

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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- 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
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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Transportation Committee  
Agenda  
Thursday, February 26, 2026  
8:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices or via Video Conference**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227723452>

Meeting ID: 862 2772 3452

Passcode: TfzR9M0r

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
  
- II. Approval of January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**  
*Action Requested:* Approve Minutes
  
- III. Agency Reports**
  - 1. CMAP (Attachment B)
  - 2. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (Attachment C)
  - 3. Collar County Departments of Transportation
  - 4. IDOT Highways
  - 5. IDOT Local Roads (Attachment D)
  - 6. Illinois Tollway (Attachment E)
  - 7. Metra
  - 8. Pace (Attachment F)
  - 9. RTA (Attachment G)
  
- IV. Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure and Funding & IDOT Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force**  
NWMC staff will present an overview of the final recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure and the ongoing work of the IDOT Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force.  
*Action Requested:* Informational/Discussion
  
- V. Funding and Planning Opportunities**  
Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.
  - 1) [AARP Community Challenge Grant](#) – March 4
  - 2) [Invest in Cook](#) – March 20
  - 3) [Cook County Community Development Block Grants](#) – March 20*Action Requested:* Informational
  
- VI. Other Business**
  
- VII. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

**VIII. Adjourn**

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Lake Zurich  
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**Northwest Municipal Conference  
Transportation Committee  
Minutes**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026  
8:30 a.m.**

**NWMC Offices and via Video Conference****Members Present**

Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates, Interim Chair  
Wendy Dunnington, Trustee, Arlington Heights  
Briget Schwab, Village Engineer, Buffalo Grove  
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield  
Maggie Jablonski, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village  
Adam Aronson, Deputy Director of Community Development, Glenview  
Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect  
Sean Dorsey, Director of Public Work, Mount Prospect  
Bob Israel, Trustee, Northbrook  
Peter Falcone, Administrator, Prospect Heights  
Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows  
Brian Bieschke, Trustee, Schaumburg  
Sidney Kenyon, Director of Transportation, Schaumburg  
Samantha Maximilian, Senior Engineer, Skokie

**Others Present**

Heather Lis, Barrington  
Eric Heiker, Des Plaines  
Thomas Semanic, Des Plaines  
Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village  
Eric Scmidt, Elk Grove Village  
Sarah FioRito, Evanston  
Aram Beladi, Northbrook  
Dan Kaup, Wheeling  
Tom Powers, Winnetka  
Carlos Lopez, CMAP  
Alex Bahls, CMAP  
Ryan Ruehle, Cook County  
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway  
Jess Rybarczyk, Pace  
Kendra Johnson, RTA  
Jarrod Cebulski, RINA  
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group  
Mark Fowler, NWMC  
Larry Bury, NWMC  
Eric Czarnota, NWMC  
Brian Larson, NWMC

**I. Call to Order/Introductions**

Mayor McLeod, serving as interim chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**II. Approval of November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

*Trustee Gens moved approval of the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

**III. Agency Reports****1. CMAP**

Report attached. Mr. Larson noted that the new CMAP eTIP platform has an online map function that allows communities looking for local examples to highlight projects by fund type.

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

Mr. Ruehle shared that the Invest in Cook call for projects application period is now live. He said that Cook County is hosting a virtual workshop on Wednesday, February 4, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Mr. Riehle shared the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 project list with the Committee.

**3. Collar County Department of Transportations**

Mr. Larson said that the collar partners are available to share information and if any members need assistance working with DuPage, Kane, Lake, or McHenry counties, that they can contact NWMC staff to facilitate discussions.

**4. IDOT Highways**

Mr. Czarnota noted that the IDOT Highways report will be shared with the Committee after the meeting.

**5. IDOT Local Roads**

Report attached.

**6. Illinois Tollway**

Ms. Passi said the Tollway Board of Directors has approved its budget, which consists of \$1.79 billion in revenue and \$1.31 billion in direct funding and capital investments, including \$374 million programmed for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs. She added that she will have construction updates at the next meeting.

Ms. Passi said that for transponder updates, the IPASS sticker tags will be provided automatically at the expiration of the transponder. She noted that the IPASS stickers are not transferable between vehicles. Ms. Passi said that the transition to the stickers is in collaboration with other EZPASS agencies, so customers can continue to use them across the national partner network. Mayor McLeod asked about the phase out date for transponders. Ms. Passi said most transponders have an expiration date within the next 5 years, but transponders will work up through expiration date. Trustee Israel asked how

to return or dispose of a transponder. Trustee Bieschke responded that one can drop off transponders at Jewel-Osco. Ms. Passi said the Tollway's administrative center is also an option. Mayor McLeod noted that the Hoffman Estates Village Hall is a collection location as well.

#### **7. Metra**

No report attached.

#### **8. Pace**

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that Pace ridership for December 2025 was 1.7 million rides, resulting in an annual total of 23.8 million rides, representing a 3.5% year-over-year increase and 72.7% of 2019 ridership levels.

Ms. Rybarczyk said that Pace staff continue working on the Pace ReVision plan, with an updated draft plan to be circulated for public input in March.

Ms. Rybarczyk provided a timeline of key transition dates required as the region changes to transit oversight through NITA and recommended reviewing the materials provided by RTA.

