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Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Agenda

September 17, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82163786442?pwd=enRTTUk1NFVIZTNIWVlVNmV1WnVRUT09>

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. **Approval of April 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval
- III. **Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors FFY 2021-2025 STP-L Programs (Attachments B & C)**
Staff will provide an update on the development of both councils' STP-L programs and the next steps in their approval processes.
Action Requested: Informational
- IV. **FY 2020-2021 Meeting Dates (Attachment D)**
Staff will present the proposed Transportation Committee meeting dates for FY 2020-2021.
Action Requested: Approval
- V. **FY 2020-2021 Meeting Topics**
Staff requests Committee feedback on potential topics for upcoming meetings.
Action Requested: Discussion
- VI. **Agency Reports**
 - a. **CMAP (Attachment E)**
 - b. **Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**
 - c. **IDOT Highways**
 - d. **Illinois Tollway (Attachment F)**
 - e. **Metra**
 - f. **Pace (Attachment G)**
 - g. **RTA**
- VII. **Other Business**
- VIII. **Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for October 22, 2020, 8:30 a.m. via video conference. Please note that all meetings will be held virtually until further notice.
- IX. **Adjourn**

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Minutes
April 23, 2020
Via Teleconference**

Members Present

Rodney Craig, Mayor, Village of Hanover Park, *Co-Chair*
Joan Frazier, President, Village of Northfield, *Co-Chair*
Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield
Anne Marrin, Village Administrator, Village of Fox Lake (via phone)
Phil Kiraly, Village Manager, Village of Glencoe
Ramesh Kanapareddy, Public Works Director, City of Highland Park
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
William Grossi, Trustee, Village of Mount Prospect
Tom Powers, Village Engineer, Village of Niles
Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, Village of Northbrook
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Peter Falcone, Assistant to the City Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Lara Sanoica, Alderman, City of Rolling Meadows
Karyn Robles, Director of Transportation, Village of Schaumburg

Others Present

Dan Jedrzejak, P.E., Chastain Engineering
Doug Ferguson, Senior Policy Analyst, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cecilia Diaz, Planner, Cook County Dept. of Transportation & Highways
Joe Cwynar, Senior Project Manager, Engineering Enterprises
Lauren Platt, Community Affairs Manager, Illinois Tollway
Rick Mack, Administrator - Community & Legislative Affairs, Metra
Katie Renteria, Community Relations, Metra
Jeremy Glover, Transportation Associate, Metropolitan Planning Council
Audrey Wennink, Director of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Council
Steven Andrews, Community Relations, Pace
Jarrod Cebulski, P.E., Patrick Engineering
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC
Kendra Johnson, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC
Matthew Pasquini, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

President Frazier called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

II. Approval of February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

*Mayor McLeod moved approval of the February 27, 2020 meeting minutes.
President Frazier seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.*

III. Metropolitan Planning Council Presentation

Mr. Glover of the Metropolitan Planning Council presented on the organization's recently released report, "Toward Universal Mobility." Mr. Glover described the current conditions of fragmented mobility options for people with disabilities and reviewed the report's proposals to improve mobility options for the target population.

IV. Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors FFY 2021-2025 STP-L Update

Mr. Pasquini updated the committee that the North Shore Council was presented a preliminary program for FFY 21-25 on April 9. He also reported that the Northwest Council will be presented their preliminary program on April 24. Both councils will be voting to release their programs for June public comment during their May meetings.

V. Transportation Impacts of COVID-19

Ms. Johnson opened discussion to the committee so members can discuss how their agencies have been impacted by COVID-19. Mr. Mack focused on Metra, Pace, and CTA and the drastic declines in ridership and revenues, but added all three agencies received a combined \$1.4 billion from federal stimulus to assist with operating expenses. Additionally, Mr. Mack and Mr. Andrews affirmed their agency's roles in helping open the Illinois economy and discussed steps to help riders return to transit.

VI. Agency Reports

A. CMAP – No report.

B. CCDOTH – Ms. Diaz announced evaluation of Invest in Cook is underway. She also reported that the Rail Trespasser Safety Summit will be postponed.

C. IDOT Highways – No report.

D. Illinois Tollway – Ms. Platt reported that the Tollway has implemented all-electronic tolling to limit COVID-19 spread to customers and employees. Ms. Platt also reported that projects in the NWMC service area are ongoing and that she will have more information to send out following the meeting.

E. Metra – No report as the agency was discussed during the previous agenda item.

F. Pace – No report as the agency was discussed during the previous agenda item.

G. RTA – No report as the agency was discussed during the previous agenda item.

VII. Other Business

No other business.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mayor Craig noted the next meeting would tentatively take place on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference.

