

## NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016  
(847) 296-9200 • Fax (847) 296-9207  
[www.nwmc-cog.org](http://www.nwmc-cog.org)



A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million

### MEMBERS

Antioch  
Arlington Heights  
Bannockburn  
Barrington  
Bartlett  
Buffalo Grove  
Deer Park  
Deerfield  
Des Plaines  
Elk Grove Village  
Evanston  
Fox Lake  
Glencoe  
Glenview  
Grayslake  
Hanover Park  
Highland Park  
Hoffman Estates  
Kenilworth  
Lake Bluff  
Lake Forest  
Lake Zurich  
Libertyville  
Lincolnshire  
Lincolnwood  
Morton Grove  
Mount Prospect  
Niles  
Northbrook  
Northfield  
Northfield Township  
Palatine  
Park Ridge  
Prospect Heights  
Rolling Meadows  
Schaumburg  
Skokie  
Streamwood  
Vernon Hills  
West Dundee  
Wheeling  
Wilmette  
Winnetka

*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

### Agenda

December 19, 2024

8:30 a.m.

### NWMC Offices and Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83050746134?pwd=bxKRO0gKnsBjKoGabNyY146hXduSx.1>

Meeting ID: 830 5074 6134

Passcode: 110702

#### I. Call to Order

#### II. November 21 2024 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
- e. Illinois Tollway (Attachment C)
- f. Metra
- g. Pace
- h. RTA

#### IV. Effects of Metra Stations on Local Housing Values

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) focuses increased and growth investment around transit stations, but how has that fared in the Chicago region? University of Illinois Masters in Urban Planning student Amsal Khimani will share his recent research detailing how proximity to Metra stations is associated with higher housing values, but also how local amenities can shape this valuation.

**Action Requested:** Informational/Discussion

#### V. Other Business

#### VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.

#### VII. Adjourn

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016  
(847) 296-9200 • Fax (847) 296-9207  
[www.nwmc-cog.org](http://www.nwmc-cog.org)



*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

**MEMBERS**

Antioch  
Arlington Heights  
Bannockburn  
Barrington  
Bartlett  
Buffalo Grove  
Deer Park  
Deerfield  
Des Plaines  
Elk Grove Village  
Evanston  
Fox Lake  
Glencoe  
Glenview  
Grayslake  
Hanover Park  
Highland Park  
Hoffman Estates  
Kenilworth  
Lake Bluff  
Lake Forest  
Lake Zurich  
Libertyville  
Lincolnshire  
Lincolnwood  
Morton Grove  
Mount Prospect  
Niles  
Northbrook  
Northfield  
Northfield Township  
Palatine  
Park Ridge  
Prospect Heights  
Rolling Meadows  
Schaumburg  
Skokie  
Streamwood  
Vernon Hills  
West Dundee  
Wheeling  
Wilmette  
Winnetka

*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  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2024  
NWMC Offices and Video Conference**

**Members Present**

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Libertyville, Co-Chair  
Marie Hansen, Barrington  
Heather Lis, Barrington  
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield  
Maggie Jablonski, Elk Grove Village  
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates  
Phil Green, Hoffman Estates  
Sean Dorsey, Mount Prospect  
Tim O'Brien, Niles  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Northbrook  
Matt Barry, Palatine  
Lou Arrigoni, Park Ridge  
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows  
Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg  
Sidney Kenyon, Schaumburg  
Samantha Maximilian, Skokie

**Others Present**

Eric Heiker, Des Plaines  
Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village  
Sarah D. FioRito, Evanston  
Tom Powers, Winnetka  
Lindsay Bayley, CMAP  
Laura McFadden, Cook County  
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway  
Katelyn Dote, Metra  
Jessica Rybarczyk, Pace Suburban Bus  
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 8:30 a.m.*

**II. October 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

*Mayor Sanoica moved approval of the October 24, 2024 minutes. Mayor McLeod seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

### III. Agency Reports

#### a. CMAP

Report included in agenda packet.

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

Ms. McFadden introduced herself as the new liaison to the Northwest Municipal Conference. She shared that she manages the Invest in Cook program which will open in January 2025, with an applicant workshop in early to mid-February with applications closing in March.