Ms. Rybarczyk said that with funding in place, Pace has continued its bus operators hire on the spot program, which is offered every Thursday at Pace headquarters in Arlington Heights and at Pace's Markham Training Facility. She said that Pace is also available to come out to community events. Mayor McLeod said Pace has come out to several events hosted in Hoffman Estates.

Trustee Israel asked about the selection process for the NITA Board members and whether there is a list of nominees. Ms. Rybarczyk responded that there is not a list of nominees and deferred to RTA to respond to due to different county requirements. She noted that the current requirement to serve on the Pace Board to be an existing or former mayor was removed. Trustee Israel noted the new representation structure is convoluted and would like to follow its process.

#### **9. RTA**

Ms. Johnson noted that the NITA bill was signed into law by Governor Pritzker, allowing the RTA Board to adopt a budget with no fare increases or service cuts for 2026. She said that RTA staff presented to the RTA Board meeting on next steps and priority work projects, including public safety initiatives for task force and transit ambassadors. She added that conversations have begun with IDOT about the transition consultant, in advance of the September deadline. Ms. Johnson said that RTA is setting up a transition hub website for information.

Ms. Johnson shared that RTA has updated its online fare portal for Free and Reduced Fare and Access Pilot Programs, which have been extended to end of 2026 to SNAP benefit eligible residents. She said that the RTA Access to Transit Call for Projects has now closed, with staff reviewing applications.

Mayor McLeod thanked RTA for their weekly newsletter. Ms. FioRito thanked Ms. Johnson and the RTA team for the transition information and appreciated their skills and abilities.

Ms. Johnson shared [RTA's blog on the NITA transition and timeline](#) and the [RTA newsletter signup website](#).

**IV. CMAP Northeast Illinois Socioeconomic Forecast**

Mr. Lopez and Mr. Bahls provided an overview of CMAP's Northeast Illinois Socioeconomic Forecast, noting how communities can contribute to the local forecast. They shared draft local forecast results, with Mr. Lopez noting that the region's overall population has declined, but that international migration has offset general domestic out-migration. He said that the local forecast's usage is most applicable for local project evaluations as the overall forecast tries to simulate where people and jobs are locating or moving. He encouraged communities to share local developments with CMAP so their impacts can be integrated into these analyses.

Ms. FioRito asked whether models include factors like climate change or freshwater supply and their effect on population inflow and outflow. Mr. Lopez said that the regional forecast includes the effects of climate change, especially for employment forecast, but that climate change and water demand is not reflected at the local level.

**V. Funding and Planning Opportunities**

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the Illinois National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI), US DOT BUILD, AARP Community Challenge Grant, Invest in Cook, League of American Bicyclists Community Spark Grant, and ComEd Powering Communities Grant.

**VI. Other Business**

Mr. Czarnota shared information on the NWMC e-Mobility Working Group, noting that their work focused on three legislative areas to provide a clear definition of e-mobility devices, age and licensing requirements, and specific locations for usage. He added that the Working Group also looked into advertising restrictions. Mr. Czarnota reported that Representative Didech had submitted language to the Legislative Research Bureau (LRB) and NWMC staff was currently awaiting the LRB's feedback.

**VII. Next Meeting**

Mayor McLeod announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Ms. Schwab moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

## CMAP news

### **My Daily Travel Phase One data offers insight into how people travel across northeastern Illinois**

Between September 2024 and June 2025, CMAP collected detailed travel behavior data from more than 3,500 households across the region. CMAP has published the [Phase One dataset](#) from its [My Daily Travel household survey](#), marking a major milestone in a multi-year effort to better understand how northeastern Illinois residents move through the region. The dataset provides critical insight into daily travel patterns, mode choice, telework, transit use, and barriers to travel — and will inform CMAP’s travel demand modeling, policy analysis, and long-range transportation planning efforts, including the development of the next Regional Transportation Plan.

### **2025 Annual Report: Solving for tomorrow, today**

The [2025 Annual Report](#) showcases our history and the significant regional milestones we achieved alongside our partners. For the last two decades, CMAP has worked with our partners across jurisdictions and agencies to solve complex challenges and deliver real results for the people of northeastern Illinois.

### **2026 Regional Transportation Plan: refined financial forecasts and project constraint**

CMAP continues to advance the [2026 Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) through extensive research, data analysis, and public engagement. Through coordination with partner agencies, CMAP has identified 137 regional capital projects (RCPs) for possible inclusion in the RTP. A [draft RCP Benefits Report](#) summarizing the benefits that each proposed project offers to the region is now available. The RCP candidates can also be viewed in an [interactive map](#). The draft plan will go out for public comment in June 2026.

### **CMAP begins regional freight assessment with release of The Freight Landscape**

CMAP is undertaking a [four-part assessment of the region’s freight system](#) — including the trucks, ships, planes, railroads, and delivery vans we see every day. The assessment will introduce “goods movement” as a key topic of concern for the region’s economy, environment, and highway performance, including traffic safety. CMAP has released the assessment’s first report, [The Freight Landscape](#), to provide key introductory facts about the region’s freight system and to explain fundamental freight concepts.

