#### NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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MEMBERS		Northwest Municipal Conference
Antioch		Transportation Committee
Arlington Heights Bannockburn		Agenda
Barrington		-
Bartlett		March 27, 2025
Buffalo Grove Deer Park		8:30 a.m.
Deer Park Deerfield		NWMC Offices and Video Conference
Des Plaines	http	s://us02web.zoom.us/j/82777235107?pwd=tmPgOiWrou5iIRHPrNC
Elk Grove Village		dhOdHPe1mnX.1
Evanston		
Fox Lake Glencoe		Meeting ID: 827 7723 5107
Glenview		Passcode: 993775
Grayslake	Ι.	Call to Order
Hanover Park		
Highland Park Hoffman Estates	П.	February 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
Kenilworth		• • • •
Lake Bluff		Action Requested: Approve Minutes
Lake Forest		
Lake Zurich	III.	Agency Reports
Libertyville Lincolnshire		a. CMAP (Attachment B)
Lincolnwood		
Morton Grove		b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Mount Prospect		c. IDOT Highways
Niles Northbrook		d. IDOT Local Roads (Attachment C)
Northfield		e. Illinois Tollway
Northfield Township		f. Metra
Palatine		
Park Ridge		g. Pace
Prospect Heights Rolling Meadows		h. RTA (Attachment D)
Schaumburg		
Skokie	IV.	CMAP/RTA Joint Community Planning and Local Technical Assistance Call for
Streamwood		· -
Vernon Hills		Projects
West Dundee Wheeling		CMAP and RTA staff will discuss the Joint Community Planning and Local Technical
Wilmette		Assistance program. In addition, representatives from Streamwood will share their
Winnetka		experience developing a joint Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan with the program's
Duration		assistance.
President Rodney Craig		
Hanover Park		Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
Vice-President	<b>V</b> .	Funding Opportunities
Donna Johnson Libertyville		NWMC staff will provide an update on the following funding opportunities that will
Libertyville		close within the next month:
Secretary		
Eric Smith		1. <u>RTA Section 5310 Program</u> : Thursday, April 24
Buffalo Grove		Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
Treasurer		
John Lockerby	VI.	Other Business
Skokie	•	
		NWMC staff will provide an update on Illinois General Assembly transit legislation.
Executive Director Mark L. Fowler		
	VII.	Next Meeting
		The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for
		Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.
	VIII.	Adjourn

#### ATTACHMENT A

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**MEMBERS** 

President Rodney Craig Hanover Park

Vice-President Donna Johnson Libertyville

Secretary Eric Smith Buffalo Grove

*Treasurer* John Lockerby Skokie

Executive Director Mark L. Fowler Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Minutes February 27, 2025 NWMC Offices and Video Conference

#### **Members Present**

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Libertyville, Co-Chair Marie Hansen, Barrington Heather Lis, Barrington Maggie Jablonski, Elk Grove Village Jeff Brady, Glenview Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect Sean Dorsey, Mount Prospect Matt Barry, Palatine Lou Arrigoni, Park Ridge Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg Samantha Maximilian, Skokie

#### **Others Present**

Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village Sarah D. FioRito, Evanston Aram Beladi, Northbrook Tom Powers, Winnetka Dr. Kate Lowe, University of Illinois at Chicago Kama Dobbs, CMAP Ryan Ruehle, Cook County Katie Herdus, IDOT Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway Katelyn Dote, Metra Jessica Rybarczyk, Pace Suburban Bus Kendra Johnson, RTA Joe Cwynar, Engineering Enterprises, Inc. Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group Mark Fowler, NWMC Larry Bury, NWMC Chris Staron, NWMC Eric Czarnota, NWMC Brian Larson, NWMC

Call to Order

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

#### II. January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the January 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Trustee Bieschke seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

## III. Agency Reports

#### a. CMAP

Ms. Dobbs said that Invest in Cook applications are open through Friday, March 21, and that a joint CMAP and RTA application for technical assistance will be opening soon.

