

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

FY23-27 KKKOM STP-L Call For Projects

The next KKKOM STP-L call for projects will open on **January 17, 2022**, with an application closing date of **March 15 at 5pm**. As before, all applications will be entered in eTIP, with supplemental documents that applications will need to upload. The call will fill FFY 2026 and FFY2027 with new federal funding, as well as FFY 23-25 in years with unprogrammed balances.

FY23-27 KKKOM STP-L Call For Projects Training Webinar

KKKOM Staff is hosting a webinar to review the application process on **January 6th at 2pm**. We ask that you register in advance by filling out this [form](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Main Street and Downtown Capital Program

Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets will provide capital grants to support economic recovery in commercial corridors and downtowns that have experienced disinvestment, particularly in communities hardest-hit by COVID-19. Project awards will range from \$250,000 - \$3 million. Apply through the [DCEO](#) by **January 10, 2022**.

Infrastructure Law Implementation Begins

The U.S. Department of Transportation has launched a new [website](#) for transportation agencies, communities, and stakeholders interested in learning more about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). As part of implementing IIJA, the department is seeking input on the roll-out of new programs and funding. The [first opportunity for input](#) focuses on how the department can best implement highway formula programs continued by the IIJA. The [second](#) is directed at the new formula and competitive funding opportunities for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. CMAP is continually monitoring implementation of the IIJA to ensure northeastern Illinois is taking full advantage of funding opportunities.

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January 20	KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee
February 9	CMAP Board
February 10	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
February 10	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee
February 17	KKKOM Bike Ped Committee
February 25	CMAP Transportation Committee

KANE COUNTY BIKE PLAN UPDATE
KDOT is receiving UWP funding for SFY 2023 to update the Kane County Bike Ped Plan, previously updated in 2012. OBS advertising will begin soon targeting a June 30, 2023 completion date. Those interested should attend the KKKOM Bike Ped Committee meetings going forward.



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEWS

IDOT Launches Annual Traveler Survey, Seeks Public Feedback

The Illinois Department of Transportation is asking for feedback on the state's transportation system and travel habits through its annual Illinois Traveler Opinion Survey. The survey is available online until January 7th by clicking [here](#) or visiting idot.illinois.gov. "While Illinois enjoys a world-class transportation system, we are always striving to improve. Feedback from you always helps inform our efforts," **said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman**. "Understanding travel behaviors, habits and opinions helps us provide the best service possible. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey so that we can best meet your transportation needs." The annual survey, conducted in partnership with the University of Illinois Springfield, seeks feedback on topics ranging from road conditions and ice-and-snow removal to commuting habits and behaviors. Questions also ask travelers about any changes in their travel habits due to the pandemic, transportation funding, safe driving practices and use of IDOT facilities. The Illinois Traveler Opinion Survey has been conducted annually since 2001. A copy of the 2020 survey and results, as well as data collected from past years, can be viewed [here](#).

IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Circular Letter 2021-25

On November 22, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2021-25](#) addressing two changes in the State of Illinois Public Act 102-0058 and 102-0060. Public Act 102-0058 changes the definition of when a school day begins to 6:30 AM from 7:00 AM. Public Act 102-0060 changes the message on a DUI memorial marker erected on and after July 1, 2021 to "Don't Drive Under the Influence" and adds the message of "Drive With Care", from the previous message of "Please Don't Drink and Drive".

Why Oregon is Using a Per-Mile Charge to Help Pay for Roads

For decades, motor fuel taxes were used to maintain infrastructure. With cars becoming more fuel efficient, and more people switching to electric and hybrid vehicles, revenue from motor fuel taxes isn't keeping pace with infrastructure costs. Illinois and other states have been at a crossroads over how to fully fund the transportation system in recent years. Under a road usage charge, people pay based on how many miles they drive. The idea is gaining momentum nationally. The newly signed [\\$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure bill](#) includes \$125 million to fund road-usage-charge pilot programs, including the first national pilot. The state of Oregon introduced [OReGO](#), a pay-per-mile program for personal vehicles in 2015. Volunteers who enroll in OReGO install a device in their car that tracks mileage and pay 1.8 cents for every mile they drive. They receive a credit for state fuel taxes, and those with electric or fuel-efficient vehicles are not required to pay a surcharge on their annual vehicle registration fees. In a 2016 [public opinion survey](#), most Oregonians said a road usage charge is a fairer way of funding transportation than other traditional means, such as implementing a vehicle sales tax or increasing vehicle registration fees and motor fuel taxes.