### **New eTIP platform available to the public**

CMAP has launched a [new, modernized eTIP website](#) that improves public access to information about transportation projects included in the [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#). The new eTIP platform features an interactive map and expanded search tools that allow users to explore more than 2,000 active projects. Members of the public, local partners, and stakeholders can filter information by geography, project type, funding source, and year.

### **Job opportunities**

CMAP is hiring for two full-time positions: an [Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist](#) in the Executive Office and an [Accountant](#) in the Finance division. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to learn more.

## Program status updates

### **Surface Transportation Program (STP)**

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on February 5, 2026. The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for **March 26, 2026**. [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

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submitted by project sponsors, and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on the [STP webpage](#).

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

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

The most recent [CMAQ Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on February 5, 2026. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **March 26, 2026**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting project change requests can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ Management Resources webpage](#).

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. Information on the [Countywide Safety Action Plans](#) adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on May 30, 2025, and more, can be found on the STAR webpage.

In collaboration with the DuPage Division of Transportation (DuDOT) and engineering firm TYLin, CMAP is offering implementation guidance with a [pre-recorded webinar](#) for local jurisdictions interested in funding traffic safety improvements.

Staff contact: [Michael Brown](#) (312-386-8615)

### **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. Recordings and slides for CMAP's ADA trainings, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, self-evaluations, the role of an ADA coordinator, transition plans, and PROWAG are [available](#). CMAP has also developed [templates and guidance](#) that public entities can use to help meet their legal obligations of providing an ADA notice, grievance procedure, and designating an ADA coordinator.

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

### **CMAP products and data**

#### **2025 Community Data Snapshots**

The 2025 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.

#### **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

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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!

### From our partners

#### **2024 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](#).

#### **2024 IDOT crash data**

On August 11, 2025, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2025-11](#) announcing the availability of 2024 crash data. This data set provides important crash information required for the identification of areas of improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes. The data can be accessed through [IDOT's Safety Portal](#).

### Funding opportunities

#### **BUILD Grants FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has released the [FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) for the BUILD grant program. The goal of the program is to fund projects that will have a significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure. Applications are due by **February 24, 2026**. BUILD grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects — specific criteria and application requirements can be found in the NOFO linked above.

#### **Climate Smart Communities 2026 grant opportunities**

The Climate Smart Communities Initiative (CSCI) has announced the launch of the 2026 CSCI grants opportunity. CSCI awards provide funding and technical assistance to advance community-based climate resilience in U.S. communities or regions that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The total grants budget is \$1.5-2 million, and grants typically range from \$75,000 to \$115,000 based on the scope of work proposed in the application.

This program prioritizes funding for communities that include historically disinvested populations at increased risk to climate-related impacts. The application deadline is **March 12, 2026**. More information and applicant resources can be found on the [CSCI Funding webpage](#).

#### **Invest in Cook 2026 program**

The 2026 application cycle for the Invest in Cook fund program is open now through **March 20, 2026**. Program information and the application can be found on the [Invest in Cook](#) webpage. If you have any questions, are interested in finding out if Invest in Cook is a good fit for a potential project or need help applying, please email [InvestinCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:InvestinCook.CC@cookcountyil.gov).

### Training opportunities

#### **2026 AASHTO GIS for Transportation Symposium**

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is hosting an event for geospatial professionals to share how they harness the power of GIS technologies to solve complex problems in transportation. The Symposium will take place **March 16 – March 19, 2026**, in Chicago, Illinois. [Registration](#) is open now. Interested individuals can learn more on the [conference website](#).

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### **IDOT Special Program Assistance Conference – All About ITEP (Cycle 17)**

The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 17 will open on **August 1, 2026**. IDOT is offering information sessions to learn more about changes being made for this cycle of funding. More information and links for registration will be available online in the coming weeks. Regional dates and locations include:

- **May 11-12:** Orland Park Civic Center, Orland Park
- **May 18-19:** IDOT District 1 Headquarters, Schaumburg
- **May 27-28:** McHenry County Government Center, Woodstock

### **IDOT BLRS 2025 T2 training**

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the [Fall 2025 T2 training](#), along with all past offerings, available online. For more information on how to navigate this training, along with 35+ additional trainings offered by the 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](#).

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## **Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – March 2026**

- 3/2/2026:** Final CE, RR, and funding agreements and final ROW documents due for projects targeting the April 2026 state letting  
Final PS&E and draft agreements due for projects targeting the June 2026 state letting
- 3/11/2026:** ROW certification due for projects targeting the April 2026 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.***

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## Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways (CCDOTH) 2025 Fourth Quarter Report

**January 30, 2026**

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### **Invest in Cook 2026 Program**

The 2026 application period for *Invest in Cook* is January 14 through March 20, 2026. Program information and the application can be found at:  
<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook>.

