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Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Agenda

**Thursday, September 29, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices and Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84475362160?pwd=a1pHMFJaVjJ2MC9BRDRnY0FnMmRvQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 7536 2160

Passcode: TC092922

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- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approval
- III. Agency Reports**
 - a. CMAP (Attachment B)**
 - b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**
 - c. IDOT Highways (available upon request)**
 - d. Illinois Tollway (Attachment C)**
 - e. Metra (Attachment D)**
 - f. Pace (Attachment E)**
 - g. RTA (Attachment F)**
- IV. CMAP Local Match and Leveraging Federal Transportation Funding (Attachment G)**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Principal Jane Grover will give a presentation on connecting the local match to leveraging federal funding, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

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

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.
- VII. Adjourn**

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**NWMC Transportation Committee
NWMC Offices and via Zoom Video Conference
Thursday, May 26, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair
Rod Craig, Mayor, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Darren Monico, Village Engineer, Village of Buffalo Grove
Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield
Eric Heiker, Engineer, City of Des Plaines
Jeff Brady, Director of Community Development, Village of Glenview
Ramesh Kanapareddy, Public Works, City of Highland Park
Matt Lawrie, Engineer, Village of Mount Prospect
Tom Powers, Village Engineer, Village of Niles
Matt Farmer, Village Engineer, Village of Northbrook
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Lou Arrigoni, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Park Ridge
Peter Falcone, Assistant Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Dan Kaup, Public Works, Village of Wheeling
Jon Sfondilis, Village Manager, Village of Wheeling

Others Present

Tavis Farmer, Program Development, IDOT
Jane Grover, Communications & Outreach, CMAP
Cecilia Diaz, Transportation Planner, CCDOTH
Katie Renteria, Community Relations Representative, Metra
Rick Mack, Community Affairs Administrator, Metra
Thomas Gill, President, Thomas Engineering Group
Michael Lysicatos, Village of Schaumburg
Dan Jedrzejak, Chastain & Associates LLC
Steven Andrews, Pace
Howard Killian, Engineering resource Associates
Kelsey Passi, Community Relations Corridor Manager, Illinois Tollway
Daniel Knickelbein, Transportation Planner, TranSystems
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC
Kendra Johnson, Program Manager for Transportation, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of April 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Benton moved approval of the April 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Mayor McLeod seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports

- A. **CMAP** – Provided written report.
- B. **CCDOH** – Ms. Diaz announced that the 2022 highway construction project map is now available to be viewed.
- C. **IDOT Highways** – Mr. Farmer gave the committee an update on projects that were on the April Letting.
- D. **Illinois Tollway** – Ms. Passi reminded the committee that drivers can continue to use EZ-Pass, I-Pass, or pay online. She updated the committee on Tollway construction projects.
- E. **Metra** – Ms. Renteria reported that ridership had been increasing at a faster rate than Metra they had expected. She also brought up schedule changes that went into effect April 25, on the Union Pacific Northwest line. A few additional changes to that new schedule will go into effect Tuesday, May 31.
- F. **Pace** – Mr. Andrews reported that Pace will be reducing the fare charged for some passes. The Pace plus bus pass will be discontinued because it's duplicative of the Metra Linkup pass. He also announced that the part time van pool will receive a fare reduction as well.
- G. **RTA** – Provided written report.

IV. **On TO 2050 Plan Update**

Ms. Grover gave an update to the committee on the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) ON TO 2050 Plan. She reviewed the technical aspects of the plan that are being updated which include: Travel Model Data Update; Socio-economic Forecast; Federal Targets & System Performance Report; Indicators Update; Financial Plan for Transportation; TIP Update; Conformity Analysis Update; Regionally Significant Projects Evaluation; Public & Stakeholder Engagement; and Plan Update Publication. These updates will be under consideration at the October CMAP Board meeting. She also provided a map of regionally significant projects that were submitted for the plan update.

V. **Meeting Dates for 2022-2023**

Staff presented the proposed meeting dates for the 2022-2023 Transportation Committee. There were no conflicts with schedule brought up during the meeting.

VI. **Other Business**

Trustee Israel spoke on how the Village of Northbrook developed and adopted a climate action plan.

Kendra Johnson asked the committee if anyone had heard of a memorandum for medium and heavy duty electric vehicles. No one had heard of it at the time.

VII. **Next Meeting**

Mayor Craig announced the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via video conference.

VIII. Adjourn

Trustee Israel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Trustee Benton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CMAP Updates – September 19, 2022

CMAP News

The CMAP office is now open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. [CMAP committee meetings](#) may be held in-person or virtually, depending on the unique situations and requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that apply to each committee. Meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings can now be found on [CMAP's Legistar page](#). For general questions, you can send an email through our [contact form](#). You can also subscribe to updates from CMAP on transportation, the economy, climate and more [here](#).

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several positions: a [Director of Transportation](#), [Senior/Research Analyst](#), and [Associate Analyst/Modeler](#) in the Research Analysis & Programming division; a [Deputy](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Division; two [Senior Planners \(ADA\)](#) and two [Associate Planners \(ADA\)](#) in the Planning Division; and an [Accounting Associate](#) in the Finance and Administration Division. CMAP is also hiring for several Program Lead positions, including: [Climate, Air Quality and Water Resources](#), [Data Science Program](#), [MPO Active Project Management](#), and [Safe and Complete Streets](#). Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job and internship opportunities.

