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Northwest Municipal Conference

Transportation Committee

Agenda

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices and Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82990881076>

Meeting ID: 829 9088 1076

Passcode: 515751

Dial by your location: (312) 626-6799

- I. Call to Order**
- II. October 26, 2023 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 (Attachment C)**
 - d. IDOT Local Roads (Attachment D)**
 - e. Illinois Tollway**
 - f. Metra (Attachment E)**
 - g. Pace**
 - h. RTA (Attachment F)**
- IV. IDOT 2024 Long Range Transportation Plan**

IDOT staff will present on the 2024 update to the IDOT Long Range Transportation Plan that outlines transportation goals, objectives and planned investments.

Action Requested: Informational
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 25 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.
- VII. Adjourn**

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Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2023

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Members Present

Rodney Craig, Mayor, Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Donna Johnson, Mayor, Libertyville, Co-Chair
Marie Hansen, Director of Development Services, Barrington
Kyle Johnson, Deputy Public Works Director/Village Engineer, Buffalo Grove
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield
Eric Heiker, Civil Engineer, Des Plaines
Maggie Jablonski, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village
Jeff Brady, Director of Community Development, Glenview
Sean Dorsey, Director of Public Works, Mount Prospect
Bob Israel, Trustee, Northbrook
Peter Falcone, Assistant City Administrator, Prospect Heights
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows
Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg

Others Present

Jack Bielak, Northbrook
Borja Gonzalez, CMAP
Jon Haadsma, CMAP
Ryan Ruehle, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Katelyn Dote, Metra
Steven Andrews, Pace Suburban Bus
Kendra Johnson, RTA
Jennifer Hyman, Civiltech
Joe Cwynar, Engineering Enterprises
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Sanoica moved approval of the September 28, 2023 minutes. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports

a. CMAP

Attachment A

Mr. Haadsma reported that the final programs for the Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP programs were approved by CMAP on October 11. These included four projects in the North Shore Council of Mayors with over \$4 million in funding, and seven projects in the Northwest Council of Mayors with over \$23 million in funding.

Mayor Craig asked about CMAP's next steps for PART and clarification on who would be receiving the report. Mr. Haadsma shared that the report would be going to the Governor's office and was uncertain about who in the legislature would be receiving the report and will follow up as to the recipient. Mayor Johnson requested CMAP to provide additional information about the next steps in the process.

b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Mr. Ruehle stated Cook County had no additional information beyond the report included in the agenda.

c. IDOT Highways

IDOT was not in attendance. Report was attached to the agenda.

Mayor Johnson emphasized that a subgroup was previously formed regarding IDOT issues, and asked NWMC staff to submit a note to IDOT to attend the November Transportation Committee meeting to answer any questions. Trustee Israel asked about other committee experiences with IDOT. Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson indicated that IDOT BLR has been in attendance for the Technical Committee. Mayor Craig asked whether Transportation Committee matters with IDOT are now being handled by the Technical Committees. Mr. Fowler said getting IDOT attendance at Transportation Committee has been difficult but would reiterate the ask. Trustee Israel inquired whether the difference in understanding what Transportation Committee versus Technical Committee may be creating difficulty assuring attendance. Mr. Fowler said IDOT turnover may be the issue. Mayor Craig indicated that the Transportation Committee's main focus is policy versus the project nature of the Technical Committees and need IDOT's voice in the discussion. Trustee Israel confirmed that the Transportation Committee is not an ancillary project, but one dealing with policy and process. Mayor Johnson reiterated the need to coordinate with IDOT at the Transportation Committee.

d. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported on the I-PASS Assist program and the Tollway's availability to promote materials, help fill newsletters, and increase outreach to member communities.