Ms. Dobbs reported on the impact of federal policies and funding freezes on local projects. She said there is currently no Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representative in the Chicago office, so CMAP is relying on the Springfield office for all matters, which means the flow of approvals will be potentially slower.

Ms. Dobbs said that the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) has requested that all Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendments be sent to federal headquarters for approval instead of being handled at the state level. She shared that the concern resulting from this change is that lettings may be missed and requested communities to get changes in well ahead of letting deadlines. Ms. Dobbs further clarified that while US DOT memorandums and orders suggested changes may be required to project selection methodologies, CMAP will be continuing with current methodology requirements until directed to change. Ms. Dobbs added that the National Environmental Policy Act changes will place the burden for completing environmental analyses upon individual agencies instead of within EPA. Mr. Larson said he would circulate the CMAP-FHWA memo to the Committee.

#### b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Mr. Ruehle reported that Invest in Cook applications are due Friday, March 21.

#### c. IDOT Highways

Ms. Herdus said that there have been no sheet changes since January. She added that the IDOT program team is working on IDOT's 2026-2031 program. Ms. Herdus said that planned spring construction will begin once materials plants open for the season. Mr. Larson said he would circulate the IDOT Route 53 report.

#### d. IDOT Local Roads

Mr. Larson said the report was attached to the agenda.

#### e. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported that the Tollway has begun its Invest in the Future program and will be beginning its Bridging the Future program.

#### f. Metra

Ms. Dote reported that Metra is now at 60% of pre-pandemic ridership, with individual lines of Milwaukee District-North at 50%, Milwaukee District-West at 47%, Union Pacific-Northwest at 61%, North Central Service at 42%, and Union Pacific-North at 81%. Ms. Dote said that the Woodstock yards project results will be posted to Metra website after an upcoming public meeting.

#### g. Pace

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that the Pace ReVision summary was provided to Pace's Board of Directors at its February meeting and requested that NWMC members review the board meeting video to fully understand the summary. She said the summary identified that where Pace bus service exists, respondents preferred the Ridership model, and where there is little to no Pace bus service, respondents preferred the Coverage model. Ms. Rybarczyk added that Lake and McHenry counties were the exception, with a preference for OnDemand over fixed route services. She clarified that the presentation to the Board was informational-only and the March Board meeting will include feedback from the Board, with staff and consultants presenting initial policy recommendations.

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that Pace's ridership in January was 1.8 million, a 12.1% yearover-year increase, with express services seeing the highest increases. Specifically, she said that Pulse Milwaukee saw a 6.6% increase, Pulse Dempster a 6.9% increase, and ADA paratransit a 47% increase, with ADA paratransit providing 475,000 trips in January.

Ms. Rybarczyk said that Pace has begun its I-290/I-88 Express Bus Study to evaluate bus connections between the CTA Forest Park Blue Line, Schaumburg-Woodfield Mall, and Oakbrook, with stakeholder meetings to follow.

Ms. Rybarczyk shared that Pace's Hire on the Spot staffing program is ongoing at Pace headquarters in Arlington Heights.

Mr. Larson noted that the Pace ReVision survey saw above average feedback numbers from NWMC member communities and thanked the committee for encouraging resident and community feedback. Ms. Rybarczyk said that feedback is still being accepted and welcomes holding meetings with local communities.

h. RTA

Ms. Johnson reported on the RTA's most recent Transit is the Answer Coalition meeting. She said that the RTA Community Planning call for projects opens on March 10, and the Section 5310 application period opens on March 20.

#### IV. Transit Commuting Burden in Chicagoland

Dr. Lowe presented a <u>recent report on how the burden of public transit commute time is</u> <u>distributed across the Chicagoland region</u>, where this burden differs from traditional predictions of job accessibility, and how the burden relates to earnings, race, and access to quality jobs.

