboration on advocacy in Springfield for law enforcement safety efforts with local authorities to highlight similar concerns. Mr. Nash replied that the RTA strongly supports providing resources to local law enforcement agencies.

Mayor Johnson asked whether RTA is seeking strategic support from federal partners. Mr. Nash replied that while RTA is working with federal partners, federal funding for operations has not been available since the 1980s. He said that most federal funds consist of formula programs and grants, so any awards that have been issued and in hand are beyond reach, but future funding flows may not continue as initially thought.

Mayor Johnson asked if the technical limitations of service providers are considered regarding efficiency, commuter experiences, and apps. Mr. Nash replied that the current Ventra contract is held at the CTA level even though all providers rely upon it, so the goal of greater accountability means more service reliability, and greater regional streamlining.

Mr. Cole asked whether the RTA proposal has the support of CTA, Metra, and Pace. Mr. Nash replied that different proposals from the agencies are likely, but the RTA was asked by the Governor, General Assembly, and RTA Board to provide their vision, and the RTA has a fair degree of confidence they can reach consensus with the service boards.

Mr. Cole asked whether the expectation with the RTA's proposal is that facilities, vehicles, and apps would have RTA branding instead of the current service boards. Mr. Nash replied that daily operations will remain with service boards, but administrative, managerial, financial, and information sharing will be at the regional level to coordinate the user experience.

Ms. FioRito asked how the proposal addresses existing transit service's lack of connectivity and separate planning participation and boards. Mr. Nash responded that the proposal places more accountability on a single agency. He noted that under the current budgeting, RTA offers funding amount to the agencies, and the agency comes back with what service they can provide.

Ms. FioRito asked whether planning would continue to be done separately or be managed as a cohesive process. Mr. Nash replied that providing multiple opportunities for the RTA to engage on service performance allows for intervention to address lack of collaboration. He noted that the proposal does not recommend RTA taking over service planning from operators, and that the RTA currently only looks backwards, and wants to be more proactive. Ms. FioRito encouraged greater transit system cohesion due to the variability of service.

Mayor Johnson requested an analysis of consolidation and coordination, and how each results in fiscal stability, efficiency, and other factors.

Mayor Sanoica asked how the RTA's proposal affects paratransit services and its relationship with townships and local governments. Mr. Nash replied that paratransit services are a federal and state mandate, but door-to-door services are only within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of fixed-routes. He said that paratransit gets first funding from RTA sources, approximately \$400 million, but the state only provides \$29 million. He noted that RTA fulfills the mandate, but there is demand beyond the mandate and current resources are insufficient to meet it.

VI. Pace ReVision Update and Draft NWMC Resolution

Staff discussed Pace's ReVision planning efforts and the Conference's priorities for the plan, as well as a draft resolution outlining the Conference's preferred recommendations for the ReVision plan for consideration by the committee.

Ms. Rybarczyk said the resolution was well thought out, equitable, and considerate of the region's needs, especially for the partnerships with member communities necessary to make transit successful.

Ms. FioRito thanked Ms. Rybarczyk for her work, noting that many residents are already reliant on transit for equity reasons or ready to rely on transit, but the current lack of frequency diminishes its use opportunity.

Mayor Johnson asked whether the language sufficiently touch upon the needs of riders and the impact. Ms. FioRito mentioned the language is relatively broad, with the beginning mentioning the Coverage scenario, and there being a benefit to establishing successful service as a foundation and then expanding it.

Mayor Sanoica said that the resolution prioritizes ridership, followed by reestablishment of service, and fixed-routes returning to areas that were previously served, such as the unused Pace shelter in Rolling Meadows outside the Cook County courthouse, as an example where infrastructure still exists in a critical area. She noted that the coverage model seems short-sighted where routes can be more successful serving existing infrastructure.

Trustee Gens thanked Ms. Rybarczyk and the NWMC for the resolution, and said she supports reestablishment in preexisting service areas.