Trustee Benton asked for comment on the Tollway's transition from transponders to stickers. Ms. Passi responded that the transition discussion is still ongoing and will bring additional information to the next meeting.

e. Metra

Ms. Dote reported on Metra's proposed budget items, focusing on the \$1.1 billion operating budget including fare restructuring. She noted ridership forecast in the budget is 44% of pre-pandemic riders and assumes 10% year-over-year growth (increasing to 54%, 64%, etc.), for 40 million rides projected in 2024. Metra has a \$570 million capital budget, with 63% of that cost on bridges, parking, yard improvements, and railcars. Metra will be having upcoming budget

hearings, with one in Lake County on November 1, a November 1 Chicago ^{Attachment A} livestream, and a November 2 hearing in Hanover Park. Mayor Craig commended Ms. Dote's work for Metra.

f. Pace

Mr. Andrews reported on Pace's proposed 2024 budget, and how Pace is targeting increased frequency improvements along fixed routes to meet off-peak demand, with gradual implementation throughout the year and dependent on operator recruitment. He shared that the 2026 fiscal cliff is at the forefront of Pace's planning. He said this year's budget is balanced, but the combined \$730 million shortfall doesn't allow for new investments or innovations to meet community demands.

Mr. Andrews also discussed the launch of Pulse Dempster Line, plan to advance Halsted 95th Street Pulse lines next year, service integration into the Transit app, plan for network reform to address changes in ridership demand, an ADA Paratransit budget with no fare increases and free fare on fixed route for ADA certified riders. He also reported that the expanded Rideshare Access Program via Transportation Network Companies beyond traditional paratransit as ADA Paratransit is above 100% pre-pandemic ridership numbers.

Mr. Andrews said that Pace is making its Waukegan garage fully electric with delivery of electric vehicles and charging equipment, as well as installing charging equipment at its Plainfield garage and installing EV charging centers at its Park-n-Rides. He said the agency is also renovating the Northwest Transportation Center to include the new ADA Transfer Center, and centering the Northwest Division in Wheeling in its Zero Emissions Facility Plan.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Andrews for all of the information and requested career change support and collaboration with high schools for alternative career paths. Mayor Johnson asked about Pace's plan to offset the 2026 shortfall and how it intersected with ADA needs. Mr. Andrews responded that as Pace provides the ADA service to complement the fixed-route system, there is concern that there may be an impact on how to provide ADA if fixed-routes are also cut but was uncertain about the actual steps.

Mayor Sanoica asked Pace to involve community partners in the network revision process and how municipalities can best partner with Pace to boost ridership. Mayor Sanoica specifically pointed out the elimination of Pace Route 696 and the Rolling Meadows-Arlington Heights On-Demand service area's lack of inclusion of Rolling Meadows west of Route 53. Mr. Andrews responded that the revision study will help identify areas for service changes and Pace is currently making changes to its On Demand zones.

g. RTA

Ms. Johnson reported changes to RTA's Citizens Advisory Board bylaws based on the Strategic Plan process to increase activity, engagement and ridership composition on the board. Notably, she said voting members will be County/Chicago DOTs, Service Board reps, and a member from The Network, with additional non-voters on the Board as rider representatives.

IV. RTA Access to Transit Presentation (Attachment G)

Ms. Johnson presented RTA's Access to Transit Program which funds infrastructure improvements around community transit stations and bus stops. The Access to Transit Call for Projects is open October 16 through December 15. Phase 2

Attachment A
Engineering, Construction, and Construction Engineering grants will cover small scale capital improvements up to \$1 million that implement a pre-existing plan/study, with prioritization for high need communities. She said awards will be identified in February 2024, but are contingent upon RTA's successful CMAQ FFY2026-2030 application.

V. Integration of Accessibility in Council of Mayors Methodologies

Mr. Czarnota shared the recent Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) rulemaking and its impact on municipal right of way compliance. He emphasized that PROWAG compliance will be required as a policy and design standard within the next 4 years, and integration of PROWAG requirements into Council of Mayor methodologies will be necessary to apply for federal funding.

VI. ADA Transition Plans, Council of Mayors Methodologies, and Municipal Vulnerabilities

Mr. Larson discussed the ADA Transition Plan compliance rate among member communities, showing that several communities still need to complete Transition Plans. He indicated that this could place those communities at a disadvantage in future Call for Projects as there will be upcoming CMAP requirements to include ADA Transition Plan/Compliance in Council of Mayor evaluation methodologies. Finally, Mr. Larson indicated that staff has been informed of a possible large-scale, multi-municipality disability group lawsuit in development to enforce the ADA Transition Plan, and that communities should be prepared for potential Department of Justice Project Civic Access audits.

