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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

US Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance

The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) is currently accepting grant applications for investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDAs Public Works program and EAA programs. Transportation projects are eligible. The EDA is making \$1.467 billion available to eligible grantees in communities impacted by the COVID pandemic. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new NOFO. More information and regional contacts for project proposals can be found on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). CMAP hosted an informational webinar with the EDA and DCEO on June 25th. A recording of the webinar can be viewed [here](#).

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grants

The DCEO has several grants available, including Rebuild Illinois Capital programs as well as grants targeted toward businesses that have experienced interruptions or losses due to the COVID outbreak or recent civil unrest. Those opportunities can be viewed on the DCEO [website](#).

Illinois EPA Grants

The Illinois EPA currently has two grant opportunities available relating to water quality. The first is Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities, providing funding to implement BMP strategies (Applications due **August 21, 2020**) and the second is the section 319a Nonpoint Source Grants, providing funding to address nonpoint source pollution issues (Applications due **August 3, 2020**). More information on the IL EPA [website](#).

Federal Lands Access Program

The FLAP program, open to public highway, road, bridge trail or transit systems that are located on, are adjacent to, or provide access to certain Federal lands, is still accepting applications until **August 3, 2020**. More information can be found on the FHWA [website](#).

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SAVE THE DATE

July 16	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
July 16	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee
July 23	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
August 6	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
August 7	CMAP Transportation Committee
August 18	CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee

COUNCIL STAFF CHANGE

Ryan Peterson has left Kane County for the McHenry County DOT and Troy Simpson will be serving as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. Thanks to Ryan for his work with the council.

Noah Jones, who is currently a permitting intern with the Kane County DOT, will be joining the Council as the Planning Liaison.

Please relay all project correspondences as well as questions regarding bike/ped initiatives (bike share, maps, etc.) to Troy at simpsonroy@co.kane.il.us.



The KKKOM STP-L Program for FY21-25 has completed a public comment period that lasted from June 1st to June 30th. Council staff will be addressing the comments for the July 23rd KKKOM Transportation Committee, at which point a vote to approve the program will be sought. The upcoming schedule can be viewed on the KKKOM [website](#).

Fox Valley Bike Share Update

It is still anticipated that the municipalities still interested in partaking in the initial launch of the Fox Valley Bike Share system will be able to do so in Summer of 2020, with the onset of Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois economic phasing plan. KKKOM staff are communicating with Koloni on bike deployment.

Metropolitan Planning Council Universal Mobility Report

At the May 21st KKKOM Transportation Policy Committee, Jeremy Glover of the Metropolitan Planning Council presented on MPCs Universal Mobility Report, which highlights the need for high-quality accessible transportation for the growing number of Chicago area residents living with a disability. The report includes 32 policy recommendations designed to unlock opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities. Learn more and find the full report [here](#).

Illinois Tollway Tolling 2020 Initiative

The Illinois Tollway announced on June 25th their TOLLING 2020 initiative, which is a comprehensive tolling reform package featuring a significant reduction to the initial costs faced by motorists when tolls are left unpaid. The measures also include steep reductions in fines for those with outstanding violations while formalizing the COVID-19 pandemic relief period during which no violations will be assessed for unpaid tolls. Learn more and access the fact sheet on the Illinois Tollway [website](#).

Regional Transportation Authority COVID Dashboard

The RTA has provided a region-wide dashboard for ridership and farebox trends due to the ongoing pandemic. Other data include revenue impacts to the RTA Sales Tax. Current data show ridership resilience as strongest for bus services, both in the suburbs and the city, with Metra seeing the greatest overall declines in ridership. See the dashboard on the RTA [website](#).

KANE/KENDALL COUNTY MOBILITY TRENDS

KKKOM staff have been monitoring mobility trends for Kane and Kendall County, provided in raw form from Google. Most notably, the data show heavy usage of parks relative to the state and nation in Kane, with a 71% overall increase (rolling average) from previous year baseline norms. Find the data on [GitHub](#).

NACTO OPEN STREETS GUIDE

NACTO has released a new guide, [Streets for Pandemic Response and Recovery](#), compiling emerging practices from around the world that includes implementation resources for cities and their partners.

NACTO, with funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies, is offering grants of \$25,000 to ten member city transportation agencies that are working to reimagine streets for disproportionately impacted populations. The deadline for application is **8:00pm ET on Friday, July 10, 2020**. More information [here](#).

KKKOM staff have created a survey for local municipalities that are or may be employing such strategies. If your agency is adopting these strategies, please provide that information [here](#)

NEW NATIONAL FLOOD DATA

First Street Foundation, a non-profit organization whose charge is to provide accurate, accessible parcel-level flood risk information has released new data disclosing flood risk for nearly 150 million homes and properties across the country. The data also include climate change scenarios which can be visualized on First Street's web platform. Check out the data and partners on First Street's [website](#).



CMAP NEWS

COVID-19 response and resources

CMAP has continued to update their list of COVID-19 resources for communities which can be found on the CMAP [website](#).

CMAP Talks about regional climate resilience

Recently, CMAP convened county stormwater agencies and the City of Chicago as a part of a CMAP Talks event to discuss the challenge of incorporating current and future [rainfall data](#) into [stormwater ordinances and capital investments](#). The conversation also touched on improving regional collaboration to share knowledge and develop data and tools.