IIJA resources for communities

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

Improving Accessibility in the Region

CMAP has launched a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. A new [CMAP webpage](#) provides communities and partners with essential information about improving accessibility and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and advance notice of upcoming CMAP trainings and other information.

Program Status Updates

CRRSAA Program

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act included a local government component that resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. In the fall of 2021, the STP Project Selection Committee and local councils of mayors selected [33 individual project phases](#) to be fully or partially funded with CRRSAA funding. The [Regional CRRSAA Program Status Report](#) and [Regional CRRSAA Accounting Summary](#) were updated in July 2022.

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

Surface Transportation Program

An [STP Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on September 1, 2022. [Meeting Materials](#) were posted on CMAP's Legistar page. The next meeting is **November 3, 2022**. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

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

CMAP Updates – September 19, 2022

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

The latest CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on September 1, 2022, and the committee's next meeting is scheduled for **November 3, 2022**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting change requests for CMAQ or TAP-L funded projects can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

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

Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAP is in the process of expanding the agency's safety work to become the Safe and Complete Streets program. This program will increase the capacity and work related to improving the region's traffic safety environment. It will continue and build on the work of the Safety Action Agenda and align the effort with new federal funding opportunities including: the development of policy related to speed management, bicycle and pedestrian safety; the creation of safety action plans for qualifying local partners, the dedication of resources to planning and implementing complete streets projects and the creation of data resources for partners to better address safety. The Safety group is also developing a regionally coordinated application for the US DOT's Safe Streets for All program, which would fund the development of county-wide Safety Action Plans and position our local partners for implementation funding in the future. We will be sharing more information about the new program this fall.

Staff Contact: [Victoria Barrett](#) (312-386-8641)

CMAP Products and Data

Community Data Snapshots

CMAP has refreshed its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with updated 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) data, and employment and tax base tables. These data-rich snapshots — one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

From Our Partners

IDOT accepting electronic signatures on Bureau of Local Roads forms

On August 19, 2022 IDOT issued [circular letter 2022-21](#) announcing updates to more than twenty local roads forms to accommodate the use of electronic signatures. A list of the affected forms and instructions for electronically signing forms is included in the circular letter.

Updated PPI Form

The IDOT District 1 PPI form, PI0004, has been updated as of August 31, 2022 and can be found on the [IDOT website](#) under 'Forms' and 'District 1.' Any PPIs submitted on the old form after September 1, 2022 will be returned for revisions.

IDOT releases the FY 2023-2028 Multi-Year Program

On Friday, August 12, IDOT released the [FY 2023-2028 Proposed Highway Program](#), which includes \$34.6 billion to improve roads, bridges, transit, rail, airports, and ports over the next six years. The program aims to improve 2,562 miles of roads and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck. This funding represents a robust commitment to invest in people and communities backed by the historic Rebuild Illinois capital program. Read the press release [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

IDOT is accepting applications for the latest cycle of ITEP funding. The funding cycle is the largest ever because of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, and it dedicates resources to communities with the greatest needs. Eligible projects include biking and walking paths, trails, streetscape beautification, and other improvements designed to encourage safer travel. Applications are due **September 30, 2022**. Visit the [ITEP resource page](#) to learn more. The Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Public Health Institute, in partnership with IDOT, hosted a 3-part webinar series to help communities apply for funding. Recordings of the webinars are available [here](#).

Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Discretionary Grant Program

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is accepting applications for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program. Eligible projects include grade separation or closure as well as improvements or installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other related systems. Applications for planning, environmental review, and design will also be accepted. The FRA will not award grants for less than \$1,000,000, except for planning projects. No more than 20% of the funds can be awarded in any state. Applications are due **October 4, 2022**. IDOT also issued [Circular Letter 2022-19](#) providing more information about this program. Questions can be directed to Douglas Gascon, douglas.gascon@dot.gov.

Illinois Special Bridge Program, State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2028 Notice of Funding Opportunity

On August 30, 2022, IDOT issued [circular letter 2022-22](#) announcing the SFY 2028 notice of funding opportunity for the Special Bridge Program. Funding is for existing structures that meet STP-Bridge eligibility, not for constructing new structures. In addition, the structure must carry a highway. Only the construction and construction engineering cost will be eligible for funding, and the federal share is 80 percent of the eligible cost. The application, PRO 2171, is available on the [IDOT website](#) under “Programming.” Applications are due to the appropriate District Local Roads office by **October 11th, 2022**. Questions should be directed to Melinda Kos at (217) 785 - 5178 or Melinda.Kos@illinois.gov.

U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

U.S. DOT is accepting applications for the [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#) (RCP). Funds for the FY 2022 RCP Program will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. Information to register and view recordings from the series of RCP webinars is available [here](#). Applications are due by **October 13, 2022**. IDOT also issued [Circular Letter 2022-18](#) about this program.

Other News

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) replaces DUNS Number

In April 2022, the federal government stopped using the DUNS Number to uniquely identify entities and is now using the Unique Entity ID (UEI) created in SAM.gov. Entities, such as local governments, previously registered in SAM.gov already have an UEI assigned that is viewable when you sign in to your SAM.gov account. More information is available from the U.S. General Services Administration [here](#) and in IDOT [Circular Letter 2022-10](#).

Federally Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders: September 2022

September 2022

9/12/2022

Final agreements due to IDOT District 1 for construction phases of projects targeting the November state letting.

Final ROW documents due to IDOT District 1 Bureau of Land Acquisition for projects requiring ROW and targeting the November state letting.