Mayor Johnson encouraged Ms. McFadden to engage directly with Mr. Larson on County-membership coordination and information sharing

#### c. IDOT Highways

No report.

#### d. IDOT Local Roads

Report included in agenda packet.

#### e. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi shared the IPASS Assist program for low-income Tollway users. She also reported that the Tollway mobile assistance team is available to table at community events and offers a full range of Tollway services. Ms. Passi added that Tollway continues to roll out the sticker tag technology.

Mayor Sanoica asked if there is a limit to hosting the mobile assistance team. Ms. Passi replied that the team is available whenever, including weekends and nights. Trustee Israel asked what kind of events Tollway considers for its mobile assistance team. Ms. Passi responded that the team has participated at library, park district, fall festivals, car shows, and a broad array of events where Tollway users gather. Trustee Israel shared his appreciation for Tollway's engagement efforts.

#### f. Metra

Ms. Dote shared Metra's debut of its commemorative Veterans Day themed locomotive, as well as its veterans employment assistance program, and that Metra was named 2024 Hire Veterans award from the U.S. Department of Labor. Ms. Dote added that Metra has passed its 2025 operating and capital budget, keeping fares and service steady through 2025. She clarified that the transit fiscal cliff affects Metra's operating and not its capital budget. Ms. Dote reported that Metra's ridership has reached its highest monthly ridership of 3.4 million, at 63% of pre-pandemic levels, with the specific lines of Milwaukee District-West at 52%, Milwaukee District-North at 58%, and Union Pacific-Northwest at 67%.

Trustee Israel noted that with car travel times increasing whether Metra would release additional mode shifting advertising. Ms. Dote said she would pass the suggestion to their media department.

Mayor Johnson shared her appreciation for the Metra veterans train, and Metra's involvement with veterans in Lake County. Ms. Dote noted that the train design was developed internally by a Metra graphic designer who is a veteran.

**g. Pace**

Ms. Rybarczyk shared that Pace is undertaking a system redesign process called ReVision under the principles of accessibility, equity, and productivity, with Pace conducting several municipal briefings on the network concepts to see concepts and provide feedback. She added that a partner workshop was held in Oak Brook to address the concepts in more detail and thanked Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson for their participation and comments at the workshop. Ms. Rybarczyk reported that the concepts have now been released to the public and every municipality's community relations manager should have received a [ReVision Toolkit from Steven Andrews with links to the public survey, network concepts, and mapping tools](#), and requested that communities reach out to her if they have not received this toolkit. She shared that Pace staff will be engaging in direct public outreach every day through December 7 to capture existing rider input but need municipal support to reach non-riders. Ms. Rybarczyk pointed out that the maps include scenario analyses for each community to help illustrate how the proposals change municipal services, that the survey closes January 6, and open houses will be held and recorded to allow afterwards. She also requested that communities contact her if there are any opportunities for Pace to provide public outreach.

Mayor Johnson shared her appreciation for providing an alternate channel for the toolkit and suggested that non-rider outreach could utilize municipal websites due to their high visibility, as well as community tourism-focused websites and community sustainability committees.

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that the Pace board adopted the 2025 operating budget, 2026-2027 financial plan, and 2025-2029 capital program. She added that Pace ridership is up 11.4% year-over-year, with 2.2 million riders at the highest pre-pandemic levels.

**h. RTA**

Report included in agenda packet.

**IV. Parking Requirements and Their Community Impacts**

Ms. Bayley shared an analysis of how the Chicagoland region is approaching changing transportation needs, how parking requirements are currently under review by communities across the region, what the situation looks like in the rest of the country, and solutions communities are taking in response to these trends. She also encouraged participation in the CMAP Safe Travel for All effort being conducted at the county level across the region.