IX. Adjourn

Trustee Israel moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. President Frazier seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved

			RECOMMENDED PROGRAM						
Rank	Project	Muni/Lead	Phase		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
				Programmed:	\$9,478,089	\$8,802,085	\$8,322,725	\$7,915,950	\$8,163,132
				Balance:	\$78,038	\$108,129	\$248,950	\$655,725	\$408,543
1	Biesterfield Rd Resurfacing	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE			\$751,410			
2	Tonne Rd @ Devon Ave Resurfacing	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE						\$745,147
3	Kensington Rd Resurfacing	Village of Arlington Heights	CON/CE		\$1,581,300				
4	Meacham Rd Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE			\$1,560,225			
5	Wilke Rd Resurfacing	Village of Arlington Heights	CON/CE				\$2,278,000		
6	Arlington Heights Rd @ Devon Ave Resurfacing	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE						\$917,985
7	Busse Rd @ Landmeier Rd Resurfacing	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE					\$415,050	
8	Jones Rd Resurfacing	Village of Hoffman Estates	CON/CE		\$300,000				
9	Salem Dr Resurfacing	Village of Hoffman Estates	CON/CE		\$165,000				
10	Old Willow Rd Resurfacing	City of Prospect Heights	CON/CE		\$556,169				
11	Weathersfield Way Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE		\$1,155,000				
12	Busse Rd @ Devon Ave Resurfacing	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE				\$430,725		
13	Touhy @ Gross Point Rd Intersection Improvements	Village of Niles	ENG II		\$112,000				
13	Touhy @ Gross Point Rd Intersection Improvements	Village of Niles	CON/CE			\$2,500,000			
14	Tonne Rd - North Reconstruction	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE						\$3,500,000
15	Irving Park Rd Widening & Reconstruction	Village Streamwood	ENG II		\$175,000				
15	Irving Park Rd Widening & Reconstruction	Village Streamwood	ROW			\$175,000			
15	Irving Park Rd Widening & Reconstruction	Village Streamwood	CON/CE				\$3,150,000		
16	Algonquin Rd @ New Wilke Rd Intersection Improvements	City of Rolling Meadows	ENG II		\$152,000				
16	Algonquin Rd @ New Wilke Rd Intersection Improvements	City of Rolling Meadows	ROW			\$35,000			
16	Algonquin Rd @ New Wilke Rd Intersection Improvements	City of Rolling Meadows	CON/CE					\$3,313,000	
17	Park Blvd Resurfacing	Village of Streamwood	CON/CE		\$825,000				
18	Palatine Rd Reconstruction	City of Palatine	ENG II		\$372,000				
18	Palatine Rd Reconstruction	City of Palatine	ROW			\$253,000			
18	Palatine Rd Reconstruction	City of Palatine	CON/CE					\$2,874,500	
19	Barrington Metra Access Road	Village of Barrington	CON/CE		\$1,840,400				
20	Bode Rd Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE			\$1,746,900			
21	National Pkwy Resurfacing (Woodfield to Higgins)	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE			\$399,900			
22	Woodfield Rd Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE						\$3,000,000
23	Rodenburg Rd Corridor Improvements	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE				\$1,600,000		
24	Algonquin Rd @ Hammond Dr Intersection Improvements	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE				\$800,000		
25	Summit Dr Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE		\$1,594,220				
27	Rand Rd-IL 83-Kensington Rd Intersection Improvements	Village of Mount Prospect	ENG II		\$300,000				
27	Rand Rd-IL 83-Kensington Rd Intersection Improvements	Village of Mount Prospect	ROW			\$500,000			
29	Springinsguth Rd Resurfacing	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE			\$880,650			
31	Bernard Dr Reconstruction	Village of Buffalo Grove	ENG II		\$350,000				
32	Weber Dr Reconstruction	City of Rolling Meadows	ENG II				\$64,000		
32	Weber Dr Reconstruction	City of Rolling Meadows	ROW					\$35,000	
32	Weber Dr Reconstruction	City of Rolling Meadows	CON/CE					\$1,278,400	
Contingency Program									
26	Knollwood Dr Reconstruction	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE		\$3,060,000				
27	Rand Rd-IL 83-Kensington Rd Intersection Improvements	Village of Mount Prospect	CON/CE				\$2,700,000		
28	National Pkwy Reconstruction (Golf to Woodfield)	Village of Schaumburg	CON/CE		\$3,500,000				
30	Tonne Rd - South Reconstruction	Village of Elk Grove Village	CON/CE					\$3,500,000	
31	Bernard Dr Reconstruction	Village of Buffalo Grove	CON/CE			\$3,150,000			
				Subtotals	\$6,560,000	\$3,150,000	\$2,700,000	\$3,500,000	\$0
							Total		\$15,910,000