9/14/2022

If needed, ROW must be certified by the IDOT Bureau of Land Acquisition for construction phases of projects targeting the November state letting

9/30/2022

Pre-final plans due to IDOT District 1 for construction phases of projects targeting the March 2023 state letting.

9/30/2022

Quarterly status updates are due for all projects funded with STP-L, STP-SF, CRRSAA-L, CRRSAA-SF, CMAQ, and/or TAP-L projects, all STP-L, STP-SF, and/or CRRSAA-L contingency projects, and all deferred CMAQ or TAP-L projects.

Other recommended actions in September

As the end of the federal fiscal year approaches, planning liaisons will be reaching out to local project sponsors to confirm the status of all projects that should continue to be included in the CMAP TIP. Sponsors should inform the planning liaisons of changes to project information such as scope, schedule, or funding that needs to be updated in the CMAP TIP. To view current project information, visit etip.cmap.illinois.gov, and used the Advanced Search tab to locate your projects.

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This information is compiled from these official sources:

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

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



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 26, 2022

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY WELCOMES CASSAUNDRAS ROUSE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway today announced the promotion of Cassaundra Rouse to Executive Director. Rouse is a longtime veteran of the agency, most recently serving as the agency's Chief Operating Officer.

"I'm pleased to announce that Cassaundra Rouse will be serving as the Tollway's Executive Director," said Illinois Tollway Board Chair Dorothy Abreu. "Cassaundra's prior experience in audit and compliance, as well as her longstanding experience in other leadership roles at the Illinois Tollway, will allow her to hit the ground running as Executive Director. "I also want to thank Lanyea Griffin for her long-standing Tollway service, especially during this time of transition."

Rouse has over a decade of experience at the Illinois Tollway, focusing on the execution and monitoring of agency objectives, policies, guidelines and programs while ensuring that the goals and objectives of the agency are addressed. She previously served as the Illinois Tollway's Chief Strategy and Implementation Officer, where she led efforts to develop new ways to drive innovation to successfully prepare the agency for the future.

"I'm excited to have the opportunity to help drive the continued success of the agency as Executive Director and continuing to work with the dedicated and professional team of transportation personnel who everyday push the agency to excel," said Rouse. "The Tollway is in a unique position, delivering some of the largest infrastructure investments in our region, and I'm committed to continuing to help the agency achieve its goals."

Rouse has also served as the Tollway's Chief of Administration, responsible for the development and implementation of administrative policies and procedures and employee compliance, and as Chief of Internal Audit, overseeing the design and execution of organizational audit strategies, engaging in direct communications with senior management on risk mitigation activities and internal controls.

Prior to joining the Illinois Tollway, Rouse was a Senior Auditor for Ernst & Young, as well as an Audit and Compliance Manager for Arthur Andersen.

In 2017, Cassaundra was named one of the Chicago Defender's "Women of Excellence" for her demonstrated excellence on the job and in her community. She also served as a Board Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), serving as the Treasurer and Vice President of education.

Rouse was one of the co-founding members of the Government Advisory Committee to the IIA Board and in 2016 was the recipient of the IIA's William C. Anderson Award recognizing an individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the chapter that year.

She is a member of the South Suburban Chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc., a national organization of mothers dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the oldest Greek-letter organization established in American by African American college women.

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Rouse attended Howard University in Washington D.C. and holds a Bachelor of Science in management with a concentration in accounting.

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Metra to create battery-powered locomotives

Plan demonstrates agency's commitment to innovation and cleaner energy

CHICAGO (August 17, 2022) – The Metra Board of Directors today approved a first-of-its-kind plan to convert up to six of Metra's oldest diesel locomotives to zero-emission battery power.

"This procurement puts Metra on the cutting edge of battery-powered technology and demonstrates our commitment to innovation and cleaner energy," said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. "If these locomotives prove themselves, they could play a significant role in our fleet and in our future, and the concept could serve as a template for other railroads to follow."

The contract with Progress Rail calls for a base order of three locomotives with options for three more. The total cost for all six locomotive conversions, which will be performed in Patterson, Georgia, is \$34.6 million. Completing the base order is expected to take about 3½ years.

Metra plans to test the battery-powered locomotives, which will have an estimated range of about 150 miles, on the Rock Island Line. Charging stations, which will be designed after the locomotives are designed, will be placed in the main yard and at an outlying point. The duration of a full and partial recharge of the batteries won't be known until then.

By replacing diesel power with battery power, Metra will significantly reduce its emissions footprint and greatly improve air quality for its riders and the Chicago region. The

battery-powered locomotives are expected to be less noisy and have lower operating costs and lower maintenance costs than diesel locomotives.

The zero-emission locomotives will be fully compatible with Metra's existing railcars and diesel locomotives, and must be capable of providing a safe and comfortable ride at all speeds up to the maximum speed of 79 mph. The batteries must also power onboard systems, such as lighting, intercoms and HVAC. The locomotives may be painted in a green version of Metra's paint scheme (per the conceptual illustrations) to indicate the green technology.

Metra has taken other recent steps to reduce its diesel emissions, including:

- Seeking to purchase six switch locomotives that meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Tier IV emissions standards, the highest standards currently in effect, and one zero-emission, all electric-powered switch locomotive.
- Ordering 15 remanufactured locomotives that meet the EPA's Tier 3 emissions standards, with an option to buy up to 27 more. These locomotives will be replacing Tier 0 emissions locomotives currently in service. The first of those locomotives is expected to be delivered before the end of the year.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Major tie project to start on the UP-North Line

68,000 ties to be replaced between Chicago and Kenosha during overnight hours

CHICAGO (Sept. 13, 2022) – Union Pacific Railroad will embark on a major tie project beginning Tuesday, Sept. 20 along a 45-mile stretch of the UP North Line between Kenosha and Chicago.