Mayor Sanoica asked about policy implications and recommendations based off the report. Dr. Lowe replied that there are not specific strategies as there is difficulty providing prescriptive policies without evidence, but that the findings speak to the need to work beyond direct transit improvements to deliver commute and earnings equity. Mayor Sanoica responded how Cook County has examples of all the burden brackets and noted that a countywide strategy beyond public transit could empower that effort. Dr. Lowe said that housing segregation, employment discrimination, and educational disparities also are at play, but the County would be a useful partner in addressing these topics.

Mayor Johnson said that realities ranging from the loss of physical stores in urban fabrics to work from home policies can also result in accessibility impacts for transit riders. Dr. Lowe said that remote work is an important equity question due to the unevenness of implementation and access.

#### V. Funding Opportunities

Mr. Larson reported that the <u>AARP Community Challenge Grants</u> and <u>Invest In Cook</u> grant applications would be closing before the next Transportation Committee meeting.

#### VI. Other Business

No other business.

#### VII. Next Meeting

Mayor Johnson announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference, and thanked the committee for its engagement and involvement this year.

#### VIII. Adjourn

Mayor McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Mayor Sanoica seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

#### **CMAP news**

#### 2024 Annual Report now available

The <u>2024 Annual Report</u> 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.

#### CMAP Board approves 2025-2026 Advocacy Agenda

<u>CMAP's 2025-2026 Advocacy Agenda</u> details policy positions and priorities that can help the region address challenges, seize opportunities, and continue to thrive. Legislative priorities, at both the federal and state levels, detailed in the agenda include:

- Securing a dedicated annual appropriation from the state to support a wider range of technical assistance offerings — the region's cities, villages, and counties will benefit for years to come with a modest investment in CMAP
- Sustainably funding transportation
- Developing stronger policies that enhance climate resilience and reduce emissions and congestion
- Increasing opportunities for comprehensive planning and economic development

#### **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**

Take our <u>survey</u> 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 <u>Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)</u> — 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 survey — or would like CMAP to present or attend a local event — please reach out to <a href="http://rtp@cmap.illinois.gov">rtp@cmap.illinois.gov</a>.

Additionally, the RTP team spent the last year reviewing plans and policy-related studies to understand the priorities, challenges, and trends for the regional transportation system. The <u>Emerging Priorities</u> report summarizes and organizes this information into five goal areas. The report will serve as a foundation for upcoming work, such data analysis and strategy development.

#### Job opportunities

CMAP is hiring for full-time positions: a <u>TIP Analyst</u> in the Research, Analysis, and Programming division; a <u>Planner</u> and a <u>Senior Planner</u> in the Planning division; an <u>Analyst</u> in the Regional Policy Implementation division. Visit CMAP's <u>Careers page</u> to discover more job opportunities.

#### **Program status updates**

#### **Surface Transportation Program**

The <u>STP Project Selection Committee</u> last met on March 11, 2025. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **April 3, 2025**. The staff recommended FFY 2026 – 2030 STP Shared Fund program is expected to be presented at this meeting. <u>Meeting Materials</u> 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 <u>STP web page</u>.

Staff contact: Jon Haadsma (312-386-8664)

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

The most recent <u>CMAQ Project Selection Committee</u> meeting was held on March 6, 2025. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **April 3, 2025**. The staff recommended FFY 2026 – 2030 CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L programs are expected to be presented at this meeting. <u>Meeting materials</u> 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 <u>CMAQ web page</u>.

Staff Contact: Doug Ferguson (312-386-8824)

#### Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's <u>STAR program</u> 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 <u>full report</u> and <u>executive summary</u>.

Staff contact: Lindsay Bayley (312-386-8826)

#### **Accessible Communities Program**

CMAP is excited to launch the newest initiative in our Accessible Communities program: the <u>Regional</u> <u>ADA Coordinators Group</u>. The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 18.** This will be the first of a two-part series on ADA self-evaluations and transition plans; we encourage ADA coordinators to invite their colleague(s) from public works to join for one or both sessions. Learn more and register <u>here</u>.