COUNCIL MARKS				
2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$9,556,127	\$8,910,214	\$8,571,675	\$8,571,675	\$8,571,675

FFY=	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)			
ENG II=	Phase II Engineering			
ROW=	Right of Way			
CON/CE=	Construction/Construction Engineering			

STP-L: North Shore Council of Mayors
FFY 2021-2025

Approved by the North Shore Council of Mayors on September 9, 2020

Active Program

FFY 21		FFY 21 Estimated Mark			\$ 4,365,411	
October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021						
Rank	FFY 21 Projects	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Programmed
*	Skokie/Lake Intersection	Wilmette	ENG II	2021	\$ 75,782	\$ 53,048
*	Kenilworth Ave	Kenilworth	CON	Jan-21	\$ 790,870	\$ 514,060
*	Devon Avenue	Lincolnwood	CON	Mar-21	\$ 4,487,980	\$ 2,931,586
1	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	Evanston	ENG II	Apr-21	\$ 408,743	\$ 286,120
2	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Northfield	ENG II	Nov-20	\$ 650,000	\$ 455,000
12	Beckwith Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	ENG II	Aug-21	\$ 70,000	\$ 49,000
13	Gross Point Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	ENG II	Aug-21	\$ 40,000	\$ 28,000
Total FFY 21 Program						\$ 4,316,814
FFY 21 Remaining Balance						\$ 48,597

FFY 22		FFY 22 Estimated Mark			\$ 4,355,692	
October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022						
Rank	FFY 22 Projects	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Programmed
*	Willow Road	Winnetka	ENG II	2022	\$ 563,301	\$ 393,927
*	Gross Point Road	Skokie	CON	2022	\$ 5,633,075	\$ 2,852,000
*	Skokie/Lake Intersection	Wilmette	CON	2022	\$ 1,556,129	\$ 729,422
5	Lawndale Ave, Central Park Ave, Northeast Pkwy	Lincolnwood	CON	Feb-21	\$ 745,000	\$ 380,343
Total FFY 22 Program						\$ 4,355,692
FFY 22 Remaining Balance						\$ -

FFY 23		FFY 23 Estimated Mark			\$ 4,147,282	
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023						
Rank	FFY 23 Projects	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Programmed
*	Austin/Oakton Intersection	Morton Grove	CON	2022	\$ 3,911,560	\$ 2,314,282
2	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Northfield	CON	Sep-22	\$ 7,150,000	\$ 1,833,000
Total FFY 23 Program					\$	4,147,282
FFY 23 Remaining Balance					\$	-

* Indicates project was carried over from previous program
FFY: Federal Fiscal Year

ENG II: Phase 2 Engineering
CON: Construction

FFY 24		FFY 24 Estimated Mark			\$ 4,147,282	
October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024						
Rank	FFY 24 Projects	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Programmed
*	Willow Road	Winnetka	CON	2022	\$ 3,526,156	\$ 2,469,214
3	Chestnut Ave	Glenview	CON	Nov-21	\$ 4,254,950	\$ 1,678,068
Total FFY 24 Program						\$ 4,147,282
FFY 24 Remaining Balance						\$ -

FFY 25		FFY 25 Estimated Mark			\$ 4,147,282	
October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025						
Rank	FFY 25 Projects	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Programmed
1	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	Evanston	CON	Jan-24	\$ 4,577,919	\$ 3,204,543
4	Howard Street Resurfacing	Skokie	CON	Nov-21	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 942,739
Total FFY 25 Program						\$ 4,147,282
FFY 25 Remaining Balance						\$ -