Union Pacific, which owns and maintains the three UP lines in the Metra system, will replace approximately 68,000 ties between Kenosha and the line's Ravenswood Station in Chicago. To lessen impacts on the current train schedule as well as the communities along the line, work will occur between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. seven days a week through November. Union Pacific believes that this schedule will allow the work to progress more quickly, lessening the impact to communities along the line.

"Tie replacement is essential and must be done at regular intervals to maintain track speeds and service levels," said Metra Executive Director/CEO Jim Derwinski. "We understand that track work during the evening overnight hours will affect the communities near the work zones and that any delays are an inconvenience for our riders. However, accelerating the work schedule and doing it during off-peak hours should minimize these impacts."

Metra riders may experience minor delays during the evening and some late-night train schedules may be adjusted as the work moves closer to Chicago. Communities along the tracks will experience increased noise levels, including train horns, during work periods. Federal law requires trains to sound their horns when entering a track work zone even if the work takes place in a community that is regulated as a quiet zone. Union Pacific believes that the accelerated work schedule will mean that each community should only experience direct impacts for two to three days as the project moves down the tracks.

Track changes may occur as trains work around the track workers, and customers are advised to listen for platform announcements throughout the project to verify the boarding platform well in advance of a train's arrival at their station.

The project is expected to last through the end of November. Any changes to the current train schedule will be posted at metra.com.

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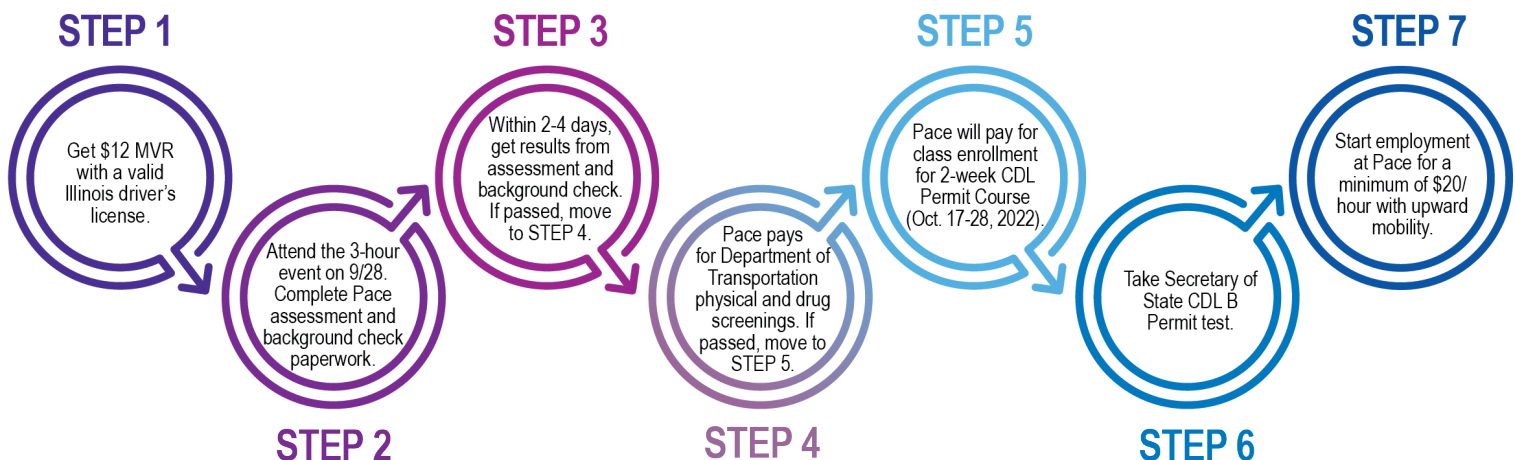
Must have a valid Illinois driver's license and go to the DMV or Secretary of State for a court ordered Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) (also called a Driving Record Abstract) with no more than 2 moving violations (excluding red light tickets) in the last 5 years. For more information, visit www.ilsos.gov.

Hiring Event Details
Wednesday,
September 28, 2022
6:00pm-9:00pm

Harper College Building H, Room 248
 1200 W. Algonquin Rd.
 Palatine, IL 60067

CDL Class B permit training begins October 17 through Harper College Continuing Professional Education. The total investment for students is only \$12.

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September 28, 2022 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm

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Potential students must have a valid Illinois driver's license and a court ordered Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) with no more than 2 moving violations (excluding red light tickets) in the last 5 years. MVRs (also called Driving Record Abstracts in Illinois) may be obtained from the DMV or Secretary of State for \$12 (Visit www.ilsos.gov for more information). CDL Class B permit training begins October 17 through Harper College Continuing Professional Education and is **paid for by Pace**. The total investment for students is only \$12! For more information, contact cpe@harpercollege.edu.