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 <u>CMAP webpage</u> and in the Accessible Communities newsletter. Receive the latest news by updating your subscriber preferences <u>here</u>. 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 are <u>available</u>.

CMAP has also developed <u>templates and guidance</u> 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 <u>Community Data Snapshots</u> 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 <u>Land Use Inventory</u>, and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a <u>toolkit</u> to help

communities share this information. Please email <u>data@cmap.illinois.gov</u> with any questions or provide feedback <u>through this survey</u>.

#### 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 <u>PART report</u> to the General Assembly and Governor's Office, legislative deliberations about the future of transit funding have continued. Most recently, The Senate Transportation Committee and House Transportation: Regulations, Roads and Bridges Committee are holding subject matter hearings to gather feedback on two proposals for transit reform filed this legislative session. 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 <u>Data Hub</u> 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

<u>The Imagery Explorer</u> 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

#### Metra seeking feedback on potentially renaming lines

Metra is launching a <u>survey</u> and scheduling public outreach events this month to ask riders what they think about potentially renaming lines to make the system easier to understand for new and occasional riders. Metra is in the early stages of a larger systemwide signage and wayfinding project, which will replace a variety of wayfinding, identification, and informational signs that have been installed over the next few years with redesigned signs that have a common appearance and use common language.

#### Pace launches I-290/I-88 express service study and survey

Pace Suburban Bus is conducting a <u>feasibility study</u> to evaluate potential express bus service designed to provide a fast and frequent transportation option for commuters traveling between the west suburbs and Chicago. Community input will play a vital role in shaping the study's findings, and residents,

workers, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in upcoming public meetings and/or take Pace's <u>online survey</u> to share their perspectives.

#### **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 <u>Driving Innovation strategic plan</u>. The Network Concepts survey is now closed, but Pace is still accepting public comments on the Network Concepts or your suggested improvements via the <u>revision@pacebus.com</u> email. Visit the <u>ReVision website</u> to learn more and stay updated!

#### CTA developing long-term strategic plan

CTA recently launched its first-ever comprehensive, long-term strategic planning effort. The <u>Powering</u> <u>Our Transit Future</u> plan will set the agency's strategic direction over the next several years. Take a brief <u>survey</u> 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 <u>Circular Letter 2024-15</u> announcing that 2023 statewide crash data is now available. This information can be accessed by logging into "IDOT's Safety Portal" via this <u>link.</u> 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 <u>Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (VRUSA)</u> 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 <u>VRUSA Dashboard</u> 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**

#### 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.** 

#### CMAP and RTA 2025 Call for Technical Assistance Projects accepting applications

CMAP and RTA have supported local governments across the region by providing technical assistance to municipalities to help foster the growth of sustainable, equitable, walkable, and transit-friendly communities. A wide range of project types will be funded through this year's call. More information can be found on the <u>call for projects</u> webpage. Applications are now open through **April 4 at 12 p.m**.

#### Section 5310 Program Call for Projects opens March 20

The <u>Section 5310 Program</u> 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, the 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.

#### **Training opportunities**

#### **National ADA Symposium**

The <u>National ADA Symposium</u> 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 <u>Register Here</u>

National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Regional Transportation Conference The <u>National Regional Transportation Conference</u> 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 <u>2025 conference</u> 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 <u>registration</u> is open now.

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

The <u>Local Infrastructure Hub</u> is a national program designed to connect cities and towns with the resources and expert advice they need to access federal infrastructure funding. This <u>training</u> 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 <u>Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS)</u> 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 <u>Spring 2025 FT training</u>, 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 <u>T2 website</u>. New users will need to contact <u>Barry.Kent@illinois.gov</u> for credentials.