Mayor Johnson noted that ride hail apps established themselves below-cost but then afterwards hiked costs, and transit provides an economically accessible transportation service.

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the resolution. Trustee Bieschke seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Kenyon inquired about the process following the Committee's approval. Mr. Fowler responded that the resolution would first go to the NWMC Executive Board and then to the full NWMC Board for consideration at its February meeting. Ms. Rybarczyk added that while Pace is formally closing its survey, it would continue to accept ordinances and resolutions from Councils of Governments and communities.

VII. Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act Legislation

NWMC staff provided an update on the changes made to the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act from last year's bill, introduced as Senate Bill 5.

VIII. Other Business

NWMC staff reported that the USDOT RAISE and PROTECT grant programs, and the Bloomberg Philanthropy Asphalt Art grant, would close before the next Transportation Committee meeting.

IX. Next Meeting

Mayor Johnson announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjourn

Mayor Sanoica moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Trustee Bieschke seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CMAP news

2024 Annual Report now available

The [2024 Annual Report](#) highlights how CMAP serves northeastern Illinois, its communities, and its people to improve infrastructure, mobility, environment, the economy, and quality of life. This report showcases the activities that advanced our region's long-term vision and goals, reflecting on the work of staff, and support of regional partners, over the past year.

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 a full-time position: [Analyst](#) in the Regional Policy Implementation division. CMAP is hiring [intern positions](#) in a variety of areas. 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's February 13, 2025 meeting was postponed to a TBD date in March. [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 February 13, 2025 meeting was postponed to a TBD date in March. [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.

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. 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](#). Stay tuned for details of the next meeting!

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)

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Take our [survey](#) and tell us how you get from point A to point B, and how our transportation system can be improved. As CMAP leads development of the [Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) — northeastern Illinois' blueprint for roads, rails, and trails over the next 30 years — your feedback will shape how we improve transportation, reduce congestion, and build a more sustainable future for our region.

Responses will be accepted throughout 2025, giving everyone plenty of time to weigh in. If you have questions about the RTP or questionnaire — or would like CMAP to present or attend a local event — please reach out to rtp@cmap.illinois.gov.

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 with any questions or provide feedback [through this survey](#).

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

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 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.

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

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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.

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

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 experiences and what types of transit service(s) you want to see in the future.

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.

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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

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 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

Invest in Cook grant opportunity

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) has announced a ninth round of [Invest in Cook](#), an \$8.5 million grant program to help local Cook County governments and agency partners further their transportation projects by covering some of the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction associated with transportation improvements.

Eligible applicants include local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies as well as any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for transportation or recreational trails **within Cook County**. The call for applications is open now and ends on **March 21, 2025 at 5 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** — [Register Here](#)
- **In-Person ADA Symposium: June 15-18, 2025, Atlanta, Georgia** — [Register Here](#)

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National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Regional Transportation Conference

The [National Regional Transportation Conference](#) will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from **July 15-17, 2025**, offering an annual mixture of panels, workshops, and discussion-based sessions on transportation-related topics. Registration will be available soon.

Modeling Mobility (MoMo) Conference

The MoMo conference serves as a forum for advancing travel models, transportation data, and quantitative analysis for transportation planning. The [2025 conference](#) aims to connect academic, public, and private sector professionals to collaboratively solve data and model-related problems in transportation planning applications. The conference is **September 14-17, 2025**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and [registration](#) is open now.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Local Infrastructure Hub Bootcamp

The [Local Infrastructure Hub](#) is a national program designed to connect cities and towns with the resources and expert advice they need to access federal infrastructure funding. This [training](#) will provide information about the SS4A grant and ways to apply for SS4A funding.

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 for credentials.