Pace 2023 Budget Timeline

September 21	Pace Board meets to discuss preliminary Budget
October 19	Pace Board releases proposed Budget for public hearing
October 20-28	Pace holds public hearings on Pace's Proposed Budget
November 9	Pace Board adopts Final Budget and Financial Plan
November 17	RTA Finance Committee reviews Service Board budget submissions
December 15	RTA scheduled to approve 2023 Budget for Pace



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September 2022 Update

Strategic plan working groups release items for action and advocacy

The RTA Strategic Plan Stakeholder Working Groups have concluded, and the RTA is sharing the [2023 Agenda for Advocacy and Action](#) that outlines priorities for the future of transit in northeastern Illinois. The RTA is seeking feedback on these items and the strategic planning process ahead of publishing the draft strategic plan this fall. A survey is [available](#), and the RTA has developed a [toolkit](#) for survey promotion.

RTAMS launches Capital Projects Dashboard

As part of the RTA's continued commitment to transparency, the agency has launched a new [Capital Projects Dashboard](#), mapping more than 150 capital projects throughout the region. The dashboard includes a map that displays the location of projects in the 2022-2026 RTA Regional Capital Program as well as those being monitored by the [Project Management Oversight](#) team, providing a unique opportunity to see the distribution of capital projects throughout the region.

RTA selects projects for Access to Transit program

The RTA has [selected](#) ten projects for its Access to Transit program, which provides funding to municipalities to complete engineering and construction for small-scale capital improvements, such as filling sidewalk gaps and installing covered bicycle parking, that improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to transit. This group of new projects will be the sixth group accepted to the program, which has funded 37 projects since the program began.

Highlights from the 2022 Access to Transit program include bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Harvey to connect to Metra and Pace, shared-use bicycle access to Pace stations in Plainfield, and a pedestrian access study in Ford Heights.

2022 RTA Community Planning call for projects, 2021 RTA Local Planning implementation report

Every year, the RTA's Local Planning department assists local governments throughout northeastern Illinois on projects that build on the strength of the region's transit system through two programs: [Community Planning](#) and [Access to Transit](#). These programs provide funding and technical assistance for local governments to plan for pedestrian friendly, multi-modal, equitable, and accessible communities. The 2022 Community Planning call for projects will open on September 26 with applications due on October 14. The new program of projects will be presented to the RTA Board in February, and project initiation begins in March 2023.

To demonstrate the impact of the Community Planning and Access to Transit programs, the RTA recently published its [2021 Local Planning Implementation Story Map](#). This interactive report highlights 21 RTA-supported projects around the region that are starting soon, in progress, or recently completed. You can learn more about Community Planning and Access to Transit, including application details, on the RTA [website](#).

Pace, Metra, and CTA receive Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds

Pace, Metra, and CTA recently received grants associated with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Pace and Metra were [awarded](#) a \$20 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for the Harvey Transportation Center to modernize the facility and provide a better connection to the Metra station. Among other planning projects done in Harvey, the RTA recently completed a [Transit-Oriented Development Plan Update](#).

CTA received two grants to electrify its fleet and modernize operations. First, the agency was [awarded](#) \$28 million from the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grants. The funds will be used to purchase electric buses and to upgrade infrastructure at the Humboldt Park bus garage. Second, the City of Chicago [received](#) a \$4 million grant to fund the Chicago Centralized Transit Signal Priority Project from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) program, which will help deploy signal timing technology to prioritize CTA buses at lights in the central business district.



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Let's leverage federal funds for infrastructure

Northwest Municipal Conference

42 municipalities

1 township

1,250,584 residents

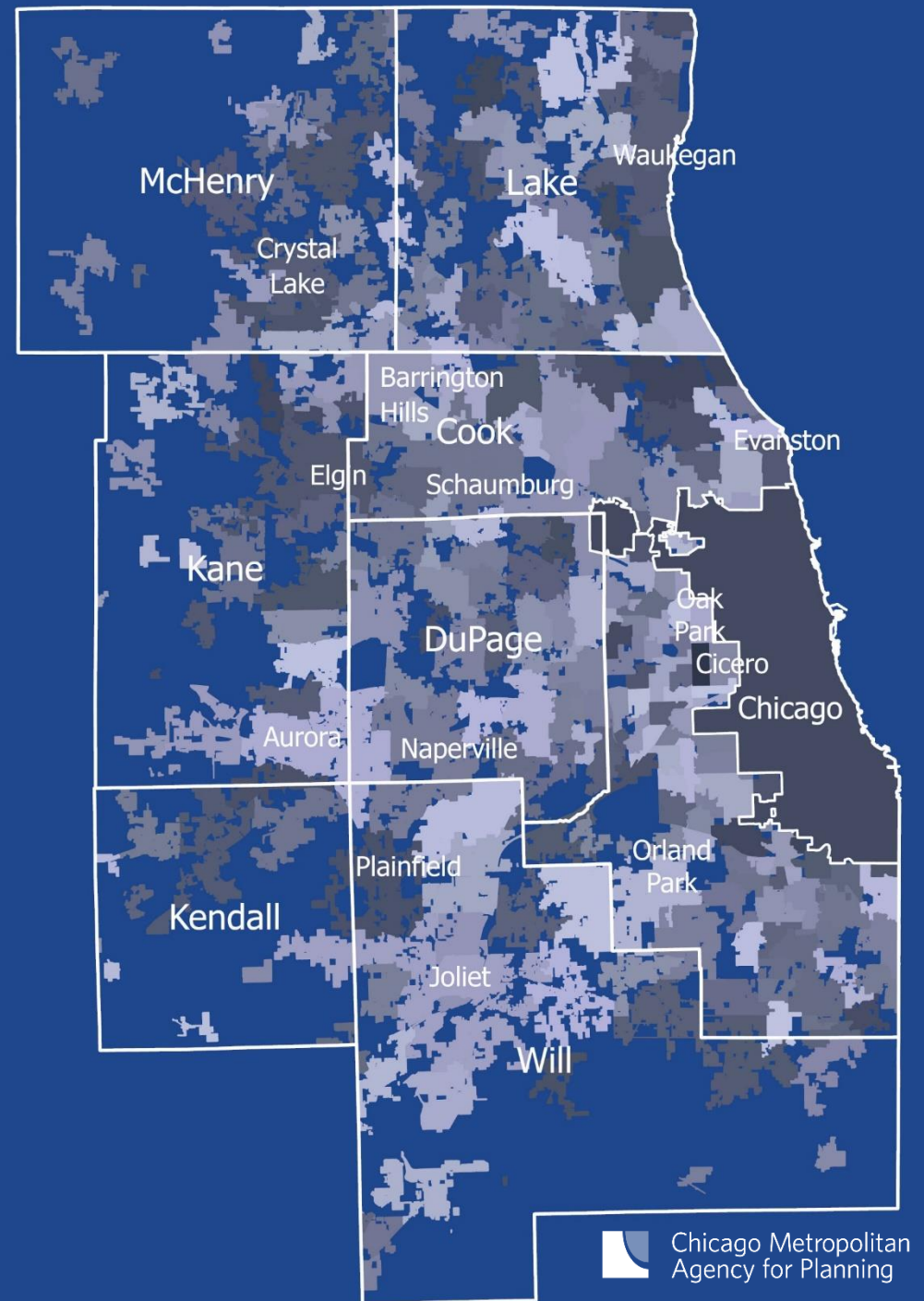
Source: CMAP Community Data Snapshots, updated August 2022 (<https://www.cmap.illinois.gov/data/community-snapshots>)