Contingency Program

Rank	Project	Sponsor	Phase	Target	Phase Total	STP Requested
6	Skokie Boulevard Road Resurfacing	Northbrook	CON	Nov-21	\$ 2,283,900	\$ 1,827,120
7	Glenview Rd and Lehigh Ave Roadway & Ped Improvements	Glenview	CON	Sep-22	\$ 4,032,200	\$ 3,225,760
8	Shermer Road Resurfacing	Northbrook	CON	Nov-21	\$ 1,208,450	\$ 966,760
9	Walters Ave Resurfacing	Northbrook	CON	Nov-21	\$ 975,200	\$ 780,160
10	Wilmette Ave	Wilmette	CON	Jan-22	\$ 1,104,300	\$ 883,440
11	Shermer Road STP Improvements	Glenview	CON	Nov-21	\$ 2,983,550	\$ 2,386,840
12	Beckwith Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	CON	Mar-22	\$ 1,910,000	\$ 622,000
13	Gross Point Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	CON	Mar-22	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 770,000
14	Harlem Avenue Resurfacing	Morton Grove	ENG II	Aug-21	\$ 60,000	\$ 42,000
14	Harlem Avenue Resurfacing	Morton Grove	CON	Mar-22	\$ 1,540,000	\$ 1,078,000
15	Shermer Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	ENG II	Aug-21	\$ 60,000	\$ 42,000
15	Shermer Road Resurfacing	Morton Grove	CON	Mar-22	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 980,000
16	Central Avenue Resurfacing	Morton Grove	ENG II	Aug-21	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,000
16	Central Avenue Resurfacing	Morton Grove	CON	Mar-22	\$ 700,000	\$ 511,000

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TO: NWMC Transportation Committee

FROM: Kendra Johnson, Program Associate for Transportation
Matt Pasquini, Program Associate for Transportation

DATE: September 17, 2020

RE: NWMC Transportation Committee Meeting Dates for 2020-2021

Below are the NWMC monthly Transportation Committee meeting dates for 2020-2021. All meetings will be held at NWMC Offices at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700 in Des Plaines.

Thursday	September 17, 2020	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	October 22, 2020	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	December 3, 2020	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	January 28, 2021	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	February 25, 2021	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	March 25, 2021	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	April 22, 2021	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices
Thursday	May 27, 2021	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices

CMAQ Updates – September 8, 2020**CMAQ News**

In accordance with the stay at home order, the CMAQ office remains closed for the foreseeable future, but [staff](#) are working remotely and are available via email and telephone. [CMAQ committee meetings](#) continue to be conducted virtually.

For general questions, you can send an email through our [contact form](#) and remember to stay up-to-date by subscribing to CMAQ's Weekly Update emails or [viewing online](#).

COVID-19 Response and Resources

CMAQ wants to keep you updated on COVID-19 impacts to the region. Each week, we will bring you more information and analysis to help shape decision making. You can find previous analyses on our [COVID-19 Response](#) page, as well as a [list of resources](#) to aid our partners in this uncertain time.

Meeting recordings available

Did you miss a CMAQ committee meeting? You can now watch recordings of public meetings since June. CMAQ will continue to post the recordings for all public committee meetings going forward. You can find them linked on each [committee page](#).

Illinois at risk of a census undercount, especially in communities of color

Our region is behind in our 2020 Census response, and the U.S. Census Bureau is ending field data collection on September 30, 2020 — a month early. CMAQ just published [analysis](#) detailing northeastern Illinois' risk of a census undercount, especially in communities of color, and the potential loss of critical federal resources to municipalities.

To increase our census count by September 30th, we are asking all of our region's 284 municipalities to share the effects of an undercount and encourage your networks to fill out the census. To assist with this effort, CMAQ has created this [social media toolkit](#), and we are asking you to use it as a resource to encourage a complete count in your community.

Program Status Updates**Surface Transportation Program – Local (STP-L)**

The region has obligated over \$102 million in STP-L thus far in FFY 20 and remains on target to obligate the remaining FFY20 STP-L allotment by mid-September. Questions regarding specific projects should be discussed with your planning liaison.

Staff Contact: [Russell Pietrowiak](#) (312-386-8798)

Surface Transportation Program – Shared Fund (STP-SF)

The STP Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting schedule has been revised. New meeting dates are:

Meeting Date (Thursdays)	Topics*
July 16, 9:30 am (virtual)	Bike/ped and transit
August 6, 9:30 am (virtual)	Truck routes, bridges, freight, and planning factor weights
September 3, 9:30 am	Safety projects, adjustments based on prior discussions, partial funding, council bonus points
September 24, 9:30 am	Draft application booklet and program development schedule
October 29, 9:30 am	Final application materials and schedule

*Subject to adjustment

Meeting materials, including login information for virtual meetings, will be posted one week prior to the meeting dates on the [committee meeting materials](#) web page. You can also watch recordings of past meetings [here](#).

Active program management of the STP-SF programs is continuing. Program status reports, based on the June quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#). September quarterly updates are due by September 30, 2020 to transportation@cmmap.illinois.gov.