#### **Engage with CMAP**

The CMAP office is open daily and <u>staff</u> 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 <u>CMAP's Legistar page</u>. For general questions, complete our <u>contact form</u>. Subscribe to updates from CMAP on transportation, the economy, climate and more <u>here</u>.

# Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – March/April 2025

3/28/2025:	Submissions for conformity amendments 25-08 and 25-08.1 due
	Pre-final plans due for the September 2025 state letting
3/31/2025:	Quarterly status updates due for all active, contingency, and/or deferred projects
	funded with CMAQ, CRP, STP-L, STP-SF, and/or TAP-L funding.
4/11/2025:	Submissions for TIP amendments 25-06, 25-06.1, & 25-06.2 due
4/21/2025:	Final agreements due for projects targeting the June 2025 state letting
	Final plans and draft agreements due for projects targeting the August 2025 state
	letting
4/30/25:	ROW must be certified for the June 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)
- <u>STP Active Program Management Policies</u>
- 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.* 

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2 GLENVIEW 220020600CH	FAU1292 - E Lake AVE AT Waukegan RD PAVEMENT WIDENING	E	02-19- E1: / E2: FFY23 / C / RW: FFY25 / C	MAQ	/ / / 435,000 / / / / / 210,000 /	/ 0 / 348,000 / 168,000 /	CE 1 3 /26/2024		Yes		6/13/2025	AH CR Civiltech	NR	NR	* NR * * * *
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4 GLENVIEW 240021400RS	FAU2770 - Shermer Rd East Lake Ave to Golf Rd RESURFACING	F	02-24- E1: / E2: / RW: / C: FFY25 / S		/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / 3.217.950 /	/ 0 / / / 2,574,000 /	CE 1 10/21/2024 REMARKS:	NR	No		4/25/2025	AH CR B & W	NR No		* NR * * * * *
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7 MORTON GROVE 210011000RS	FAU3520 - Gross Point Rd Main St to Oakton St RESURFACING	E	1: 2:	25-0006 / / / / / / / / / / / STPL	/ / / / / / / // / / / / / / / 1,680,000 /	/ 0 / / / 1,344,000 /	CE 1 12/20/2024 REMARKS:	NR	No		6/13/2025	AH CR	NR No	NR	* NR * * * *
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8 MORTON GROVE 210011100RS	FAU1313 - Beckwith Rd Shermer Rd to Austin Av RESURFACING	E	1: 2:	25-0005 / / / / / / / / / / / STPL	/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	/ 0 / / / / 2,448,000 /	CE 1 12/20/2024 REMARKS:	NR	No		6/13/2025	AH CR Ciorba	NR No		* NR * * * * *
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9 MORTON GROVE 240011300RS	FAU2794 - Central Ave Golf Rd to Dempster St RESURFACING		02 E1: E2: RW:	-25-0007 / / / /	         	0 /		NR I	No		6/13/2025	AH CR	NR No	NR	* NR * * *
3401			C: FFY25	/ / STPL / /	/ / / / 1,530,000 / / / /	1,224,000 /	REMARKS								* * * *
0 MORTON GROVE 240011400RS	FAU2770 - Shermer Rd Golf Rd to Harlem Ave RESURFACING		02 E1: E2: RW:	-25-0008 / / / / / /	                 	0,	CE 1 12/20/2024	NR I	No		6/13/2025	AH CR	NR No	NR	* NR * * * *
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1 SKOKIE 080028000FP	- Old Orchard Rd Harms Rd/(1-94) to Skokie Blvd RECONSTRUCTION SIGNAL TIMING/PROGRESSION		E1: E2:	-97-0006 / / / / / CMAQ /	/ / / / / / / 1,907,500 /	0 / 1,526,000 /		NR I	Yes A 12/10/2014		1/1/2026	AH CR Transyste			* * * * *
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2 SKOKIE 130029500BT	FAU1313 - Church St Linder Av to McCormick Blvd Bike Lanes		02 E1: E2: FFY19	-14-0003 / / / CMAQ	/ / / / / 43,000 /	0 / 32,000 /		NR	No		6/13/2025	AH CR CBBEL	NR	NR	* NR * *
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13 SKOKIE 150030300MS	Var - CTA Stations Dempster to Oakton LANDSCAPING BIKE RACKS	I	E1: E2: FFY19 RW:	/ / /	/ / / 25,963 / / / / /	/ 0 / 20,770 / A / /		NR	Yes	<i>a</i>	1/1/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR No	NR	* NR * * * * *		
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14 SKOKIE 160030700BT	Off - Skokie Vly Tr Golf Rd to Dempster BIKEWAYS	I	02- E1: E2: FFY20 RW: FFY23	/	/ / / / 420,000 / / / / / 637,200 /	/ 0 / 336,000 / / 448,000 /	CE 1 4 /5 /2019	NR	Yes		9/19/2025	AH CR	NR No	NR	* NR * * *		
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15 WILMETTE 190020301CH	FAU0350 - Skokie BI/US41 Illinois Rd to Lake Ave BIKEWAYS MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	3	02- E1: E2: FFY23 RW: C: FFY25	/ / /	/ / / / 195,715 / / / / / / / 1,334,000 /	/ 0 / 121,600 / A / / 1,068,960 /	CE 1 9 /27/2022 REMARKS:	NR State ITEF	Yes		11/7/2025	AH CR Civiltech	NR No	NR	* NR * * * * *		
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# March Local Government Update