**We live in a
complex region**

8.6 million residents

284 municipalities

7 counties



Our transportation infrastructure

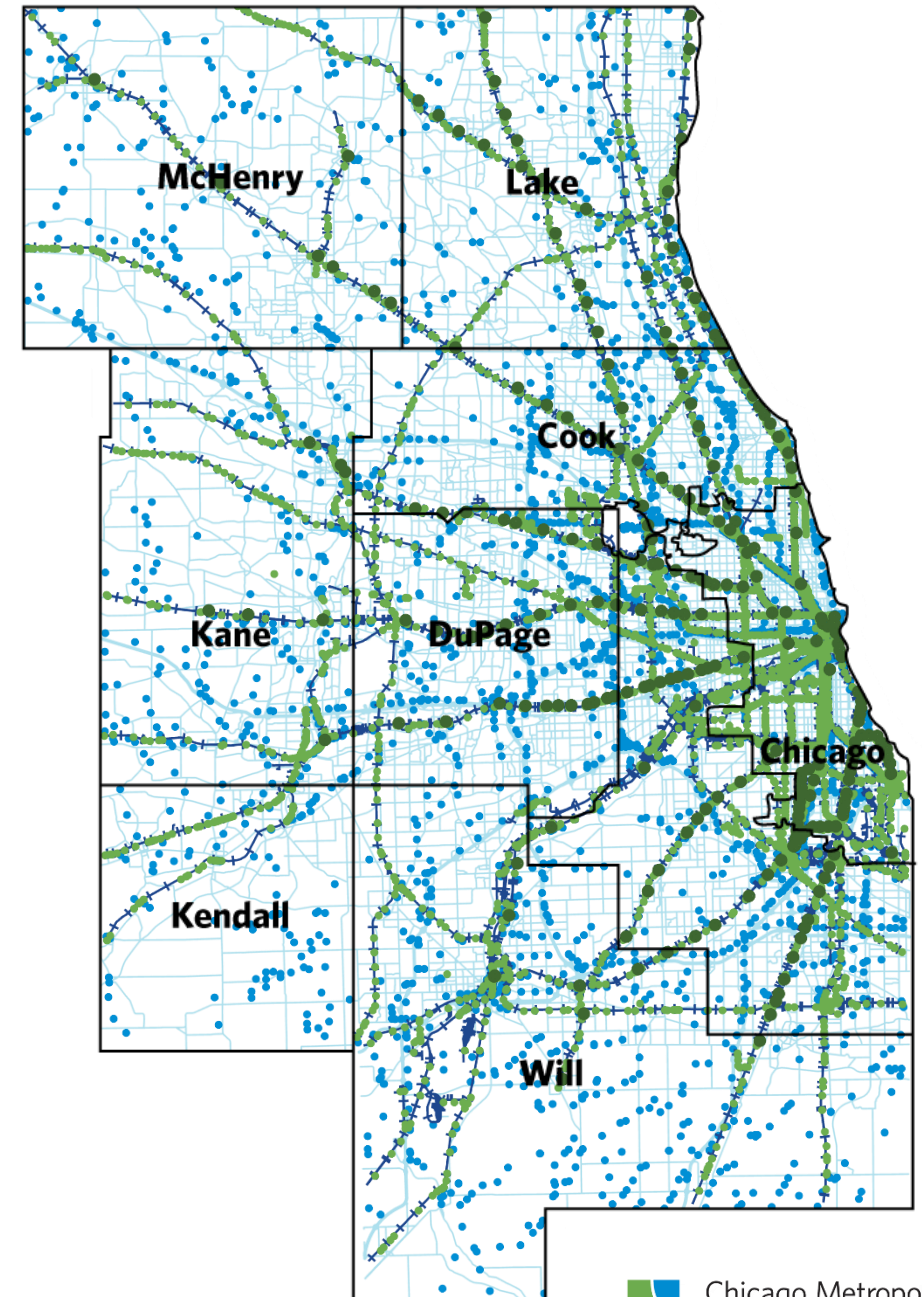
29,989 miles of federal roads

3,650 bridges

7200 miles of rail lines

1646 rail crossings

242 Metra stations



We have common challenges

- Freight congestion
- Commute times
- Traffic fatalities
- Air quality
- Flooding



There are federal and state requirements for CMAP



- Socio-economic data and modeling
- Facilitate the allocation of federal transportation funding
- Long-range planning

Community contributions help fund ...