FOX VALLEY BIKE SHARE UPDATE

The Fox Valley Bike Share closed out the 2021 operating year with system revenues at \$2,472.43 and system rides at 608. This is a near doubling of activity over 2020, which for the same monthly period saw system revenue at \$1,293.41 and system rides at 225. Council staff are preparing to release an MOU for participation in the development of a new RFP in 2022.

PLANNING INCLUSIVE SPACES FOR LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITIES

The LGBTQIA+ community experiences a range of challenges with transportation, safety, and housing. By engaging with LGBTQIA+ people and making data-driven decisions, planners can design more inclusive, equitable spaces. CMAP's latest article reviews recent surveys and data to highlight a few considerations when tackling local planning, transportation, and housing issues. [Learn more.](#)

SURVEY: HELP RTA PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT

Public transit is essential to our region's economic, environmental, and social health. The pandemic highlighted both the importance of transit and long-standing challenges that must be addressed. The RTA is developing the next Regional Strategic Plan for north-eastern Illinois and they need your help. Please take and share a [survey](#) on the challenges and

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

CMAP is currently researching the feasibility for an electric vehicle infrastructure strategy. CMAP will be assessing the current state of EV charging infrastructure, gaps in the network, and exploring considerations for equity, efficiency, partnerships, and coordinated investment. CMAP would like to hear from transportation implementers about current work they are pursuing and their thoughts on the region's EV charging needs. If someone from your agency would be interested in participating in the project, please contact Brian Daly at bdaly@cmapp.illinois.gov.



CMAP NEWS

What does the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan mean for northeastern Illinois?

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan, makes generational investments for rebuilding the nation's roads, bridges, and rails. More than \$567 billion of funding will go toward projects and programs that affect every aspect of transportation. It expands access to clean drinking water, addresses climate change, strengthens the nation's broadband infrastructure, and supports safer travel. A new update from CMAP details key transportation provisions in the IIJA and the funding estimates for Illinois. [Learn more.](#)

2020 Census reveals slow growth and increased diversity in the region

A new analysis of 2020 census data by CMAP offers a glimpse into population and demographic shifts in northeastern Illinois. The population increased by 1.7% between 2010 and 2020. The region continued to diversify, with significant growth in the Asian and Hispanic populations. However, given declines in white and black residents, the CMAP region continues to lag behind many other large metropolitan areas. [Read more.](#)

Moving forward on regional economic recovery

CMAP's Regional Economic Recovery Task Force met mid-November to wrap up its work and ensure continued collaboration on building back a stronger and more inclusive regional economy. The task force, which included leaders from across northeastern Illinois, was [assembled in November 2020](#) at the request of the region's seven county board chairs and the City of Chicago. The task force resulted in [several key initiatives](#), including "The Only Thing Missing Is You" tourism campaign; a regional economic development collaborative; and efforts to promote

access to 2-1-1, a resource that connects residents with housing, transportation, and other assistance in their communities. The final meeting included presentations on:

- City of Chicago's recovery efforts
- A collaborative, region-wide project to develop a [mobility recovery action plan](#) that will address new challenges and long-term issues to ensure our transportation network can better serve all residents
- Federal priorities for economic recovery, by Susan Brehm, regional director for the U.S. Economic Development Administration

New MacArthur grant funds CMAP's capacity-building work

CMAP was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the MacArthur Foundation to continue work building local government capacity. First piloted in 2018, the Capacity Building Program offers training, technical assistance, and support to local governments in northeastern Illinois. To date, participating communities applied for and received more than \$4 million on grants, started or advanced dozens of projects, launched four new public outdoor initiatives, created a new county coordinator position, and launched a new online portal for intergovernmental cooperation. [Learn more.](#)

Marquette Greenway receives grant to complete bike/ped path

[Marquette Greenway](#) - a planned 60-mile bicycle/pedestrian path along Lake Michigan - has received a \$17.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The funding, from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program, will help complete the remaining nearly 26 miles of the path. The Marquette Greenway will run from Calumet Park in Chicago, through Indiana, to New Buffalo, Michigan.