VII. Community Surveys on Weather Maintenance and All-Ages Access

Mr. Larson discussed staff development of a survey about how member communities plan for transportation facility maintenance during all weather conditions, especially for active transportation facilities, and whether the facilities are designed for users of all ages.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Next Meeting

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

X. Adjourn

Trustee Benton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Mayor Craig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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CMAP News

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

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several full-time positions: a [Designer](#) and an [Engagement Specialist](#) in the Communications and Engagement Department; a [Planner](#) in the Planning Department; and a [Policy Principal](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Department. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

The Kane County DOT is seeking a [Regional Planning Liaison and Special Projects Coordinator](#).

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

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

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

Program Status Updates

Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on November 2, 2023. The committee is scheduled to meet next on **February 15, 2024** at 9:30 am. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance of the meetings. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

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

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

The most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on November 2, 2023. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **November 30, 2023**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page 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)

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Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

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

Technical assistance work also includes:

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

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

CMAP Products and Data

Explore the CMAP Data Hub

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

2023 Community Data Snapshots

Updated CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are now available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in our region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a [toolkit](#) to help communities share this information.

Improving Accessibility in the Region

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

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

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

Additionally, the U.S. Access Board has released a [series of videos](#) on Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). These videos review the accessibility requirements to make sidewalks, crosswalks, shared use paths, on-street parking, and other pedestrian facilities accessible to people with disabilities.

IIJA Booklet and Resources for Communities

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

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

From Our Partners

IDOT 2022 Pavement and Structure Data

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

2022 Statewide Crash Data

On June 20, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-18](#) regarding the 2022 statewide crash data and safety portal. The information can be accessed by logging into [IDOT's Safety Portal](#), which provides access to search and retrieve individual crash reports, view the location of a crash on a map, access the full 10-year retention period for historical and trend analysis purposes of sites and crashes, and generate standardized summary reports of crash data based on various input parameters. Additional crash data may be requested by contacting the Bureau of Data Collection at DOT.DTS.DataRequests@illinois.gov. Additionally, the 2021 Illinois [Crash Facts and Statistics Publications](#) are also available on the IDOT website.

Bicycle Facility Inventory System

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

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Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

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

Funding Opportunities

FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCO)

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

Public Input Opportunities

Move Illinois: IDOT seeks feedback on its long-range transportation plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the early stages of creating Move Illinois, the state's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which will be finalized in 2024. The LRTP is a roadmap that outlines transportation goals, objectives, and planned investments over the next 20 to 30 years. The first [Move Illinois survey](#) is now live – it takes just a few minutes to provide valuable input to help shape a transportation system that works for all.

Training Opportunities

IDOT's T2 Fall Training Program

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

New FHWA Learning Management System

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

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

11/16/2023

Change requests due for CMAQ or TAP-L funded projects targeting the March 2024 state letting

11/17/2023

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

11/27/2023

Final agreements due for projects targeting the January 2024 state letting

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

12/1 – 12/31/2023

Quarterly status updates must be submitted for projects funded with CMAQ, CRP, STP (shared and local), or TAP-L funding.

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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.

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Northwest Council of Mayors Management Monitoring Schedule FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program

Target lettings for projects in the MYP are contingent upon contract plan readiness, land acquisition and funding availability.

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Illinois Department of Transportation MANAGEMENT MONITORING SCHEDULE

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IDOT FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program is available on-line at [FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway & Multimodal Improvement Program - July 2023 \(illinois.gov\)](#)

PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS	SCOPE OF WORK	EST. COST (X000)	DESIGN APPROVAL DATE	RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED	TARGET LETTING TIMEFRAME*	FISCAL YEAR FUNDS AVAILABLE	COMMENTS
US 12 (Mannheim Rd) Prospect Ave to S of W Higgins Rd	Smart Overlay	\$1,600	By PS&E	No	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contact: 62T06 1-81008-0000	MYP	Des Plaines
US 14 (Northwest Hwy) McHenry Co Line to Hart Rd	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements, New Shoulders, Milled Rumble Strip	\$1,970	By PS&E	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 28 1-79869-0000	MYP	Barrington
US 20 (Lake St) At Oak Ave & At Bartlett Rd	Intersection Improvement	\$3,058	TBD	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62P51 1-78551-0000	MYP	Bartlett
US 45 (Elk Blvd) US 12/45 (Lee St / Mannheim Rd) to US 12	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$170	BY PS&E	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 26 Contract: 62L10 1-79455-0000	MYP	Des Plaines
IL 19 (Irving Park Rd) 0.3 MI W of Mitchell Blvd to Roselle Rd	Designed Overlay, New Shoulders, ADA Improvements	\$2,167	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY24 1-79480-1000	MYP	Schaumburg, Roselle
IL 21 (Milwaukee Ave) At US 14 (Dempster St)	Bridge Deck Overlay, Bridge Joint Replace/Repair	\$550	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62T24 1-81093-0000	MYP	Niles

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IL 25 (St Charles Rd) Bluff City Blvd to 0.4 MI N of Sterns Rd	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements, Milled Rumble Strip, RR Flaggers	\$2,300	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 26 Contract: 62K78 1-78216-1000	MYP	Elgin
IL 43 (Waukegan Rd) N of Main St to Oakton St & Harlem Ave to US 14	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$990	By PS&E	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 26 1-79496-0000	MYP	Niles
IL 53 Lake-Cook Rd to Des Plaine Ave (Bus on Shoulder)	Shoulder Repair, Signing (NEW), Pavement Marking	\$11,738	PS&E	No	1 st Quarter FY 26 1-79840-0000	MYP	Arlington Heights, Palatine, Rolling Meadows
IL 53 Lake-Cook Rd to IL 68 Dundee Rd)	Noise Barriers	\$7,400	By PS&E	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract:62P76 1-80193-0000	MYP	Arlington Heights
IL 53 (W Frontage Rd) US 12 (Rand Rd) to Anderson Dr	Standard Overlay	\$395	By PS&E	No	4 th Quarter FY 25 1-78956-0000	MYP	Palatine
IL 53 S. of US 12 (Rand Rd) to IL 62 (Algonquin Rd)	Bridge New Deck, Bridge Superstructure Replace	\$75,000	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62N91 1-79433-0000	MYP	Rolling Meadows Palatine Arlington Heights

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IL 53 At Euclid Ave	Bridge Rehabilitation	\$11,600	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62N91 1-80597-0000	MYP	Rolling Meadows
IL 58 (Golf Rd) Poplar Creek Tributary	Culvert Repair	\$707	E12/31/20	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62P08 1-79001-0000	MYP	Hoffman Estates
IL 58 (Golf Rd) IL 59 (Sutton Rd) to Windsong Dr	Standard Overlay, ADA	\$2,300	By PS&E	TBD	4 th Quarter FY 29 1-80098-0000	MYP	Hoffman Estates Schaumburg
IL 58 (Golf Rd) At Barrington Rd	Intersection Improvement, Traffic Signal Modernization, ADA	\$3,500	TBD	Yes	3 rd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62N97 1-79741-0000	MYP	Hoffman Estates
IL 58 (Golf Rd) I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) to Lincoln St	Smart Overlay	\$5,200	By PS&E	No	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62T11 1-81007-0000	MYP	Morton Grove Niles
IL 59 (Hough St) Lake-Cook Rd/Main St to Barrington Rd	Smart Overlay	\$500	By PS&E	No	1st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62T74 1-80968-0000	MYP	Barrington Let 11/2023