\$200 million/year

in federal construction funds
(double the funding over 5 years)



11 planning liaisons

across the region (\$4 million/year)



Active program management

to advance important transportation
projects in your community



Regional initiatives

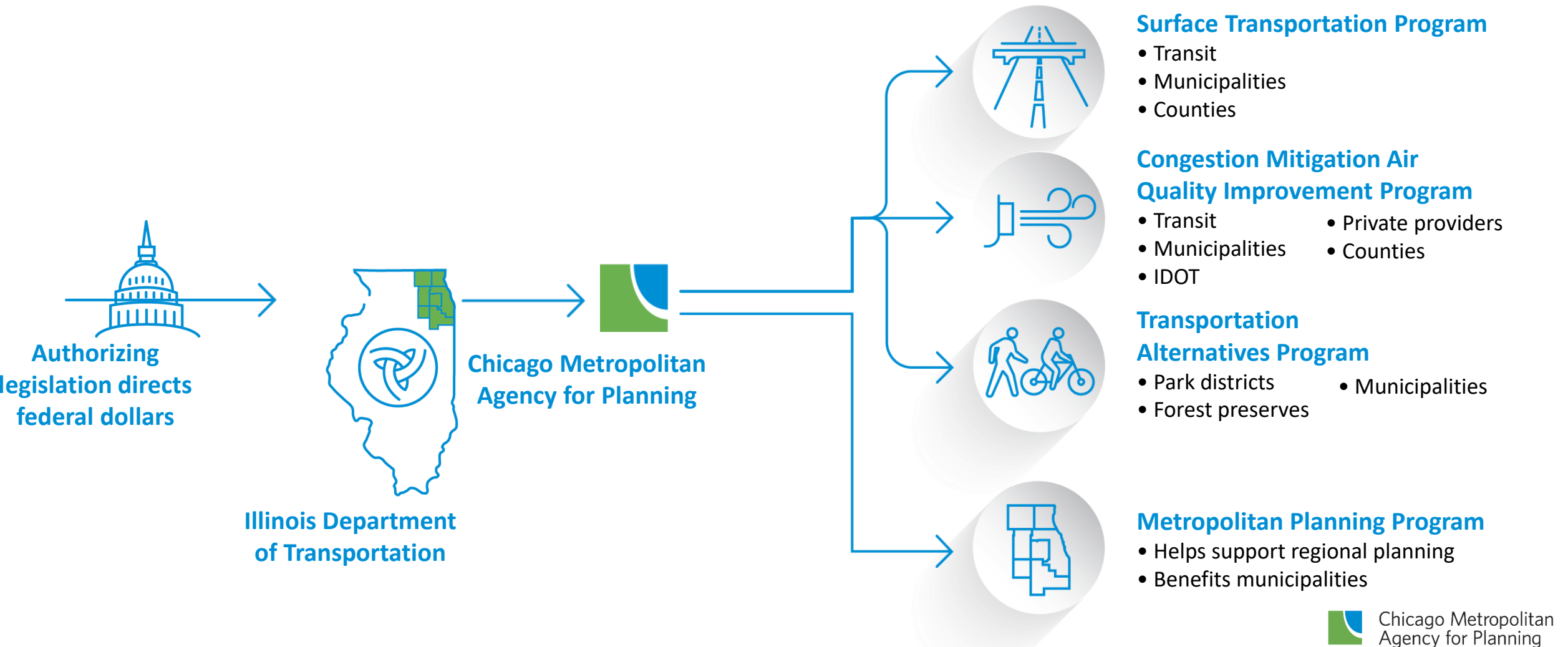
that affect quality of life and
our regional competitiveness