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

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP)

Projects requiring cost, schedule or scope changes for the March letting should submit requests no later than October 15, 2020 for consideration at the October 29, 2020 Project Selection Committee meeting.

CMAQ & TAP project change requests due	CMAQ & TAP Project Selection Committee	Transportation Committee	IDOT construction lettings
10/15/20	10/29/20	12/11/20	March 2021

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

Calls for Projects

CL2020-14 Illinois Special Bridge Program FY2026

IDOT intends to add a [FY 2026 local increment](#) to the Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP). Funding is for existing local and state major highway bridges that meet STP-Bridge eligibility. The project cost must total a minimum of \$1,000,000, however only the construction and construction engineering cost will be eligible for funding from the Special Bridge Program. Applications are due by **October 6, 2020** and selected projects will be released with IDOT's proposed FY 2022 – 2027 Highway Improvement Program in the spring of 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Kos at (217) 785-5178 or Melinda.Kos@illinois.gov.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Approximately \$105 million in federal and state funding will be awarded in the next ITEP cycle. The call for projects will be open from **August 21 to November 2, 2020**, with awards expected to be announced in March 2021. The maximum per-project award is \$2 million. A minimum 20% local match is required for engineering and construction phases and 50% for right-of-way and easement acquisition, unless the applicant qualifies for state matching funds based on high-need criteria. At least 25% of projects funded will be directed toward projects in high-need communities and the local matching funds required shall be determined based on a sliding scale based on the Community Map score. Additional information is available in the [NOFO](#) and on IDOT's [ITEP web page](#).

The Active Transportation Alliance, in partnership with the Illinois Public Health Institute held the second of three webinars to assist communities with preparing ITEP applications. If you missed it, you can view a [recording](#) and download the [presentation slides](#). The remaining webinar is:

Webinar 3: Final Guidance/Q&A on Project Proposals - Wednesday, Oct 21. [Register here](#).

2020 – 2022 Urban & Community Forestry Grants

The Morton Arboretum is administering a [grant program](#) to offer urban and community forestry grants of \$3,500 to \$20,000 to municipalities, tribal governments, park districts, counties, and other units of local government in Illinois. Awardees are required to provide a 100% cash or in-kind match to their grant funds. This grant provides funds for an inventory of public trees and an accompanying urban forestry management plan. For this cycle, there are no funds available for tree planting. However, tree planting may be used as match with some limitations, as noted in the [Request for Proposals](#). Municipalities are required to pass a tree preservation / protection ordinance before the end of the grant period and assistance to complete this requirement will be provided by The Morton Arboretum at no charge. Applications are due **Friday, September 25th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** and the grant period ends Monday, August 1, 2022. See the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) website for [more details](#).

IDNR Boat Access Area Development Program Grants

The [Boat Access Area Development \(BAAD\) Program](#) is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public boat and canoe access areas in Illinois. The program can provide up to 100 percent reimbursement funding assistance on approved development project costs and 90 percent reimbursement on land acquisition costs. The local agency must demonstrate and possess the ability to finance the costs of an approved project prior to receipt of grant funds. This program is funded through a percentage of the state's marine motor fuel tax and registration fees.

The program is managed in Illinois by the IDNR and applications must be submitted to the IDNR by 5:00 p.m. on **Oct. 2, 2020**. More information is available in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), on the [IDNR website](#) or by calling the IDNR Grants main line at 217-782-7481.

IDNR Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund (STEF) Grant Program

The [STEF grant program](#) is offered annually and provides financial assistance up to 100 percent of eligible development/rehabilitation and equipment costs incurred by a local agency for approved projects that benefit public snowmobiling opportunities. The primary purpose is to provide financial aid to eligible private, not-for-profit snowmobile clubs to construct, maintain and rehabilitate snowmobile trails and facilities on public lands, designated roadways, or private land opened to such use in the state. STEF is a state-financed program with funds derived from snowmobile registration fees.

The program is managed in Illinois by the IDNR and applications must be submitted to the IDNR by 5:00 p.m. on **Oct. 1, 2020**. More information is available in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#), on the [IDNR website](#) or by calling the IDNR Grants main line at 217-782-7481.

DECO grants to Support Local Governments in Infrastructure and Economic Development Projects

The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) issued NOFOs for several [Rebuild Illinois Programs](#).

CMAP Products and Data

Reimagining an economic recovery with a low-carbon future

The pandemic presents a rare opportunity for policymakers not only to stabilize the economy in the near future, but transform it in a sustainable way. Read our latest [policy update](#) on why an infusion of public funding, combined with a comprehensive policy approach at the federal and state levels, could lead us through the ongoing climate crisis.