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PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS	SCOPE OF WORK	EST. COST (X000)	DESIGN APPROVAL DATE	RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED	TARGET LETTING TIMEFRAME*	FISCAL YEAR FUNDS AVAILABLE	COMMENTS
IL 59 (Sutton Rd) At I-90 (Jane Addams Memorial Tollway)	Bridge Deck Overlay, Bridge Joint Replace/Repair	\$2,100	By PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62P12 1-80001-0000	MYP	Hoffman Estates
IL 68 (Dundee Rd) E Branch Salt Creek, 0.6 MI E of Quentin Rd	Culvert Replacement, Drainage, Left Turn Lanes	\$2,500	E 6/30/18	Yes	2 nd Quarter FY 24 1-78880-0000	MYP	Palatine
IL 68 (Dundee Rd) E of Kennicott Ave to Northgate Parkway	Standard Overlay, ADA, RR Flagger	\$4,000	By PS&E	TBD	4 th Quarter FY 29 Contract: 62F86 1-79459-0000	MYP	Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling
IL 72 (Higgins Rd) E of Fairview Ave to I-90 Ramp (WB)	Standard Overlay	\$3,105	By PS&E	No	2 nd Quarter FY 29 Contract: 62V59 1-81137-0000	MYP	Park Ridge Chicago
Barrington Rd S of IL 62 (Algonquin Rd) to Central Rd	Additional Lanes, Reconstruction, Culvert Replacement, Traffic Signal, Modernization, Traffic Signal Repl.	\$15,375	E 6/30/17	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62K33 1-78074-0000	MYP	South Barrington
Busse Hwy US 14 (Miner St) to Dee Rd	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$2,900	By PS&E	No	2 nd Quarter FY 26 Contract: 62G18 1-79453-0000	MYP	Des Plaines Park Ridge

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Busse Hwy Dee Rd to Touhy Ave	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$1,300	By PS&E	TBD	4th Quarter FY 29 Contract:62R66 1-79453-0100	MYP	Park Ridge Chicago
Devon Ave At Des Plaines River	Bridge Replacement	\$3,000	By PS&E	TBD	4th Quarter FY 25 1-79987-0000	MYP	Park Ridge
Oakton St At Des Plaines River	Bridge Deck Overlay, Bridge Joint Replace/Repair	\$1,128	By PS&E	No	1st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62T37 1-81095-0000	MYP	Des Plaines
Palatine S Frontage Rd E of US 12 (Rand Rd) to Pinecrest Dr	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$1,283	By PS&E	No	1st Quarter FY 25 1-79370-2000	MYP	Arlington Heights Prospect Heights
Palatine Rd Over Salt Creek (0.1 MI E of Pinecrest Dr	Culvert Replacement	\$250	By PS&E	TBD	1st Quarter FY 28 1-79815-0000	MYP	Palatine
Palatine Rd At Salt Creek W of Winston Dr (W of IL 53)	Culvert Replacement	\$1,700	By PS&E	TBD	2nd Quarter FY 26 1-80288-0000	MYP	Palatine

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Rand Rd At Des Plaines River	Bridge Replacement Retaining Wall ADA Improvement, Traffic Signal Installation	\$14,000	3/19/14	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 60J10 1-70254-0000	MYP	Des Plaines
Touhy Ave At North Branch Chicago River 0.6 MI E of IL 43	Bridge Replacement Traffic Signal Modernization	\$5,200	E12/31/16	Yes	4 th Quarter FY 23 Contract: 62D34 1-76353-0100	MYP	Niles
Willow Rd E of Des Plaines River to Waterview Dr / Protection Pkwy	Reconstruction, Intersection Improvement, Lighting, Noise Barriers, Bridge Rehabilitation, Additional Lanes	\$19,000	By PS&E	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 60L75 1-73626-0000	MYP	Wheeling Northbrook
Wolf Rd IL58 (Golf Rd) to Touhy Ave	Designed Overlay, ADA	\$2,265	By PS&E	TBD	3rd Quarter FY 26 Contract 62R53 1-79465-0000	MYP	Des Plaines