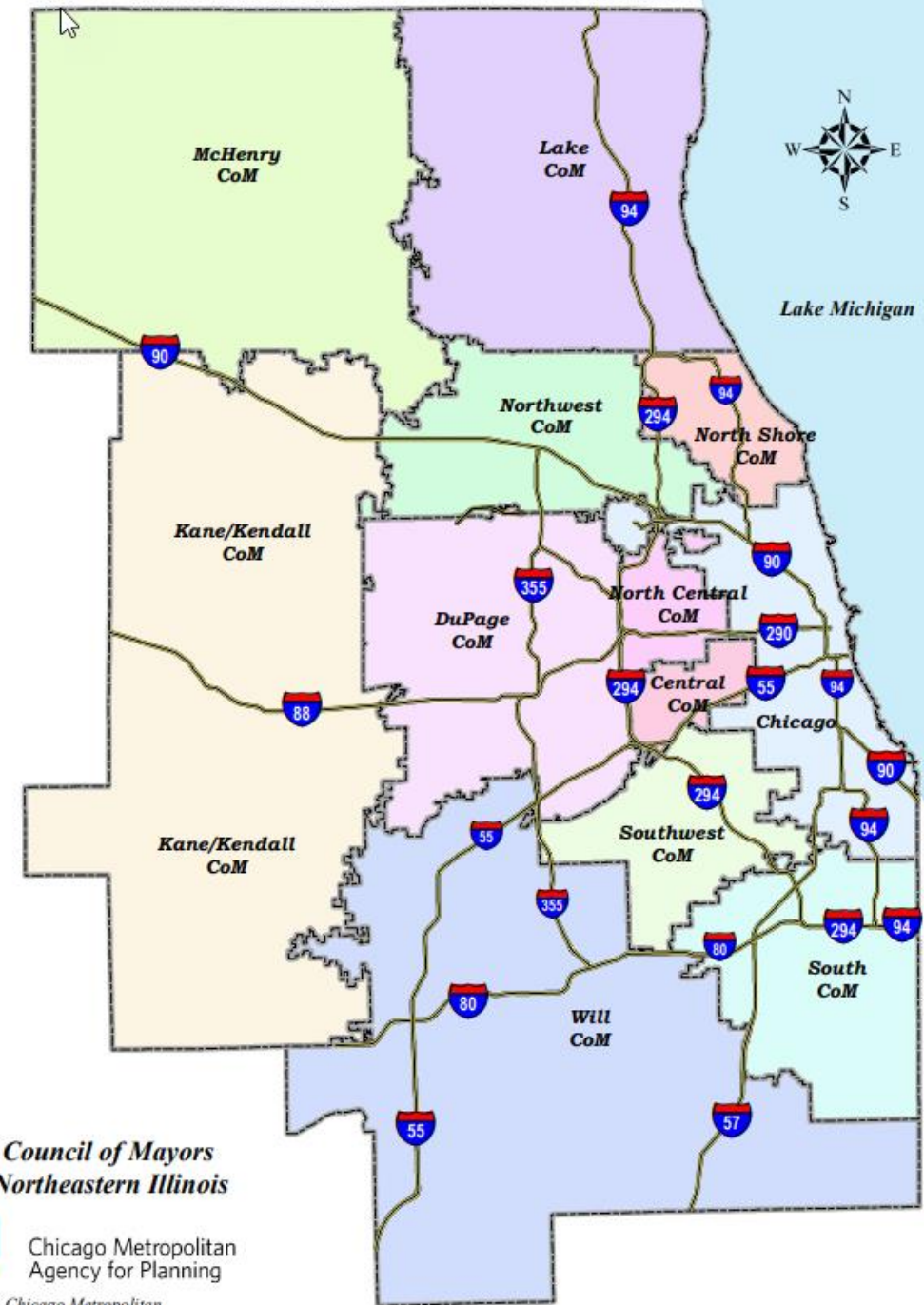
**Valuable planning, data,
analysis to partner agencies**

- Community data snapshots
- Regional comprehensive planning

How federal funding enables local projects



Facilitating local transportation investments



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An aerial, isometric illustration of a city street scene. In the foreground, a transit station with a curved, grey roof and large glass windows is visible. A train is stopped at the platform. To the left of the station, a wide pedestrian crosswalk with white stripes is shown. The street is filled with various vehicles: white cars, a blue bus, a white van, and a white truck. Pedestrians are walking on the sidewalks and crossing the street. Trees line the streets, and a green bike lane is visible. The overall scene depicts a modern, multi-modal transportation hub.

The new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires regional leadership and coordination

Northeastern Illinois is competing for the infrastructure law's new funding



\$30 billion

Multimodal projects



\$12.5 billion

Bridge investment



\$7.25 billion

Freight



\$6 billion

Bike and pedestrian
improvements



\$2.5 billion

EV charging



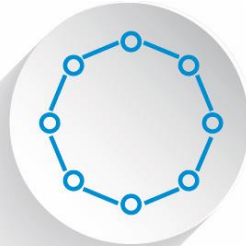
\$1.75 billion

ADA transit improvements



\$1.4 billion

Transportation resilience



\$1 billion

Reconnecting communities

CMAP's role with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Implement new policies affecting
current programs

Prepare for new regional formula
funding and eligibilities

Coordinate access and build consensus
around 20+ new competitive programs

Local contributions unlock more federal funding

- ✓ Regional resiliency plan
- ✓ ADA planning
- ✓ Safe and complete streets
- ✓ Pavement management plans
- ✓ Carbon reduction plans
- ✓ Regional plans for electric vehicles
- ✓ Transportation vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Water supply planning
- ✓ Regional housing coordination

Local contributions are not the only solution

Challenges

We need sustainable funding to maximize federal planning funds

- 20% local match required to unlock these (increased) funds
- Match cannot be made with federal funds

Solutions

Increase community contributions in short term

- +20% by 2023 and 4% in subsequent years
- Aligns with IJA annual funding increases

Develop sustainable funding in long term

- Pursue state legislation that defines sustainable funding for metropolitan planning
- Work with IDOT, counties, and others on creative funding strategies

An aerial perspective rendering of a proposed urban development. In the foreground, a multi-story yellow building with a grid-like facade and rooftop terraces is visible. To its right is a large, modern building with a glass facade and a red-tiled roof. Further right, a row of red-tiled umbrellas covers an outdoor area. A street with cars and a bus runs alongside a green park area with many trees. A river flows along the right edge of the scene. The background shows existing city buildings.

Let's do more together.



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