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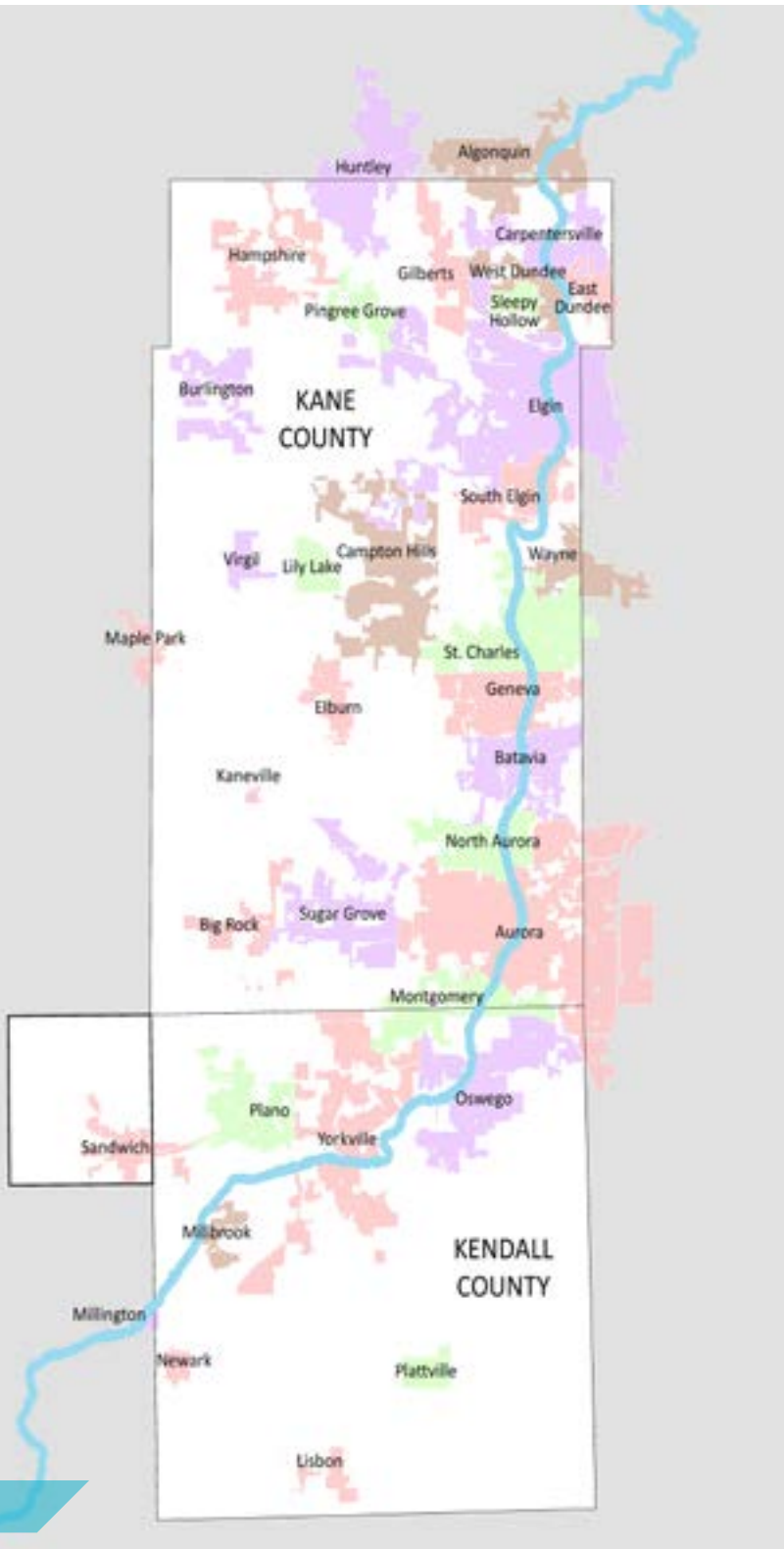
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