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 – March 2025

- 3/3/2025:** Final agreements due for projects targeting the April 2025 letting
Final plans and draft agreements due for projects targeting the June 2025 letting
- 3/12/2025:** Final ROW certification must be completed for projects targeting April 2025 letting
- 3/28/2025:** Pre-final plans due for the September 2025 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
 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 GLENVIEW 240021400RS 3335	FAU2770 - Shermer Rd East Lake Ave to Golf Rd RESURFACING	3,217,950	02-24-0003 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 3,217,950 / 2,574,000 /	CE 1 10/21/2024	NR		No		4/25/2025	AH CR B & W	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
6 LINCOLNWOOD 160006100LS 2799	FAU1349 - Devon Av Lincoln Av to McCormick Blvd WIDENING & RESURFACING/SW LIGHTING/LANDSCAPING	4,066,000	02-16-0004 E1: / / / / E2: FFY20 / STPL / 303,952 / 106,383 / RW: / / / / C: MYB / STPL / 4,066,000 / 2,749,500 /	CE 1 9/18/2018	NR	A 9/18/2018	Yes		9/19/2025	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
7 LINCOLNWOOD 180006600CH 3243	FAP0350 - Cicero Ave Touhy Ave INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	2,220,000	02-19-0008 E1: / / / / E2: FFY22 / CMAQ / 210,000 / 168,000 / RW: FFY24 / CMAQ / 410,000 / 328,000 / C: FFY25 / CMAQ / 2,220,000 / 1,776,000 /	CE 1 7/1/2020	NR		Yes E		6/12/2026	AH CR Stanley	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
8 MORTON GROVE 210011000RS 3399	FAU3520 - Gross Point Rd Main St to Oakton St RESURFACING	1,680,000	02-25-0006 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,680,000 / 1,344,000 /	CE 1 12/20/2024	NR		No		6/13/2025	AH CR	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

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13 SKOKIE 130029500BT 3023	FAU1313 - Church St Linder Av to McCormick Blvd Bike Lanes	550,000	02-14-0003 E1: / / / / E2: FFY19 / CMAQ / 43,000 / 32,000 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY23 / CMAQ / 550,000 / 440,000 /	CE 1 5 /13/2013	NR		No		4/25/2025	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: PE1 Addendum app: 10/21/2024. PE2 kick-off held 2-11-20.
14 SKOKIE 150030300MS 3007	Var - CTA Stations Dempster to Oakton LANDSCAPING BIKE RACKS	289,000	02-16-0013 E1: / / / / E2: FFY19 / CMAQ / 25,963 / 20,770 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY22 / CMAQ / 289,000 / 231,000 /	CE 1 6 /9 /2015	NR		Yes		1/1/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: Com Ed/CTA lease agreement. PE2 kick-off meeting held 10/30/19. Letting TBD as of 11-15-2022.
15 SKOKIE 160030700BT 3249	Off - Skokie Vly Tr Golf Rd to Dempster BIKEWAYS	3,190,000	02-18-0001 E1: / / / / E2: FFY20 / STE2 / 420,000 / 336,000 / RW: FFY23 / STER / 637,200 / 448,000 / C: FFY24 / STE / 3,190,000 / 2,096,000 /	CE 1 4 /5 /2019	NR		Yes		4/25/2025	AH CR	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS:
16 WILMETTE 190020301CH 3356	FAU0350 - Skokie BI/US41 Illinois Rd to Lake Ave BIKEWAYS MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	1,334,000	02-16-0005 E1: / / / / E2: FFY23 / ITEP / 195,715 / 121,600 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / ITEP / 1,334,000 / 1,068,960 /	CE 1 9 /27/2022	NR		Yes		6/13/2025	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: State ITEP.