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 CMAP's [GitHub page](#), which is to be updated continually over the life of the plan.

COVID-19 shows need for more adaptable public spaces and streets

From empty highways to quiet train stations, all transportation modes in the Chicago metropolitan regional have seen huge declines because of COVID-19. As travel patterns shift in response to the coronavirus, community leaders have an opportunity to promote safe, active mobility as an alternative to single-occupancy vehicles. CMAP offers numerous resources that can encourage more people to walk and ride bikes, and help communities rethink public spaces that are accessible for everyone, regardless of age, ability, or transportation mode. Read more on the CMAP [website](#).

Transportation systems in northeastern Illinois show signs of recovery

Since the start of the coronavirus response and stay-at-home order, transit and transportation use has significantly changed. While there is a lot of speculation about what is occurring, CMAP has updated their previous post about transportation in the region and added new data. [Read the updated analysis](#).

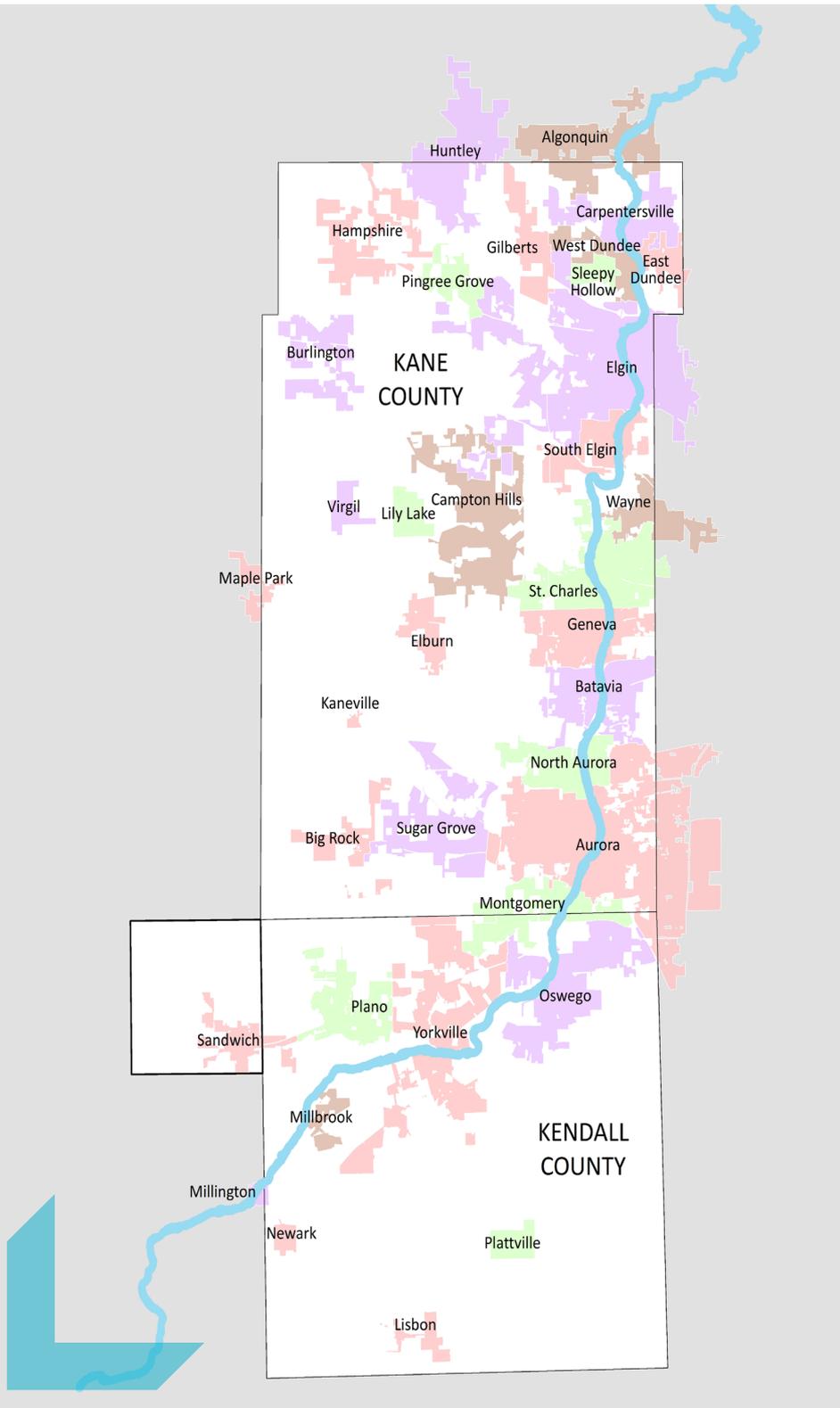
Region's strong freight network remains critical during pandemic

As toilet paper and sanitizers flew off store shelves at the start of the coronavirus pandemic, northeastern Illinois' status as the preeminent freight hub in North America played a critical role in maintaining the flow of goods to different parts of the region and country. Despite COVID-19 slowing most of the nation's economic activity, the pandemic has reiterated the importance the region plays to the national supply chain.

Freight activity; however, can lead to road-related and air quality issues. At CMAP, staff have been making strides to mitigate many of those issues working with different stakeholders on a variety of improvements designed to benefit businesses and residents, and reduce emissions. Read more on the CMAP [website](#).

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, they 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.



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