Why we must address housing vacancies even during a pandemic

Even in times of crisis, municipalities in northeastern Illinois have numerous tools at their disposal to combat residential vacancies. CMAP's latest [policy update](#) details the different ways to prevent a cycle of disinvestment and abandonment, even as the pandemic's effect on the housing market remains unclear.

Marginalized communities — especially Black communities — deserve equitable investments

Planners have long been complicit in reinforcing inequities for residents with low incomes and people of color, especially Black people. Through housing policy, zoning codes, transportation planning, urban renewal, and more, planners have embedded racism into the built environment. Despite important reforms, many members of marginalized communities still face barriers to quality housing, education, employment, and health. [Learn more](#) about these barriers, and what CMAP is doing to address them.

CMAP's Cohorts tool can help groups apply equity lens to funding decisions

As the pandemic continues to expose long-standing disinvestment in communities of color and low-income communities, CMAP's partners have begun using our data-driven Community Cohorts evaluation tool to create their own equitable funding formulas. Cook County recently adapted the tool when deciding how to distribute \$51 million in federal coronavirus relief funding to suburban communities. [Read more](#) on how Community Cohorts can help ensure equitable decision-making.

Community Data Snapshots updated

Updated [Community Data Snapshots](#) are now available for all municipalities, counties, and Chicago Community Areas in the CMAP region. The Community Data Snapshots are a series of data profiles that feature demographic, housing, transportation, employment, land use, and water data from multiple sources. The data used in the snapshots are publicly available on the [CMAP Data Hub](#).

Five ways to use CMAP's water data

CMAP recently released first-of-its-kind [water data](#) for northeastern Illinois. In partnership with Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, we developed data showing past water use, forecasted demand, and water and sewer rates. Watch [this video](#) to learn five ways your community can use this data, and where you can find it.

ON TO 2050 indicators dashboard and data

Since the adoption of ON TO 2050, CMAP has continued to track the many indicators chosen to measure progress toward the implementation of the plan's recommendations. Now, CMAP's new [dashboard website](#) provides an up-to-date snapshot of the trends for each indicator. Additionally, anyone interested in viewing or using the raw data can find it on our [GitHub page](#), which we will update continually over the life of the plan.

Public Input Opportunities

Submit your thoughts on the future of housing in Illinois

The Illinois Housing Development Authority is looking for feedback on a new statewide plan for housing and community development called the Housing Blueprint.

They're asking Illinois residents to share their hopes for the future through an online survey. The survey contains six sections that ask questions surrounding communities' assets and needs. To complete the survey, visit the [Housing Blueprint's website](#).

From our partners

New video demonstrates potential of Red Line extension

The Chicago Transit Authority released a [video](#) about a project to extend the Red Line south from 95th Street to 130th Street. We identified the [Red Line extension](#) as a [regionally significant project](#) in our comprehensive plan, ON TO 2050. The project is relatively cost-effective at increasing ridership, and it has a high benefit to low-income and communities of color by improving access to jobs and reducing travel times. The Red Line extension is an opportunity to prioritize equity and contribute to future economic growth of the region. Learn more on the project's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

IDOT FY 2021-2026 Proposed Highway Improvement Program released

IDOT's [Multi-Year Improvement Program](#) (MYP) provides Illinoisans and IDOT stakeholders with an improvement plan for Illinois' transportation system within a proposed six-year program. IDOT understands that the department needs to look at a full range of transportation options, evaluate how they affect mobility for users, assess the current infrastructure, prioritize needed improvements based on system performance metrics and then, with available revenue sources, strive to integrate them into the overall IDOT transportation strategy. View the FY 2021 – 2026 MYP [here](#).

RTA launches online dashboard showing COVID-19 effects on transit network

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has launched a new [online dashboard](#) with information about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region's transit network. The dashboard includes ridership data, service changes, and financial information including farebox revenue and sales tax receipts for recent months. Each dataset will be updated as the RTA receives new information throughout the ongoing crisis and recovery.

NACTO Releases *Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery Guide*

[Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery](#) compiles emerging practices from around the world and includes implementation resources for cities and their partners. Recognizing the rapidly changing nature of this pandemic, Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery will be revised and expanded to include new strategies, address changing conditions, and provide the best possible information on each design practice.