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1 ARLINGTON HTS 220021800CH 3372	FAU2656 - Windsor Dr Dryden Av/Jane Av to Hintz Rd RESURFACING/BIKE LANE SIDEWALKS	4,129,900	03-22-0034 E1: / / / / E2: FFY25 / ITEP / 2,960,000 / 236,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY27 / ITEP / 2,185,700 / 1,748,560 / / STPL / 1,944,200 / 1,458,150 / / / / /	CE 1 10/21/2024	NR		Yes E		11/6/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* * * * * * * * * *
2 ARLINGTON HTS 230021900SP 3255	FAU2633 - Wilke Rd Kirchoff Rd to W Kirchoff Rd SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GUARDRAIL	175,000	03-23-0005 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY24 / / 175,000 / 131,000 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1 4 / 1 / 2023	NR		No		1/1/2030	AH CR HLR	NR	* * * * * * * * * *
3 ARLINGTON HTS 230022100RS 3373	FAU1292 - Euclid Ave Rohlwing Rd to Rand Rd (US 12) RESURFACING	5,673,700	03-22-0021 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 5,673,700 / 3,500,000 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1 6 / 13 / 2024	NR		No		1/16/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* * * * * * * * * *
4 BARTLETT 160008900RS 3330	FAU1345 - North Ave Oak St to Lake St (US 20) RESURFACING	1,240,800	03-22-0023 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,240,800 / 930,600 / / / / / / / / /		NR		No		4/25/2025	AH CR Chastain &	NR	* * * * * * * * * *

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9 ELK GROVE VILL 230007900RS 3316	FAU1346 - Devon Ave Somerset to Turner to at Arl Hts Rd RESURFACING	1,552,119	03-20-0036 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,552,119 / 917,985 /	CE 1 4 /18/2024	NR		No		1/17/2025 1,585,102	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: Item No. 144. Plote Construction, Inc.
10 ELK GROVE VILL 230008000PV 3317	FAU1346 - Devon Ave Bristol Ln to Arthur Ave RESURFACING PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS	1,539,886	03-20-0032 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,539,886 / 745,147 /	CE 1 5 /3 /2024	NR		No		1/17/2025 1,405,063	AH CR EEI	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: Also Tonne Rd from Center St to Devon Av. Item No. 97. Plote Construction, Inc.
11 HOFFMAN ESTATES 220011100RS 3375	FAU1101 - Jones Rd Highland Blvd to IL Route 72 RESURFACING	725,000	03-22-0036 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 725,000 / 543,750 /	CE 1 1 /12/2023	NR		No		3/7/2026	AH CR	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS:
12 HOFFMAN ESTATES 220011200RS 3320	FAU1100 - Hassell Rd Fairway Ct to Rosedale Ln RESURFACING	1,738,740	03-22-0044 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,738,740 / 726,000 /	CE 1 3 /7 /2022	NR		No		3/7/2025	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
												REMARKS: Item No. 13.