**CCDOTH is hosting a virtual *Invest in Cook* workshop for potential applicants on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 12:30p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** The workshop will be held in conjunction with the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development to provide information on applying for Community Development Block Grant programs. To attend, please RSVP using the QR code. Further questions may be directed to CCDOTH Staff at 312-603-1223 or [investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:investincook.CC@cookcountyil.gov)



### **Cook County Safety Action Plan**

All Cook County municipalities are eligible for the upcoming FY26 grant cycle under the Cook County Safety Action Plan. More information will be shared when that notice of funding is posted. Second, there is an addendum to the Safety Action Plan that includes new and expanded content on rail-related crashes, community considerations, project visualizations, and systemic (i.e. risk-based) analyses. The addendum can be viewed at [https://cmap.illinois.gov/wp-content/uploads/CookSAP\\_Addendum.pdf](https://cmap.illinois.gov/wp-content/uploads/CookSAP_Addendum.pdf)



**COOK COUNTY**  
DEPARTMENT OF  
**Transportation  
and Highways**

Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS  
 LOCATED IN THE CMAP **NORTH SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Local Agency/ Section	Project Route/ From/ To/ Scope of Work 1/ Scope of Work 2/	Current CE3 Estimate	T.I.P. NO. FFY/Fund/Cost/Fed Cost/Authorized	Environ- mental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD DT	ROW Req CD Certified DT	Plans to CO CD DT	Target Let/ Low Bid/ Award Date Award Amt	E1/E2 Consultant	Jntagmt Cd Dt RR Agmt Cd Dt 404 Permit Cd Dt	A-95 Review STATE * NIPC *
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5 SKOKIE 190010802BT	FAU1332 - Oakton St Caldwell Ave to Lehigh Ave SIDEWALKS BIKE PATH	2,759,937	02-19-0015 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / CMAQ / 2,458,074 / 1,966,460 / / SRTS / 301,863 / 241,488 /	CE 1 10/21/2021	NR		Yes		6/12/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3425							REMARKS:					
6 WILMETTE 190020301CH	FAU0350 - Skokie BI/US41 Illinois Rd to Lake Ave BIKEWAYS MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	1,334,000	02-16-0005 E1: / / / / E2: FFY23 / ITEP / 195,715 / 121,600 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / ITEP / 1,334,000 / 1,068,960 /	CE 1 9 /27/2022	NR		Yes		6/12/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3356							REMARKS: State ITEP.					
7 WINNETKA 080010300FP	FAU3561 - Willow Rd Forestway Dr to Provident Ave RECONSTRUCTION	18,410,000	02-06-0021 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 18,410,000 / 2,469,214 /	CE 1 7 /9 /2013	NR		Yes		4/24/2026	AH CR Strand	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3466							REMARKS:					

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1 ARLINGTON HTS 220021800CH  3372	FAU2656 - Windsor Dr Dryden Av/Jane Av to Hintz Rd RESURFACING/BIKE LANE SIDEWALKS	4,129,900	03-22-0034 E1: / / / / E2: FFY25 / ITEP / 296,000 / 236,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY27 / ITEP / 2,185,700 / 1,967,130 / / STPL / 1,944,200 / 1,458,150 /	CE 1 10/21/2024	NR		Yes E		11/6/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* * * * * * * * * *
2 ARLINGTON HTS 230022100RS  3373	FAU1292 - Euclid Ave Rohlwing Rd to Rand Rd (US 12) RESURFACING	7,100,000	03-22-0021 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 7,100,000 / 3,500,000 /	CE 1 6 /13/2024	NR		No	2/27/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* * * * * * * * * *	
3 BARRINGTON 220009200PV  3497	FAU3731 - Hillside Av IL 59 to US 14 RECONSTRUCTION		03-22-0042 E1: / / / / E2: FFY26 / STPL / 894,773 / 261,500 / RW: / / / / C: / / / /	CE 1 5 /6 /2025	NR		Yes	7/30/2027	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* * * * * * * * * *	
4 COOK CO. FP 18F300028BT  3253	Off - Des Plns Rvr Tr N of Golf Rd to S of Central Rf BIKEWAYS PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS	9,112,366	03-19-0042 E1: / / / / E2: FFY21 / GCPF / 317,296 / 136,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY24 / CMAQ / 9,112,366 / 5,093,000 / / GCPF / 1,350,000 /	CE 1 3 /16/2020	NR		Yes	4/24/2026	AH CR Terra	NR	* * * * * * * * * *	

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5 DES PLAINES 170022200BT  3374	FAU3512 - NW Hwy NW Hwy to Miner St BIKEWAYS	2,297,770	03-23-0035 E1: / / / / E2: FFY25 / ITEP / 208,890 / 156,660 / RW: / / / / C: FFY27 / ITEP / 2,297,770 / 1,723,320 /	CE 1 10/9 /2025	NR		Yes E		11/6/2026	AH CR V3	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
6 DES PLAINES 240023000BT  3496	FAU1349 - Devon Ave Stillwell Dr to N River Rd BIKEWAYS	1,247,800	03-25-0031 E1: / / / / E2: FFY26 / STE2 / 110,000 / 99,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY27 / STE / 1,247,800 / 1,123,020 /	CE 1 3 /20/2025	NR		Yes		11/6/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR  No	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
7 ELK GROVE VILL 220007800RS  3230	FAU1333 - Landmeier Rd 950 ft w/o IL 83 (Busse R to 50 ft e/o Cambridge Dr RESURFACING	1,620,715	03-20-0037 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY25 / STPL / 1,620,715 / 1,124,831 /	CE 1 8 /1 /2023			No		4/25/2025 1,457,808	AH CR Eng Enter	NR  NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *
8 HOFFMAN ESTATES 220011100RS  3375	FAU1101 - Jones Rd Highland Blvd to IL Route 72 RESURFACING	725,000	03-22-0036 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 725,000 / 543,750 /	CE 1 1 /12/2023	NR		No		2/27/2026	AH CR	NR  No	* NR * * * * * * * * * * *





