The Illinois General Assembly recently passed a package of legislation to fund transportation capital projects, water infrastructure, natural resources and open space projects, and construction of schools, affordable housing, and other facilities.

The package is broken out into 4 core pieces of legislation:

- **Senate Bill 1939** - Contains structural changes to state revenues for transportation. (effective July 1, 2019)
- **Senate Bill 690** - Contains structural changes to state revenues primarily for other types of capital projects. (eff. when signed into law, certain changes to levies effective January 1, 2020)
- **House Bill 62** - Contains capital appropriations for specific projects. (effective July 1, 2019)
- **House Bill 142** - Contains authorizations of bonding, adding language for transportation funding streams. (effective when signed into law)

CMAP has produced a policy update analyzing the legislation package, including initial projections of revenues based on Senate Bills 1939 and 690, changes to state MFT provisions, changes to provisions governing local levy of the MFT, changes to fuel sales tax provisions, and breakdowns of funding levels by political divisions and transportation divisions.

CMAP’s analysis, containing links to the various pieces of legislation, can be found [here](#).
Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program: The 2020 ITEP Call for Projects has been announced. Applications will be accepted beginning on October 2, 2019 until December 6, 2019. ITEP provides funding for community-based projects that expand travel options and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. ITEP will not fund Phase 1 in the 2020 funding cycle, and sponsors of projects must have submitted a final PDR prior to applying. More information can be found here.

BUILD Grant Program FY19: The FY2019 BUILD program is now soliciting applications until 8:00 p.m. July 15, 2019. The maximum grant award is set at $25 Million for this round, with no more than $90 million awarded to any individual state. The funding will be awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Local units of government are eligible to apply. Details can be found here.

Illinois Special Bridge Program FY2025: A Local Roads and Streets Circular Letter will be sent around August soliciting candidates for the FY 2025 Illinois Special Bridge Program (formerly the Major Bridge Program). IDOT has advised that it is to the benefit of the applicant to have received approval of a Bridge Condition Report (BCR) prior to application submittal. If this is not possible, a BCR that is not approved will also be to the benefit of the project.

IDOT Forms Update

In a continuing effort to revise and update BLRS forms, the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets has issued another set of forms which have been revised or updated. The 5310 local agency agreement is included in the most recent updates.

Significant revisions include instructions on how to complete forms as well as the conversion of word documents to fillable PDF forms with drop down and auto-fill elements.

Forms will be released on a rolling basis, and may also include eliminations where fit. Local agencies with agreements or other documents in processing may continue to use the older versions until August 1, but must use new forms where applicable when making new submissions.

A full list of forms that have been updated as of June 13, 2019 is available on IDOT’s Circular Letter.

IDOT AGMT. PROCESS CHANGE

Effective from the September 20, 2019 letting moving forward, Local Public Agencies sponsoring a project will be required to have locally executed agreements into their District on the close-of-business 2 days prior to the service bulletin date listed on the IDOT letting schedule.

For example, if a project is targeting the Nov. 2019 letting, the service bulletin date would be Oct. 4 and thus the Locally Executed Agreement due date would be Oct. 2.

HEALTH AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WEBINAR

Save the date for an upcoming webinar that will examine the connection between transportation and public health. Topics include health indicators in STP programming and as well as engaging public health professionals in Complete Streets. The webinar will take place on August 28th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. More information to follow.
CMAP NEWS

CMAP Executive Director Selected

Erin Aleman, currently vice president at Metro Strategies, has been selected to lead CMAP as of the June 19th Board meeting. She has replaced Joseph Szabo, who retired in June.

Prior to her time at Metro Strategies, Aleman served as the Director of Planning and Programming at IDOT and as a Principal Planner at CMAP.

Aleman will be officially tasked with the implementation of ONTO 2050. She is quoted for saying that “action is one of the most important things” with regards to regional level policy development and planning.

2019 Call for Transportation Projects Updates

CMAP has produced the initial scoring for transportation projects that applied in the current call. As a reminder, implementation groups included STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L.

The draft program of projects produced by CMAP staff is due to be proposed to the STP and CMAQ Project Selection Committees on July 18, 2019. Materials detailing the proposal should be available on CMAP’s website prior to the meeting.

It should be noted that the scoring of projects relative to one another does not necessarily reflect the program moving forward. This is due to the variation in funding asks within each fiscal year, the variation of available funding in each fiscal year, and the implementation status of each individual project.

Due to the volume of projects that applied, KKCOM staff has produced a reference table for projects from our council that applied in this call. That resource is available here.

Illinois APA Conference 2019

The 2019 Illinois APA conference will be held from September 25 - September 27, 2019 in Evanston. The event will include standard APA conference features, such as Ethics and Law, Plan Commissioner Training, and AICP Exam Prep among others.

The event will also include a series of mobile workshops and sessions, covering topics such as comfortable bicycle corridors, mall reinvisioning, dealing with density, affordable housing solutions, supportive housing, resilient and livable communities, community empowerment, zoning law, planning with modern GIS, community justice, climate resilience, bird sanctuaries in cities, urban highways, comprehensive plan implementation, disability awareness, suburban Chicago office campus strategies, solar, street safety and equity, the missing middle in housing, development without displacement, federal policy updates, and more! Registration is currently open and can be found on the IL APA website.