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13 MOUNT PROSPECT 180017000CH	Var - See Note INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT LIGHTING; SHARED PATH	11,405,537	03-20-0050 E1: / / / / E2: FFY25 / STPL / 1,370,120 / 685,060 / RW: FFY25 / OTHR / 2,250,000 / 1,685,060 / C: FFY26 / OTHR / 11,405,537 / 5,314,940 / / STPL / / 2,700,000 / / / / /	CE 1 3/29/2022	NR		Yes E		9/18/2026	AH CR Patrick	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * *	
3376													
14 MOUNT PROSPECT 200017200BT	FAU3514 - Algonquin/IL62 Dearborn Ct to Elmhurst Rd BIKEWAYS SIDEWALKS	2,303,872	03-21-0007 E1: / / / / E2: FFY25 / CMAQ / 245,588 / 196,470 / RW: FFY25 / CMAQ / 394,000 / 315,200 / C: FFY26 / CMAQ / 2,303,872 / 1,843,098 / / / / /	CE 1 12/5/2022	NR		Yes		11/7/2025	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * *	
3377													
15 MOUNT PROSPECT 210017400BR	FAU3512 - US 14/NW Hwy Waterman Av PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS	6,978,301	03-23-0036 E1: / / / / E2: FFY24 / OTHR / 902,544 / 517,400 / / ITEP / / 240,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / ITEP / 6,978,301 / 2,760,000 / / STPL / / 2,033,824 / / / / /	CE 1 8/19/2022	NR		Yes		11/7/2025	AH CR Ciorba	E	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * *
3378													
16 MOUNT PROSPECT 230017900RS	FAU2673 - Schoenbeck Rd Rand Rd to Camp McDonald Rd RESURFACING	396,000	03-22-0028 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 396,000 / 297,000 / / / / /	CE 1	NR		No		3/6/2026	AH CR ERA	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * *	
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17 NILES 230014000BR 3380	FAU1334 - Howard St Over N Branch Chicago Rvr BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION	2,528,000	03-23-0029 E1: FFY25 / BRPP / 208,000 / 166,400 / / / / 0 / E2: FFY27 / BRP2 / 208,000 / 166,400 / / / / / RW: FFY27 / BRPR / 40,000 / 32,000 / / / / / C: FFY28 / BRP / 2,528,000 / 2,022,400 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1	NR		Yes E		11/6/2027	AH CR HR Green	NR Yes	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
18 PALATINE 170010200PV 2885	FAU1285 - Palatine Rd Quentin Rd to Smith Rd RECONSTRUCTION ADDITIONAL LANES/BIKEWAY	10,304,500	03-16-0008 E1: FFY18 / STPL / 380,000 / 190,000 / A / / / 0 / E2: FFY23 / STPL / 958,000 / 479,000 / / / / / RW: / / / / / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 10,304,500 / 2,874,500 / / / / 6,711,375 / / / / /	CE 2	NR		Yes A		11/7/2025	AH CR BLA	NR No	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
19 PALATINE 190010500BR 3250	MS0505 - North Baldwin R Buffalo Creek BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION	1,034,000	03-19-0020 E1: FFY20 / BRPP / 128,100 / 102,480 / / / / 0 / E2: FFY22 / BRP2 / 158,600 / 126,880 / / / / / RW: FFY23 / BRPR / 10,000 / 8,000 / / / / / C: FFY24 / BRP / 1,034,000 / 827,200 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1	NR		Yes		9/19/2025	AH CR Ciorba	NR No	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
20 ROLLING MEADOWS 190012300BT 3182	various - Euclid/Hicks W of Vermont to Hicks to Euclid to N of Kirchoff BIKEWAYS	982,200	03-22-0002 E1: / / / / / / / 0 / E2: FFY22 / STE2 / 162,000 / 129,600 / / / / / RW: FFY23 / STER / 96,000 / 48,000 / / / / / C: FFY25 / STE / 982,200 / 785,760 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1	NR		Yes		1/17/2025 1,051,893	AH CR	NR No	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

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21	ROLLING MEADOWS 200012400CH	FAP0339 - Algonquin Rd New Wilke Rd INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT	4,142,000	03-06-0006 E1: / / / / E2: FFY22 / STPL / 304,000 / 152,000 / RW: FFY23 / STPL / 70,000 / 35,000 / C: FFY24 / STPL / 4,142,000 / 3,313,000 /	CE 1 9/27/2021	NR		Yes		1/17/2025 2,851,746	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3213								REMARKS: Item No. 140. Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.					
22	ROLLING MEADOWS 210012600PV	MS6150 - Weber DR Central RD to Algonquin RD RECONSTRUCTION	2,251,200	03-20-0052 E1: / / / / E2: FFY24 / STPL / 241,200 / 99,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY24 / STPL / 2,251,200 / 1,393,600 /	CE 2 12/12/2022			Yes	A 12/12/2022	6/13/2025	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3290								REMARKS:					
23	SCHAUMBURG 180013100PV	FAP0559 - Knollwood Dr Bode Rd to Golf Rd RECONSTRUCTION	3,821,250	03-19-0035 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: MYB / STPL / 3,821,250 / 3,057,000 /	CE 1 10/12/2018	NR		No		7/31/2026	AH CR Thomas	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
2911								REMARKS: PE2 kick-off meeting held 10-25-18. Currently unfunded in NW CoM MYB (1-9-20).					
24	SCHAUMBURG 190013300BT	FAU2585 - Meacham/Golf American Ln to Higgins Rd to Meacham to Roosevelt Bl BIKEWAYS	1,400,000	03-19-0022 E1: / / / / E2: FFY21 / CMAQ / 239,201 / 191,360 / A RW: FFY23 / CMAQ / 345,000 / 276,000 / C: FFY24 / STE / 1,440,000 / 1,120,000 /	CE 1 12/19/2019	NR		Yes		4/25/2025	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3206								REMARKS: E2/ROW: CMAQ; C/CE: ITEP.					