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17 PALATINE 230011400TL  3450	FAP0305 - Palatine Rd At Rohlwing Rd  INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT WIDENING & RESURFACING	2,871,000	03-22-0033 E1: / / / / E2: FFY26 / STPL / 194,096 / 91,500 / RW: / / / / C: FFY27 / STPL / 2,871,000 / 2,288,000 /	CE 1 7 / 3 / 2025	NR		Yes		11/6/2026	AH CR BLA	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
18 PARK RIDGE 230015500RS  3410	FAU2729 - Dee Rd UPRR to Devon Ave RESURFACING	3,669,434	03-24-0009 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 3,669,434 / 2,752,076 /	CE 1 1 / 17 / 2025	NR		No		9/19/2025 2,778,778	AH CR B & W	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
19 PROSPECT HEIGHT 230005500SW  3475	FAU1290 - Camp McDonald Wheeling Rd to Wolf Rd SIDEWALKS MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	1,767,018	03-23-0019 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STE / 1,767,018 / 1,590,318 /	CE 1 1 / 15 / 2026	NR		No		4/24/2026	AH CR Gewalt	E	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
20 ROLLING MEADOWS 210012600PV  3290	MS6150 - Weber DR Central RD to Algonquin RD RECONSTRUCTION	2,834,400	03-20-0052 E1: / / / / E2: FFY24 / STPL / 241,200 / 99,000 / RW: / / / / C: FFY24 / STPL / 2,834,400 / 1,393,600 /	CE 2 12 / 12 / 2022			Yes	A 12 / 12 / 2022	4/24/2026	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

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21	ROLLING MEADOWS 210012700BR	MS5480 - Meadowbrook Ct Over Salt Creek  BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION	913,000	03-21-0010 E1: FFY24 / BRPP / 183,030 / 145,747 / A / / / / 0 / E2: FFY26 / BRP2 / 158,400 / 126,720 / / / / / RW: / / / / / / / / C: FFY27 / BRP / 913,000 / 730,400 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1 6 /30/2025	NR		Yes		3/26/2027	AH CR ERA	NR	* * * * * * * * * * * *
3433													
22	ROLLING MEADOWS 230013000PV	FAU1300 - Central Road E Frontage Rd to Wilke Rd RECONSTRUCTION	6,505,630	03-22-0039 E1: / / / / / / / / 0 / E2: FFY25 / STPL / 437,500 / 218,750 / / / / / RW: FFY27 / STPL / 90,000 / 45,000 / / / / / / / / / C: FFY28 / STPL / 6,505,630 / 3,040,200 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1 6 /30/2025	NR		Yes		1/1/2028	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* * * * * * * * * * * *
3432													
23	SCHAUMBURG 230014500BT	Var - Various Various  SIDEPATH MODERNIZE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	8,299,630	03-23-0037 E1: / / / / / / / / 0 / E2: FFY25 / STE2 / 813,000 / 335,984 / / / / / RW: / / / / / / / / C: FFY27 / STE / 3,330,047 / 2,997,018 / / STA / 4,969,610 / 3,975,688 / / / / /	CE 1 7 /14/2025	NR		Yes		6/12/2026	AH CR Civiltect	NR	* * * * * * * * * * * *
3431													
24	SCHAUMBURG 230014600PV	MS4029 - Braintree Dr Weathersfield Way to Wise Rd ROUNDAABOUT; RECON MODERNIZE TS; BP; LT	6,103,750	03-24-0013 E1: / / / / / / / / 0 / E2: / / / / / / / / RW: / / / / / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 6,103,750 / 607,919 / / / / / / / / /	CE 1 3 /19/2024	NR		No		2/27/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* * * * * * * * * * * *
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25 SCHAUMBURG 250014901RS  3449	MS4029 - Braintree Dr Schaumburg Rd to Weathersfield Way RESURFACING BIKE PATH	2,882,000	03-22-0032 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 2,882,000 / 2,161,500 /	CE 1 10/9 /2025	NR		No		2/27/2026	AH CR Cviltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
26 SCHAUMBURG 250014902RS  3448	MS4029 - Braintree Dr Bode Rd to Schaumburg Rd RESURFACING BIKE PATH	3,003,000	03-22-0031 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 3,003,000 / 2,252,250 /	CE 1 10/9 /2025	NR		No		2/27/2026	AH CR Civiltech	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
27 SCHAUMBURG 250015300RS  3451	FAU2556 - Walnut Ln Bode Rd to Schaumburg Rd RESURFACING BIKE PATH	3,663,000	03-22-0027 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 3,663,000 / 2,747,250 /	CE 1 10/9 /2025	NR		No	E 4 /15/2026	11/6/2026	AH CR Michael B	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
28 WHEELING 230009500RS  3493	MS2088 - Lexington Dr McHenry Road to Lake Cook Road RESURFACING	708,125	03-26-0005 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: / / / / C: FFY26 / STPL / 708,125 / 566,500 /	CE 1 4 /16/2025	NR		No		6/12/2026	AH CR Chastain	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *

## Illinois Tollway Update

### 2026 Budget

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved a balanced 2026 Budget with \$1.79 billion in revenue allocated to fund maintenance and operations, debt service transfers and capital investments for the 294-mile system.