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Cook County DOTH	NCOM Report Q4 2023							11/30/2023
Project Name	Limits	ASSET TYPE	COUNCIL OF MAYORS	MUNICIPALITY	CURRENT PHASE	LETTING AGENCY	ASSET OWNERSHIP	Project Status
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	Turner Ave to Brantwood Ave	Pavement	North West	Elk Grove Village	Phase II	Elk Grove Village	County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2023
BUFFALO GROVE ROAD	Hintz Rd to St Marys Pkwy	Pavement	North West	Buffalo Grove	Phase I/Phase II	CCDOTH	County Owned	Phase I time extension in progress
BUSSE ROAD	Golf Rd to Central Rd	Pavement	North West	Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights	Phase II/ROW	CCDOTH	County Owned	ROW acquisition in progress. Targeting Q3 2024 letting
CAMP MCDONALD ROAD	Camp McDonald Road	Traffic Control	North West	Prospect Heights	Phase II	CCDOTH	Non-County Owned	Transferred to 2022 IIC award
CAREGIE STREET DRAINAGE	Village of Rolling Meadows	Drainage	North West	Rolling Meadows	Phase II	CCDOTH	Non-County Owned	IGA TBD (municipal partnership)
CENTRAL RD	Barrington Rd to Huntington Blvd	Pavement	North West	Barrington, Hoffman Estates	Phase II/ROW	CCDOTH	County Owned	Village, IDOT and DOTH coordinating the preliminary negotiations approach for ROW. Targetting Q4 2024 letting
CENTRAL RD	Ela Rd to Roselle Rd	Pavement	North West	Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg	Phase III	CCDOTH	County Owned	IGA commitment ongoing
ELGIN O'HARE WESTERN ACCESS	Various locations	Other	North West	Schaumburg, Roselle, Elk Grove Village	Phase I/Phase II	DuPage County	Non-County Owned	Phase I work completed
HAPP RD	Winnetka Rd to Willow Rd	Pavement	North West	Northfield	Phase II/ROW	Northfield	County Owned	Phase II ongoing (60% design). IDOT approved plats and project is ready for appraisals.
HINTZ RD	over Wheeling drainage ditch (SN 016-3229)	Structures	North West	Wheeling	Phase II	CCDOTH	County Owned	Construction letting TBD
IIC 2017 - DES PLAINES RIVER TRL	Touhy Ave to North Ave	Bike/Ped	North West	Rosemont	Phase I	Rosemont	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2018 - BEVERLY RD	over I-90	Bike/Ped	North West	Hoffman Estates	Phase I	Hoffman Estates	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2023
IIC 2018 - OAKTON/CALDWELL SIDEWALK	Oakton St and Caldwell Ave	Bike/Ped	North West	Morton Grove	Phase II	Morton Grove	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2019 - DES PLAINES RIVER TRL 19-IICBP-02-BT (CCFPD)	at Union Pacific RR	Bike/Ped	North West	Des Plaines	Phase II	FPDCC	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2019 - OAKTON STREET SIDEPATH	Des Plaines River Rd to Des Plaines River Trl	Bike/Ped	North West	Des Plaines	Phase I	Des Plaines	Non-County Owned	Completed 2023
IIC 2020 - ALGONQUIN RD	at New Wilke Road	Traffic Control	North West	Rolling Meadows; Arlington Heights	Phase I	Rolling Meadows	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2020 - BEVERLY ROAD	Prairie Stone Parkway (N) to Beacon Pointe Drive	Bike/Ped	North West	Hoffman Estates	Phase II	Hoffman Estates	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2023
IIC 2020 - BIKE/PED BRIDGE	over Northwest Highway and UP Railroad	Structures	North West	Mount Prospect	Phase I	Mount Prospect	Non-County Owned	IIC award ongoing
IIC 2020 - IL RT 59 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS 20-IICBP-14-EG	Hummingbird Lane to Oak Ridge Park	Structures	North West	Streamwood	Phase II	Streamwood	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2021 - MEACHAM RD	Meacham Rd Sidepath	Bike/Ped	North West	Elk Grove Village	Phase III	Elk Grove Village	County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2023
IIC 2021 - DEVON AVE	Park Blvd to Pierce Rd	Pavement	North West	Itasca	Phase III	Itasca	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IIC 2021 - NORTH BRANCH TRL CONNECTION	Touhy Ave/Caldwell Ave to Bunker Hill Grv	Bike/Ped	North West	Niles	Phase II	Niles	Non-County Owned	Anticipated completion in 2024
IL RT 19	East of IL Rt 59 to Bartlett Rd	Pavement	North West	Streamwood	Phase II/Phase III	Streamwood	County Owned	Construction 2023
LAKE COOK RD	Raupp Blvd to Hastings Ln	Pavement	North West	Buffalo Grove, Wheeling	Phase III	CCDOTH	County Owned	Complete
LAKE COOK RD	at Old Hicks Rd	Traffic Control	North West	Palatine	Phase II	CCDOTH	County Owned	Project moved to HSIP Package 2 due to ROW- target 2024 letting
LAKE COOK ROAD	Arlington Heights Road to Raupp Boulevard	Pavement	North West	Buffalo Grove	Phase II	CCDOTH	County Owned	NTP May 2023
MEACHAM AVENUE	over Salt Creek(SN 016-3217)	Structures	North West	Elk Grove	Phase I/Phase II	CCDOTH	County Owned	Phase II kick off held 9/20/23 and is expected to complete in late 2024
MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP	Village of Rolling Meadows	Traffic Control	North West	Rolling Meadows	Phase II	N/A	Non-County Owned	IGA commitment (municipal partnership)
MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP	Village of Schaumburg	Other	North West	Schaumburg	Maintenance	N/A	Non-County Owned	IGA commitment (municipal partnership)
MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP	Village of Hanover Park	Pavement	North West	Hanover Park	Phase III	N/A	Non-County Owned	IGA commitment (municipal partnership)
MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP	Dundee Road and Smith Street	Traffic Control	North West	Village of Palatine	Phase III	N/A	Non-County Owned	IGA commitment (municipal partnership)
NERGE RD	at Plum Grove Rd	Traffic Control	North West	Roselle	Phase I	CCDOTH	County Owned	HSIP Package #2: Targeting 2024 letting