# **RTA to host Transforming Transit Summit on April 15**

The RTA, in partnership with CTA, Metra, and Pace, will host a half-day summit to discuss our vision for the future of the region's transit system with a diverse audience of state legislators, transit agency leadership and staff, local officials, business community, advocates, and riders. The event will focus on how sustainable funding could unlock more frequent, integrated service for everyone and how a stronger RTA could increase efficiency and accountability for legislators and taxpayers. The event will feature panel discussions and interactive sessions, providing participants an opportunity to share input and feedback on the *Transforming Transit* vision and how the state should fund and reform public transit in Northeast Illinois. Leaders from peer transit agencies will share lessons learned from their recent funding and reform efforts to help inform the ongoing conversation in Springfield and metro Chicago. Last month, a group of nearly 200 riders, advocates, and other stakeholders met virtually with the RTA to offer feedback on *Transforming Transit*. Registration is now open.

- Tuesday, April 15 | Noon 5 p.m.
- Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602

# **RTA publishes Transit-Friendly Communities Guide**

The RTA developed the <u>Transit-Friendly Communities Guide</u> as an actionable resource to support transit-friendly design and equitable transit-oriented development. With a focus on improving accessibility, walkability, and sustainability, the guide provides local decision-makers, developers, and community advocates with strategies and tools to design thriving communities centered around transit. The guide is a direct implementation step of the RTA's strategic plan, <u>Transit is the Answer</u>. The RTA will host a webinar on the Transit-Friendly Communities Guide on March 4, 2025, at noon. <u>Registration is now open</u>.



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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 <u>Community Planning</u> 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, and 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 <u>Section 5310 Program</u> 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.

# Access Pilot Program delivers more than 117,000 rides after one-year anniversary

In February the RTA, Metra, and Cook County celebrated one year of success for the <u>Access Pilot Program</u>, which provides reduced fares on the entire Metra system to riders experiencing low incomes. Using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility, Access built upon the success of the Fair Transit South Cook pilot, which offered a reduced fare on the Metra Electric and Rock Island lines to all riders. With the expansion to SNAP households in all parts of the region, more than 4,600 riders have enrolled in the program over the past year – contributing to the <u>overall ridership momentum</u> the system has built since the pandemic. More than 117,000 rides have been taken using the pilot since it launched in February 2024, a majority of which were on the Metra Electric and Rock Island Lines that were served by the Fair Transit South Cook pilot. Learn more about Access and other affordable fare products in RTA's Connections blog.