Training Opportunities

Ride Illinois Bike Summit

(Online) Illinois Bike Summit – **Tuesday, September 15**

Remotely learn about bicycle infrastructure, programs, grants, and much more. Also, Sept. 14 in-depth (online) training on infrastructure and IDOT policies. 9+ total PDH/CM credits available. More info and registration at www.illinoisbikesummit.org.

TC3 Free Online Training Modules

Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TC3) is offering free online training modules when using the below promotional code. Courses are developed using a Core Curriculum Matrix model that focuses on six technical categories: construction, employee development, maintenance, materials, pavement preservation, and traffic and safety. Each category is divided into four skill levels that define a career progression, from entry level (Level I) through management and administrative (Level IV).

Additionally, more than 90 percent of the courses also qualify for professional development hours (PDHs) that can contribute to continuing education and licensure renewal. A certificate will be earned for any completed course.

To get started:

- Create an AASHTO account login at <https://register.transportation.org>
- Select Register. Then you must enter your agency email address.
- After registration is complete, you will have unlimited access to the curriculum.
- To browse and gain access to the TC3 course offerings, go to <https://tc3.transportation.org/>
- Use promotion code: D5X3-B3D9-52CB-4XCX
- For additional help, watch this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/NcFONY2R78s>

National Highway Institute (NHI) Web-based Training

The NHI has no-cost trainings available that are recommended for engineers and construction workers. These includes topics such as such as Introduction to Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges, Chip Seal Best Practices, Pipe Installation, Inspection, and Quality, Introduction to a Transportation Asset Management Plan and Hot In-Place Recycling. To browse courses and register visit <http://bit.ly/nhitraining> and enter your government email.

**Northwest Municipal Conference
IL Tollway – September Updates
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Safety

It's a danger that can happen to any driver - your car stalls or you get into an accident and your instincts tell you to get to safety. In traffic on a high-speed roadway, that's not outside your car. The Illinois Tollway is reminding drivers to stay in your car, activate your hazard lights and dial *999 for assistance.

Operations during COVID-19

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors has continued to meet virtually each month to keep all business and construction activity moving and, as well as to advance significant tolling reforms reflecting their efforts to modernize our approach to unpaid tolls.

Services

In an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in the region, the Illinois Tollway continues to implement all-electronic tolling as a precaution to limit the potential spread of coronavirus to customers, as well as Tollway employees.

Mainline toll plazas, automatic toll payment machines and in-person customer service centers are currently offline. Toll collection is currently handled via I-PASS, E-ZPass and through the Tollway's website. The Tollway Customer Service Call Center is operational and assisting customers.

Traffic

Early in the year, pre-COVID-19 Tollway toll transaction rates were up year-over-year, but during the heart of the pandemic, transactions were off projected totals by 55-60 percent for passenger vehicles and off 15-20 percent for commercial vehicles.

As of August, commercial volume has somewhat stabilized nearly back to pre-COVID levels, while passenger traffic has also rebounded but is still volatile, about 20% below projections.

Employment

The Illinois Tollway values the diversity of its workforce and continually strives to improve access to employment opportunities. To ensure we are capable of continuing to provide service to our customers, the Illinois Tollway is advertising and hiring new employees for a variety of positions.

To find out about job openings visit the Careers section on the Tollway's website or go directly to our postings on the NeoGov website at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/illinoistollway.

Reform and Relief

In an effort to realign the way customers interact with the Illinois Tollway, the agency has launched the first in a series of improvements to ensure the Illinois Tollway system works for everyone. *The TOLLING 2020* package includes:

- Vehicle owners across all vehicle classes will now receive an invoice for unpaid tolls with an initial fee that better aligns with the underlying tolls associated with the class of vehicle. Passenger vehicles will see an 85 percent reduction in initial costs, with a \$3 invoice fee, rather than a \$20 fine for each unpaid toll.

- As of July, toll violation fines in existing notices prior to March 9, 2020, have been reduced to \$3 across the board through the end of the year to provide customers an opportunity to pay their fines at a significantly reduced rate. This includes anyone previously sent to collections for outstanding toll violations.

More information and assistance for customers is available on the Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com.

Construction

The Tollway is proceeding with all construction projects as well as roadway maintenance and repair work systemwide. With safety as a top priority, the agency has worked closely with contractors to ensure the proper safety precautions have been taken to protect workers engaged in outdoor construction activities along our system.

Tollway contractors and consultants continuing their work are always required to have comprehensive safety plans in place, and those plans have been updated to account for the safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Something new to highlight - A Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project Virtual Open House is now available on the Tollway's website to share 2020 construction information, as well as highlight key features and provide an overview of the \$4 billion project's benefits and improvements safely and conveniently with the public. The Virtual Open House offers the opportunity "walk through" a room to view informational displays, maps, construction cameras and videos highlighting work currently underway and throughout the duration of construction.