Mayor Sanoica asked if there is a municipal toolkit for this subject and whether there is a phased approach to achieve the ideal of no parking requirements, as Rolling Meadows would like to address these changing needs in a previously car-dependent developed area. Ms. Bayley shared a [map of national parking mandates](#), and a CMAP [parking strategies toolkit](#) that municipalities can utilize. Ms. Bayley also mentioned that many communities start with the downtown core or parcels of a smaller size. Mayor Sanoica thanked Ms. Bayley and indicated that if the material comes from CMAP it would be much easier to encourage adoption. Ms. Bayley added that the

Village of Plainfield has taken multiple steps towards parking reform, beginning with their downtown area, and that often a perceived parking problem is a matter of perspective, as the indication is that many people want to be in a location and it is important for a community to consider how to address that demand.

Mr. Larson highlighted [recent research that showed that communities of less than 25,000 residents and those of 25,000-100,000 residents make up the majority of communities eliminating parking requirements](#). He added that NWMC members see substantial differences in their land usage parking requirements.

Trustee Israel noted that larger vehicles with fewer passengers exacerbate parking demands as empty and parked cars take up a lot of space and how more efficient sized and smaller vehicles can ensure smaller roadway footprints. Ms. Bayley agreed that larger vehicles impact safety concerns, and how some communities are seeing greater adoption of golf carts. Mayor Johnson reminded members to consider the increased liability concerns of golf cart usage.

**V. Other Business**

Mr. Larson encouraged member participation in the Safe Travel for All efforts and highlighted that through his role as a member of the Cook County Safety Action Plan Steering Committee, he can serve as a point of contact for any interested members. Mayor Johnson invited members to review the [Safe Travel for All resources](#).

**VI. Next Meeting**

Mayor Johnson announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via videoconference.

**VII. Adjourn**

*Mayor Sanoica moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. Trustee Benton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

## CMAP news

### New CMAP website – now 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 several full-time positions: an [HR Generalist](#) in the Human Resources division; a [Procurement Officer](#) in the Finance division; a [People and Culture Program Lead](#) in the Executive office. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

## Program status updates

### Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on August 28, 2024. The committee is scheduled to meet next on **February 13, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week in advance of the meetings. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors, and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region were updated in April and are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

See the *Funding Opportunities* section below for information about the upcoming call for FFY 2026-2030 projects.

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

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

The most recent [CMAQ Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on December 5, 2024. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **February 13, 2025**, at 11:00 a.m. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting change requests for CMAQ, CRP, or TAP-L funded projects can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

See the *Funding Opportunities* section below for information about the upcoming call for FFY 2026-2030 projects.

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824)

### Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's [STAR program](#) continues to work to improve regional travel safety with assistance, resources and policy development. Our *Safe Streets and Roads for All* Regional Safety Action Plan program, with county-led safety action plans across the region, is hosting engagement activities. Most counties have launched steering committees and are beginning to table at and host engagement events.

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

December 9, 2024

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

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

### **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](#). This group is for municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinators or others interested in learning more about this federally required role. It will connect ADA coordinators from across the region with each other, as well as resources and training.

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

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

### **CMAP products and data**

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

The 2024 CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in our region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a [toolkit](#) to help communities share this information. Please email [data@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:data@cmap.illinois.gov) with any questions or provide feedback [through this survey](#).

#### **2024 Northeastern Illinois Priority Transportation Investments**

CMAP released [Northeastern Illinois Priority Investments](#), a blueprint documenting the highest-priority projects across the region for 2024. It reflects collaboration between CMAP and our partners at the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Chicago Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation Authority, the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace, the counties. Additional [online resources](#) to provide communities and partners with the information about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and its benefits to the region are also available.

December 9, 2024

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

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

PART outlined three areas that must work in tandem to address the \$730 million fiscal cliff facing our region in 2026 and strengthen our transit system: system improvements, funding solutions, and governance reforms. CMAP will continue to provide feedback and input in alignment with the PART report. We look forward to continued collaboration with partners, stakeholders, and legislators to strengthen transit in the region.