November 30, 2023

Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Meeting

2024 Annual Budget Update and Approval

The November Metra Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a \$1.1 billion operating budget for 2024 that includes a major revision to the agency's fare structure and a new mix of fare products. It also approved a \$574.9 million capital budget that continues significant investment in railcars, bridges, and stations.

The operating budget is 4.9% higher than the 2023 budget (excluding \$65 million in added costs that will be reimbursed by Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, or NICTD). The increase is largely driven by expected inflationary (general, medical premiums, fuel, insurance) and contractual (union agreements) increases.

The operating budget incorporates a revision to the Metra fare structure that was proposed this summer. Under the new structure, which will take effect on Feb. 1, 2024, fares will be equal to or lower than pre-pandemic levels. Major changes include:

- Replacing the existing 10-zone distance-based structure with a simplified four-zone structure.
- Discontinuing the promotional the \$6 and \$10 Day Passes and \$100 Super Saver Monthly Pass.
- Replacing the 10-Ride Ticket with a Day Pass 5-Pack available only in the Ventra app;
- Discontinuing "incremental fares" – a surcharge to travel beyond the zones indicated on a ticket.

The operating budget projects Metra will start the year at 47% of pre-pandemic (2019) ridership and finish the year at about 54% of pre-pandemic levels. This results in a projection of \$243.9 million in system-generated revenues, mostly fares. To cover the rest of its budgeted operating costs, Metra will use \$560.4 million in regional sales taxes and \$223.7 million in federal COVID-relief funding.

The capital budget of \$574.9 million funds 97 projects throughout the system. About 63% of the budget will fund work in four categories:

- Bridge and retaining wall replacement and rehabilitation: \$143.8 million
- Stations and parking Rehabilitations: \$77.5 million
- Yard improvements, including facility acquisitions: \$71.1 million
- Railcar rehabilitation \$67.6 million

The capital budget is funded by:

- \$252.1 million in federal formula funding
- \$117 million USDOT Mega grant for Union Pacific North Line bridges
- \$73.8 million in Illinois PAYGO funds
- \$130 million in RTA bonds
- \$2 million in RTA Section 5310 funds

Metra Receives \$169.3 million in CMAQ Grants

Metra will receive the largest discretionary grant in its history – a \$169.3 million federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant – to buy battery-powered, zero-emission trainsets. Metra will be among the first in the nation to operate the innovative green technology.