The 2026 Budget provides more than \$1.31 billion for direct funding and debt service on capital investments, with \$374 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs, along with funding for key projects including:

- \$328.9 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project. 2026 Budget
- \$427.4 million to continue planning and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new the Illinois Route 390 Interchange, as well as providing direct access in and out of O'Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project.

The 2026 Budget approved by the Tollway Board does not include funding for the next capital program or a passenger vehicle toll rate increase in 2026.

The 2026 Budget Book is posted on the Illinois Tollway website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) for public viewing.

### I-PASS Sticker Tags

We'll let you know when the time is right to swap out your old I-PASS transponder for a new I-PASS Sticker Tag.

The Tollway will mail new I-PASS Sticker Tags directly to customers whose old transponders are reaching the end of their battery life.

After receiving the swap letter via U.S. Mail, all customers need to do is activate the new I-PASS Sticker Tag by going online or using the Official Illinois Tollway App and then attach the new sticker tag on the inside windshield of their vehicle.

The transition to I-PASS Sticker Tags is being done in coordination with other E-ZPass agencies and will ensure our customers have continuity in service wherever they travel in the 19 states that use E-ZPass. 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.

Once registered to the account, the I-PASS Sticker Tag will be immediately ready to use on the Illinois Tollway and within 24 hours on the Chicago Skyway and other E-ZPass roadways.

### I-PASS On Demand

Our I-PASS On Demand team is continuing to provide more customer service at events held across the 12 counties served by the Illinois Tollway than ever. We go where our customers are to provide in-person assistance and help with I-PASS, Pay By Plate and toll invoice questions.

See the [I-PASS On Demand Event Calendar](#) to find an event near you!

Illinois Tollway customers can also stop by an I-PASS On Demand event to learn more about the Official Illinois Tollway App to help manage their accounts or pick up I-PASS Sticker Tags to add new vehicles or replace old transponders.

In addition, customers can find out if they qualify for [I-PASS Assist](#), the Illinois Tollway's program helping income-eligible individuals and families realize the benefits of I-PASS.

Are you interested in hosting an event that you'd like our I-PASS On Demand team to attend? Fill out an [I-PASS On Demand Request Form](#).

Our I-PASS On Demand team is ready to help you plan and promote an event to serve your residents.

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 18, 2026

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**Pace Unveils March 2026 Service Upgrades to Boost Regional Mobility**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL** – Earlier today at Pace’s February Board of Directors meeting, staff shared a series of upcoming pilot projects and service changes that will expand transit access, improve regional connectivity, and better align service levels with riders’ needs across northern Illinois. Made possible through the long-term, sustainable funding provided by the Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA), these initiatives support the goals of the NITA Act and reflect Pace’s commitment to enhancing high-demand corridors and strengthening integration with Metra and CTA services.

In total, these service improvements will add 353 new trips systemwide. “These pilot projects reflect Pace’s commitment to delivering responsive, data-driven improvements that meet the needs of our riders,” said Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski. “By strengthening service in high-demand corridors and closing long-standing transit gaps, we are building a more connected, equitable, and accessible regional transit network.”

To meet strong and rising rider demand, Pace is launching several pilot projects that expand service on high-use corridors across the region. Routes 213 (Green Bay Road), 349 (South Western Avenue), and 350 (Sibley Boulevard) will see increased frequency and longer service spans to improve reliability and strengthen connections to Metra, CTA, and other Pace routes.

Along Plainfield Road, Pace will also restore weekday service frequency to pre-pandemic levels on Route 507, adding more weekday trips, longer service hours, and improved transfer opportunities to support workers traveling this vital employment corridor. Following strong ridership growth on Route 755 after its 2024–25 service expansion, Pace will add one new inbound trip and adjust one existing inbound trip to better accommodate higher passenger volumes and maintain a comfortable, reliable experience.

To improve regional mobility in West/Southwest Cook County, Pace will launch a Route 315 pilot that extends service to the CTA Orange Line Midway Station. This project increases service hours and frequency on all operating days, creating faster, more direct access to key destinations such as Morton College and Midway Airport. By enhancing transfer options and reducing travel times, the Route 315 pilot strengthens regional connectivity and expands access for communities with limited north–south transit options.

Additionally, Pace announced the return of the Wrigley Field Express (weekend service) and the Soldier Field Express in 2026. Pace’s Express Service to Events provides direct, affordable transportation from convenient suburban Park-n-Ride locations, where parking is free.