Northwest construction projects:

- I-490 Tollway Project includes interchange construction for ramps to westbound I-90, the I-490 bridge that will carry traffic over the Touhy Avenue Reservoir and collector-distributor roads along I-90.
- Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project mainline roadway construction and widening continues between the O'Hare Oasis and North Avenue. Additional bridge sewer and ramp work is underway throughout the rest of the corridor to prepare for mainline work.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 7, 2020

Pace Welcomes New Board Member, Hoffman Estate's Mayor William D. McLeod

McLeod fills Northwest Suburban Cook County seat left vacant by Al Larson's retirement

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL – On August 1, former President of the Village of Schaumburg Al Larson, retired from the Pace Board of Directors after 20 years of service to the public transportation agency. Larson served Schaumburg as Village President from 1987 to 2019 and has held many roles as a public servant, including President of the Northwest Municipal Conference, Vice President of the Illinois Municipal League, and a Board Member for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

On Wednesday, July 29, the Cook County Suburban Caucus held a virtual meeting and appointed Mayor William McLeod of Hoffman Estates to replace Al Larson. McLeod was elected to the office of Mayor in April 2001, after serving as Acting Mayor from September 2000 and Village Trustee since 1980. During his tenure, Mayor McLeod has dedicated himself to the growth and sustainability of Hoffman Estates in the areas of economic development and business retention, housing, infrastructure, and transportation. He helped spearhead and guide the development of the highly visible Barrington Interchange, which is home Illinois' first in-line (on-highway) bus station and Pace's I-90 / Barrington Road Park-n-Ride.

"We are grateful for Al Larson's many years of dedicated service. He was Schaumburg's biggest supporter and was an integral part of Pace's leadership team," said Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski. "Mayor McLeod is a welcome addition to our Board. His partnership was key in the success of Pace's I-90 Market Expansion project and I look forward to seeing what else we'll achieve together."

The Illinois statute that established the regional transit structure dictates that Pace's Board is to be comprised of 13 members, all of whom are current or former mayors with the exception of the City of Chicago's Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, who serves on an ex-officio basis but has full voting rights. Each member represents a defined territory within Cook County or one of the five collar counties.



June 19, 2020

Dear Pace Passenger,

As we continue with the phased and cautious reopening of our region, we recognize our responsibility to operate safely, serve a critical public need, and communicate transparently.

Our priority remains the safety of our passengers and personnel. Pace is a vital service that provides crucial transportation access for the communities we serve, including transportation for many essential workers traveling to and from their places of employment. We take that responsibility seriously and will continue do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Effective 12:01 a.m. on Monday, June 22, we will end our temporary suspension of fare collection and return to front door boarding only. Riders will be required to pay fares on all Pace bus routes, On Demand services, Dial-a-Rides, and ADA Paratransit services. To support efforts to continue to schedule single-passenger ADA Paratransit trips as ridership allows, we will waive fares on City of Chicago Taxi Access Program (TAP) trips until further notice. Fares for medical personnel continue to be waived as well.

All service suspensions remain in effect. We will monitor demand and be prepared to reintroduce services as resources allow and people return to work and regular activities.

We will continue to:

- Prioritize the safety of our passengers and personnel
- Deep clean and sanitize vehicles daily
- Clean high touch surfaces throughout the day
- Provide operators with PPE
- Limit seating where possible to encourage social distancing
- Keep indoor spaces closed
- Limit on board passengers and add extra vehicles to routes as we are able
- Temporarily waive TAP fares and fares for medical personnel

Please do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus):

- Wear a facemask on Pace buses (per **Executive Order 2020-32**)
- Wash your hands, cover your cough, don't touch your face, and stay home if you are sick
- Give operators and other riders space; board and take your seat promptly

- Reconsider unnecessary travel
- Use your Ventra Card to pay fares quickly and limit crowding at the front of the bus
- Check if service is running regularly on your route
- Ride with a personal care attendant if you need physical assistance
- Please exit through the rear door whenever possible

As the situation develops, Pace's response may change. Passengers should sign up for email alerts about the services they use at [PaceBus.com](https://www.pacebus.com). More information about Pace's response to COVID-19 is available at [PaceBus.com/Health](https://www.pacebus.com/Health).

We're ready when you are.

Sincerely,

Rocky Donahue
Executive Director
Pace Suburban Bus