A trainset is a group of permanently or semi-permanently coupled railcars powered by a propulsion system without a separate locomotive, with operator controls at either end so they can quickly change directions. Trainsets powered by batteries are currently in use in Germany, France and Australia, and Metra wants to explore whether they could work here. It issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for battery-powered trainsets in September 2022 and is currently reviewing proposals it received in response.

CMAQ funding will support the purchase of up to 16 trainsets, adding a new type of propulsion to Metra’s fleet that could accelerate and brake faster than its traditional trains. The lower-capacity trainsets could be a more economical and environmentally friendly way to provide the same level of service or better, particularly during off-peak times, and could play a significant role in helping Metra achieve its vision to provide more frequent all-day service.

Buying the trainsets would allow Metra to retire some of its oldest, most polluting diesel locomotives, which are well beyond their useful life, and eliminate tons of carbon emissions. It would also allow Metra to retire some of its oldest railcars.

The largest discretionary award comes after Metra’s record-breaking haul in 2022, when it secured \$204.1 million in competitive federal grants for Metra projects. The amount included the previous record for a discretionary award – \$117 million for the next phase of the UP North Line bridge replacement program.

Metra Holiday Train

Metra is hosting a series of Holiday Trains throughout the region. Tickets for the Metra Electric, BNSF, Milwaukee District West, Rock Island and Union Pacific Northwest are sold out, however, we have added one more Holiday Train to the Union Pacific North Line.

The event will be hosted on the North Line on Saturday, December 16. Starting in Waukegan, the train will make a 11:10 a.m. departure heading inbound and making stops at Great lakes,

Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Highland Park, Ravinia, Glencoe, Winnetka, Wilmette, Central St., Davis St., Main St., Rogers Park, and Ravenswood before arriving at a decorated Ogilvie Transportation Center at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are only \$5 and go on sale November 30 at 7 a.m. The Holiday Trains can also be spotted in service throughout the region this holiday season.



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November 2023 Update

2024 regional transit budget advances

The [RTA's regional transit budget development](#) cycle continues as the Service Boards have submitted their proposed operating budgets and capital programs to the RTA and have held public hearings throughout the region. The Service Boards presented their adopted budget submissions to the RTA Board at the November 16 meeting, and the RTA will continue presenting the proposed regional operating budget, 2-year financial plan, and 5-year capital program at county board meetings throughout the next two months. The RTA is holding a virtual regional public hearing on the proposed budget on Thursday, December 7 (pre-registration is required). The final proposed regional budget will be presented for consideration by the RTA Board at their December 14 meeting.

RTA developing state legislative agenda

To build support for state legislative action to address the projected fiscal cliff for transit and advance other RTA policy goals outlined in *Transit is the Answer*, RTA Government Affairs staff have developed a [state legislative agenda](#) for the agency. This agenda will evolve over time as staff continue to collect feedback and insight from legislators, the RTA board, the [Transit is the Answer Coalition](#), and other key stakeholders. The RTA's policy priorities include fully funding the region's transit system; developing a funding structure that is less reliant on rider fares; pursuing reforms and efficiencies that will improve operations; and pursuing reforms to how the state plans, evaluates, and prioritizes transportation projects.

RTA launches free fare program for survivors of domestic violence

In October, the [RTA provided 25,000 transit passes](#) loaded with \$20 each to The Network, an Illinois membership organization advocating to end domestic violence through training, education, and policy advocacy. The Network will distribute the cards to over 50 service providers throughout the RTA region. Survivors who are not currently connected with a service provider are encouraged to call the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233. The initiative is the result of the [2023 transit omnibus package](#), which was signed into law in July.



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Reminder: Access to Transit Program Call for Projects

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

Join our next *Transit is the Answer* Coalition meeting

[Registration](#) is open for the next quarterly *Transit is the Answer* Coalition meeting, to be held in-person on Tuesday, December 5 from 8:30-10 a.m. at RTA's main office, located at 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. All are welcome to join to hear the latest implementation updates and give input on upcoming initiatives including the 2024 Regional Transit Budget and our 2024 State Legislative Agenda.