Also of note, Pace, the Village of Niles, and state leaders have finalized a long-term agreement to continue the Niles Free Bus Program, with service set to resume in March or April. The agreement preserves a long-standing community service that connects residents to schools, jobs, medical appointments, shopping centers, and other key destinations throughout Niles. Illinois Senator Ram Villivalam, Illinois Senator Laura Murphy, and Illinois Representative Michael Kelly worked closely with Pace and Village Mayor George Alpogianis to help advance the agreement, praising the collaboration for maintaining an essential mobility resource for local residents.

“We appreciate the strong partnership with the Village of Niles and our legislative leaders in restoring this service. By maintaining the routes residents rely on, we’re ensuring the Niles Free Bus remains a dependable mobility option for years to come,” said Pace Executive Director Melinda Metzger.

Updated schedules will be available on board and online in early March. For more information about Pace service, visit **PaceBus.com**.

***Pace Suburban Bus** safely and efficiently moves people to work, school, and other regional destinations with its family of public transportation services. Pace offers affordable and environmentally responsible transit options for the residents of 274 municipalities in Cook, Will, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry counties. The backbone of Chicago's suburbs, Pace serves tens of thousands of daily riders. One of the largest bus services in North America, Pace covers 3,677 square miles, an area more than 15 times the size of the City of Chicago. Pace's innovative approach to public transportation gives the agency a national reputation as an industry leader.*

## Attend Pace's Hire-on-the-Spot Events

At Pace's Hire-on-the-Spot Events, candidates will complete a pre-employment assessment for professional bus operator (driver) positions and interview with division staff. **Same-day job offers will be made for bus operator positions!**

### Every Thursday at 9:00am or 1:00pm:

(Applicants should plan to attend a three-hour session)

For jobs in Des Plaines, Elgin, Evanston, Melrose Park, or Waukegan,

Attend the Hire-on-the-Spot at Pace Headquarters

**550 W Algonquin Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

For Jobs in Aurora, Bridgeview, Markham, or Plainfield,

Attend the Hire-on-the-Spot at Pace Central Training & Customer Relations Facility

**2107B W 163<sup>rd</sup> Place, Markham, IL 60428**

### Every Weekday (except on Thursdays) between 1:00pm to 3:00pm

At these Pace Divisions, candidates can show up and be interviewed by division staff right on the spot!

**Elgin – 975 S. State St, Elgin**

**Plainfield – 14539 S Depot Dr, Plainfield**

**North Aurora – 400 Overland Dr, Aurora**

**Waukegan – 1400 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Waukegan**

Candidates must complete an application online before an event, bring a valid Illinois driver's license and a Court Purpose DMV or Secretary of State Motor Vehicle Report (MVR or "Driving Record Abstract").

### Working for Pace has many advantages:

- Competitive starting pay
- Paid on-the-job and on-going training
- Promotion from within
- Working close to home
- Excellent health insurance benefits
- Outstanding retirement benefits
- Paid vacation and other paid time off
- Safe, clean work environment

### What to expect at the event:

- Learn directly from Pace staff about rewarding career opportunities.
- Bring your Motor Vehicle Report (also called Driver's Abstract) from the IL Secy of State.
- If you're ready to apply and get interviewed, bus operator candidates can take a 90-minute Customer Service Assessment.
- Get hired right on the spot! Get paid during your training period. Start earning a pay check right away.

**To obtain your Motor Vehicle Report**



**Scan this QR code or visit:  
[apps.ILSoS.gov/DrivingRecord/](https://apps.ILSoS.gov/DrivingRecord/)**

Once obtained, the document can be emailed to: [MVR@PaceBus.com](mailto:MVR@PaceBus.com)

**For more information on job postings**



**Scan this QR code or visit:  
[PaceBus.com/careers](https://PaceBus.com/careers)**

See available jobs and apply online today!

**Pace Locations**

**Pace Headquarters**

550 W. Algonquin Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

**Pace Heritage Division**

14539 S. Depot Dr. Plainfield, IL 60544

**Pace North Shore Division**

2330 Oakton St. Evanston, IL 60202

**Pace River Division**

975 S. State St. Elgin, IL 60123

**Pace South Holland Division**

405 W. Taft Dr. South Holland, IL 60473

**Pace West Division**

3500 W. Lake St. Melrose Park, IL 60160

**Pace Fox Valley Division**

400 Overland Dr. North Aurora, IL 60542

**Pace North Division**

1400 W. 10th St. Waukegan, IL 60085

**Pace Northwest Division**

900 E. Northwest Hwy. Des Plaines, IL 60016

**Pace South Division**

2101 W. 163rd Pl. Markham, IL 60428

**Pace Southwest Division**

9889 S. Industrial Dr. Bridgeview, IL 60455

**Pace Chicago Division**

547 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60661



# Northwest Cook On Demand

Formerly known as **Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows On Demand**

New name and new destinations — Effective March 2, 2026

Pace is pleased to announce that, starting Monday, March 2, 2026, a pilot service expansion of the Northwest Cook On Demand (formerly known as the Arlington Heights-Rolling Meadows On Demand) service will launch!

The current service zone will be doubled in size to serve more riders. The zone will expand west of IL-53 and north of Euclid Avenue, bounded by Palatine Road to the north, Quentin Road to the west, and Algonquin Road to the south. The service name is also changing to reflect the additional communities now served. Additionally, the service will now operate from 6am to 8pm.