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

### **Climate Action Planning**

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

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

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

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

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

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



December 9, 2024

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

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

### **From our partners**

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

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

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

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

#### **Next Move Illinois 2026 public transportation plan**

IDOT is working on [Next Move Illinois](#), a new statewide public transportation plan. The plan seeks to enhance quality-of-life and connectivity in Illinois, including improving the safety and accessibility of our transit networks. Please take the [Next Move Illinois survey](#) and share it with your networks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

December 9, 2024

### Funding opportunities

#### **CMAP FFY 2026-2030 Call for Projects: STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L**

Funding will be available for the [STP-Shared Fund](#), [CMAQ](#), [CRP](#), and [TAP-L](#) fund sources. The biannual call for projects administered by CMAP staff is open through **December 20 at 5:00 p.m.** Detailed information about eligibility, the application process, and FAQs can be found on the [Call for Projects](#) webpage, along with fact sheets for each fund source. The [recording](#) and [materials](#) from the information webinar is available.

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

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

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

#### **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**.

### Training opportunities

#### **National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) Webinar**

The NPMRDS offers a free data source to State and Local transportation agencies for monitoring and reporting transportation system performance measures, as well as for setting and meeting mobility objectives and targets.

A webinar is scheduled for **December 13, 2024**, at 1:00 p.m. to learn more about the data, as well as receive technical assistance for accessing and using the NPMRDS. [Registration](#) is open now.

#### **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.

December 9, 2024

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

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

**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](#).

December 9, 2024

## **Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders –December/January 2024-25**

**12/10/2024:** TIP changes due (March 2025 letting and other changes)

**12/20/2024:** Pre-final plans due for projects targeting the June 2025 state letting

**12/31/2024:** 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

**1/13/2025:** Final agreements due for projects targeting the March 2025 state letting

Final plans and draft agreements due for projects targeting the April 2025 state letting

###

This information is compiled from these official sources:

- IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Region One Letting Schedule (latest version available from IDOT District 1 BLRS staff)
- CMAP's TIP Due Dates and Master Transportation Schedule (latest version posted [here](#))
- [STP Active Program Management Policies](#)
- CMAP's call for projects [web page](#) (Refreshed prior to each call)
- CMAP's [CMAQ and TAP-L Program Management and Resources web page](#)

***If there are any discrepancies in dates, the dates listed on the official sources above should be used. Consult with your planning liaison to resolve any questions or concerns.***

## Illinois Tollway Update

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

The Illinois Tollway is continuing to advance its planning process seeking input to inform its next capital plan and to shape the framework for the agency's long-term capital priorities.

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

Everyone is invited to be a part of this process, and we invite you to visit the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com/future](http://www.illinoistollway.com/future) to learn more.

### **I-PASS Sticker Tags**

This summer, the Tollway has begun to mail I-PASS Sticker Tags directly to customers when their current I-PASS transponders expire. I-PASS Sticker Tags are the new, more efficient and cost-effective transponder technology.

In addition, I-PASS Sticker Tags can still be picked up at Illinois Tollway Customer Service Centers ordered online via the Illinois Tollway [website](#) or at a Jewel-Osco or RoadRanger retail location.

Customers will not be required to switch to the I-PASS Sticker Tag as long as they have a working transponder.

There is no deposit fee for I-PASS Sticker Tags. For customers with current transponders, the \$10 transponder deposit will be transferred into their pre-paid toll accounts once a new I-PASS Sticker Tag is registered to the account.

The introduction of I-PASS Sticker Tags is being done in collaboration with other E-ZPass agencies and will ensure that customers have continuity in service wherever they travel in the 19 states that are part of the E-ZPass consortium.

### **I-PASS Assist**

The Illinois Tollway's I-PASS Assist program continuing to provide more assistance than ever.

Income-eligible drivers are receiving the cost-saving benefits of I-PASS after signing up for I-PASS Assist Accounts that also offer few up-front costs. In addition, I-PASS Assist customers may be eligible to have invoice fees dismissed once enrolled.

We've put together a tool kit [I-PASS Assist Communications Toolkit - Illinois Tollway](#) if you'd like to promote this program to your residents.

To be eligible for enrollment in I-PASS Assist, household income must not exceed 250% of Federal Poverty Guidelines as verified by the Illinois Department of Revenue or qualified by the Illinois Department of Human Services for cash and food assistance programs.

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