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25 SCHAUMBURG 200013400RS 3340	FAU3073 - Woodfield Rd Plum Grove Rd to Meacham Rd RESURFACING BP; SW; TS Rep; Lighting	5,180,000	03-20-0041 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 5,180,000 / 3,000,000 /	CE 1 9/27/2021	NR		Yes		4/25/2025	AH CR Thomas E	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
26 SCHAUMBURG 220014201PV 3341	MS7008 - McConnor Pkwy Meacham Rd to Roosevelt Blvd RECONSTRUCTION	10,500,000	03-25-0002 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 10,500,000 / 5,000,000 /	CE 1 3/27/2024	NR		Yes		4/25/2025	AH CR BLA	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
27 SCHAUMBURG 220014202PV 3342	MS7008 - McConnor Pkwy Roosevelt Blvd to Golf Rd RECONSTRUCTION	10,500,000	03-25-0003 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 10,500,000 / 500,000 /	CE 1 3/27/2024	NR		Yes		4/25/2025	AH CR BLA	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *



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February Local Government Update

Transit is the Answer Coalition to discuss *Transforming Transit* vision on February 11

In January the RTA unveiled [*Transforming Transit*](#) – a vision for a fully funded, seamless, and accountable transit system that serves all riders with more frequent and reliable service. Achieving this vision requires \$1.5 billion in new annual operating funding from state and local sources and strategic reform to establish a stronger RTA that is more accountable to riders and elected leaders on the issues they care about most.

The Transit is the Answer Coalition will meet on Tuesday, February 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.](#)

A legislative solution to the transit fiscal cliff is needed before lawmakers adjourn this May to [avoid drastic service cuts](#). Other states have acted on their regional transit fiscal cliffs, ranging from [partial solutions](#) to [providing new, sustainable revenue to support transit](#).

Regional transit ridership increases third year in a row

Ridership across the Chicago region's transit system continued to increase throughout 2024, [according to the latest data from CTA, Metra, and Pace](#). The region's fixed route system finished out the year with a total of 361 million rides – a 35 million increase from 2023. In 2024, CTA rail provided 127.5 million rides, an increase over 2023 of 9 percent. CTA buses provided 181.7 million rides, a year-over-year increase of 12 percent and the highest recovery rate of all modes at 77 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Metra saw a year-over-year ridership increase of 9 percent, providing nearly 35 million rides. Pace buses saw the largest ridership increase of 13 percent, providing 16.9 million rides.



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Community Planning Call for Projects opens March 10

For 27 years the RTA has supported local governments across the region through the [Community Planning](#) program, which provides technical assistance to municipalities to help foster the growth of sustainable, equitable, walkable, and transit-friendly communities. Projects funded by the program this year include:

- Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plans
- Transit Corridor Plans
- Neighborhood Access & Improvement Plans
- Curb Management Studies
- Zoning Code Updates
- Special Financing Districts
- Developer Dialogues

The 2025 Call for Projects, which is hosted in partnership with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, will open from March 10 – April 10.

Section 5310 Program Call for Projects opens March 20

The [Section 5310 Program](#) is a federal formula grant program that provides funding assistance to public transportation projects that focus on enhancing mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. As a co-designated recipient of the Section 5310 Program, RTA awards and administers funding to operating, mobility management, capital improvement projects, and associated administrative expenses to non-profit and local government providers of eligible transportation programs. The 2025 Call for Projects opens on March 20 and applications are due by April 24.