Some popular destinations in the expanded zone include:

- Harper College
- Palatine Metra Station
- Palatine Library
- William Fremd High School

The new zone will enhance the area's overall transit network by providing new connections with many Pace routes at the Pace Northwest Transportation Center and Route 234 near Randhurst Village.

Passengers may plan their trips using the [Transit app](#). From there, you can use the [On Demand app](#) to manage your reservations. Passengers may also reserve a trip online at [PaceBus.com/OnDemand](https://PaceBus.com/OnDemand) or by calling [224-803-9277](tel:224-803-9277).

This service expansion is made possible by an Invest in Cook grant from Cook County.

Updated Northwest Cook On Demand brochures dated March 2, 2026 are available online at: [PaceBus.com/OnDemand](https://PaceBus.com/OnDemand) and will soon be available on board buses and by calling Pace Customer Relations at [847-364-7223](tel:847-364-7223), option 3.

For more information, please visit: [PaceBus.com/OnDemand](https://PaceBus.com/OnDemand).



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## Local Government Update

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## February Local Government Update

### **Regional transit ridership continues to grow with 12.3 million more rides in 2025**

Ridership across the Chicago region's transit system continued to increase throughout 2025, according to the latest data from CTA, Metra and Pace. The region's fixed route system finished out the year with a total of 373.5 million rides, adding 12.3 million rides over 2024.

In 2025, CTA rail provided 135.2 million rides, an increase over 2024 of 6 percent. CTA buses provided 184 million rides, a year-over-year increase of 1 percent and the highest post-pandemic recovery rate of all modes at 78 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Overall CTA ridership for 2025 reached 319.2 million, a CTA systemwide increase of 3 percent. Metra saw a year-over-year ridership increase of 8 percent, providing nearly 38 million rides. Pace bus ridership decreased by 3 percent, providing 16.4 million rides, though overall recovery from the pandemic remains strong at 67 percent. Read more on the [RTA website](#).

### **RTA releases semi-annual project management oversight report**

The RTA has released its latest semiannual Project Management Oversight (PMO) report, detailing the status of major capital projects across the Chicago region. These investments are modernizing transit infrastructure, improving accessibility, and supporting more sustainable service for riders.

Under its PMO program, the RTA ensures that the Service Boards—CTA, Metra, and Pace—are spending capital funds responsibly and managing projects efficiently. The PMO program includes oversight of all state-funded transit projects, regardless of budget, and all other projects with budgets of \$10 million or more, regardless of funding source. Project progress information is updated on a quarterly basis on the [Regional Transportation Authority Mapping and Statistics \(RTAMS\) website](#).

The [December PMO report](#) includes 86 active state funded projects that have a total budget of almost \$11.2 billion, including more than \$3 billion in state funding. The report also includes 26 projects with budgets of \$10 million or more, funded




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with mostly federal and other local funds. In total, the report details 112 projects which show a capital investment of over \$15 billion into Chicago's regional transit system. More information and project highlights can be found on the [RTA Connections blog](#).

## RTA Mobility Outreach Program to host fare program training session on February 11

The RTA Mobility Outreach Team travels within the RTA region to provide Group Transit Education Seminars and attend outreach events. These seminars and events are geared towards older adults, people with disabilities, staff and/or parents. The Mobility Outreach Team educates customers about the following topics and more:

- RTA's free Travel Training Program
- Accessibility on CTA, Pace, and Metra
- RTA Fare programs – Ride Free, Reduced Fare, and the Access Pilot Program
- Transit trip planning
- Travel safety tips
- Local transit options – On Demand, Dial-a-Rides, etc.

The RTA Mobility Outreach Team is hosting a group seminar for state legislative offices and municipalities on Wednesday, February 11 at 2 p.m. [Registration is required and available online](#).

Additionally, the RTA partners with sixty (60) plus registration sites to provide regular training on assisting older adults and people with disabilities applying for RTA Fare Permits. To find a list of RTA's Registration Sites and the customer assistance they provide, visit our [Registration Site Locator](#).

For more information about the Mobility Outreach Program or to request a presentation or participation in an outreach event, call [312-913-3167](tel:312-913-3167) or email [mm.outreach@rtachicago.org](mailto:mm.outreach@rtachicago.org).



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## RTA Board prepares for transition to Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA); transition blog series published

The RTA is committed to transparency as it transitions to the new Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA), which will take on new responsibilities, including fare policy, enhanced service coordination, long-term capital planning, and unifying rider-focused tools like mobile ticketing. At the [January RTA Board of Directors meeting](#), staff presented information on key dates and deadlines in the legislation and next steps for transition. The transition will be an ongoing topic at transit agency board meetings throughout the year, which are open to the public and available online ([RTA](#), [CTA](#), [Metra](#), [Pace](#)).

The Agency is also publishing a [series of blogs](#) diving more deeply into the topics addressed by the NITA Act including how to improve frequency and reliability of transit service, how NITA will move toward a unified, seamless fare collection process, how to improve safety on the system, and more. [Subscribe to RTA's twice-a-month Regional Transit Update](#) to stay on top of the latest developments.