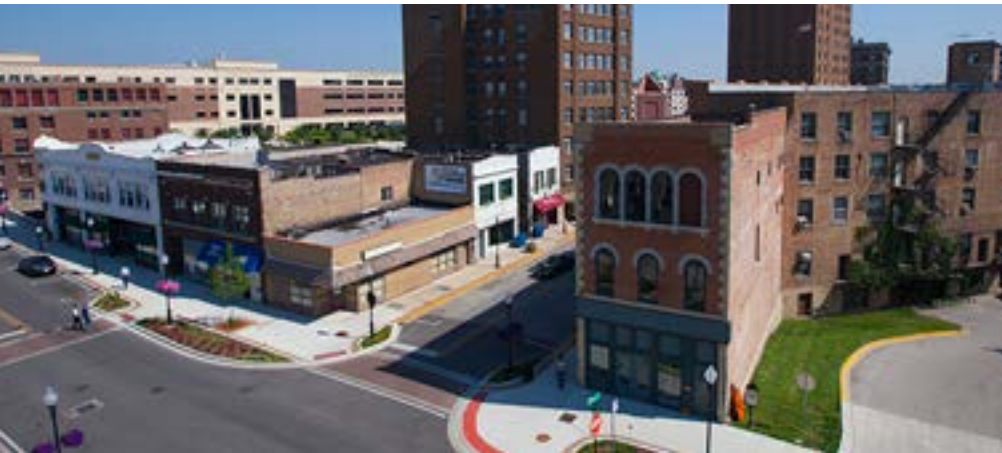


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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CMAP FY22-26 Call for Transportation Projects

CMAP's combined CMAQ/TAP and STP-Shared Fund call for projects will be open on **January 8, 2021**. A webinar on the funding programs involved as well as eligible projects will be occurring on **January 6**, and a webinar on how to submit an application via the eTIP website will be occurring on **January 15**. Applications will be due to KKKOM staff (or staff of other regional councils) by **February 19** with a final due date of **March 5**. More information, including registration for the information webinars, can be found on the CMAP [website](#).

Five Star and Urban Waters Program

Public and private groups interested in restoring habitats, enhancing water quality, and making other ecological improvements can apply now for the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. This program will award about \$1.5 million, in grants to public and private community partners throughout the country. Proposals are due by **Thursday, January 28, 2021**. For eligibility information, visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's [website](#).

Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

The [Flood Mitigation Assistance Program](#) provides funding for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings by the National Flood Insurance Program. The application period closes **Friday, January 29, 2021**.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program

[Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) grants support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. The application period closes **Friday, January 29, 2021**.

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February 17	CMAP Bike Ped Task Force
February 18	KKKOM Bike Ped Committee
February 26	CMAP Transportation Committee

IDOT BLRS ENGINEER NAMED

Effective December 1, 2020, George Tapas was appointed as the Engineer of Local Roads and Streets for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mr. Tapas brings over 30 years of professional engineering experience in strategic and business initiatives, operational organization and management, mega infrastructure development and delivery, and major capital improvement programs.



Following a late overall launch of July 31 due to COVID safety concerns, the Fox Valley Bike Share System finished out its first year with four sponsors (City of Aurora, Elgin Downtown Neighborhood Association, City of Batavia, Village of Montgomery). The system registered 272 rides (July 31 - November 16) and total system revenue of \$1,716. Of the total revenue generated, about 29.4% came from users that have an annual membership with the vendor (Koloni), versus single-purchase riders.

Council staff held a year-end discussion with the 2020 municipal sponsors, which generated a list of concerns for the initial launch. An overview of those concerns was provided at the December 10 KKKOM Bike Ped Committee, and the vendor is currently working on a response. KKKOM staff continue to update our contacts with potential partners that may be interested in joining the system in 2021 for an anticipated launch date between **May 15 and June 1**.

KANE COUNTY 2022 CRIP UPDATE

The 2022 update to the Kane County Comprehensive Road Improvement Plan is underway, with an anticipated completion date of **March 2022**. Documentation related to the update, including the Impact Fee Advisory Committee meetings and public hearings, will be posted on the KDOT [website](#). If you are interested in receiving information related to the update and meeting notifications, please add your e-mail address [here](#).

MUTCD PROPOSED UPDATES

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD) is incorporated in FHWA regulations and recognized as the national standard for traffic control devices used on all public roads. A Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPA) was released on December 14, 2020 detailing wide-ranging change proposals. These will constitute the 11th edition of the MUTCD. See the changes and comment until March 15 at the [Federal Register](#).

Changes of note include:

- Incorporation of provisional traffic control devices currently under Interim Approval, including pedestrian-actuated rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs) at uncontrolled marked crosswalks, green-colored pavement for bicycle lanes, red-colored pavement for transit lanes, and a new traffic signal warrant based on crash experience.
- Improvements to accessibility and safety for pedestrians, including the location of pushbuttons at signalized crosswalks, crosswalk marking patterns, and accommodations in work zones.
- Expanded traffic control devices to improve safety and operation for bicyclists, including intersection bicycle boxes, two-stage turn boxes, bicycle traffic signal faces, and a new U.S. bicycle route design.
- Considerations for agencies to prepare for the deployment of automated driving systems.
- Revised procedures for the posting of speed limits, new criteria for horizontal alignment change warnings, new application of traffic control devices for part-time shoulder travel, and new application of traffic control devices at busway crossings.

PACE 2021 BUDGET

Pace has passed their 2021 budget, reflecting changes due to the ongoing COVID ridership crisis. The budget includes no fare increases, although formalizes ongoing service suspensions on 73 routes and schedule modifications on an additional 25 routes. Despite operational downsides, Pace continues to invest in capital improvements that enable the implementation of high-performance services in the future. See the budget [here](#).

TOLLWAY 2021 BUDGET

The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors approved a balanced 2021 budget on December 17, reflecting an 11 percent increase over 2020, but a 7.8 percent decrease from pre-COVID 19 revenues. See the press release [here](#) and the budget document which was passed [here](#).

TOLLWAY VIOLATION RELIEF PROGRAM

The Illinois Tollway announced on December 17 that the popular violation relief program is being extended until June 30, 2021. The current guidelines, set under the TOLLING 2020 initiative, are such that all outstanding \$20 and \$50 fines on unpaid tolls will be reduced to \$3. Read more on the Illinois Tollway [website](#).

IDOT CONTRACTOR RATINGS FORM

IDOT has asked KKKOM staff to remind project sponsors of the BC 1777 form, which allows sponsors of projects utilizing the Bureau of Local Roads process on both State and Local lettings to report contractor performance. You can find the form on the IDOT [website](#) under "construction".



CMAP NEWS

CMAP's New Mailing Address

CMAP has completed their move to the Old Post Office. Their new mailing address is:

*Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
433 W. Van Buren St, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607*

Meeting Recordings Available

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

COVID-19 Response and Resources

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

Since the start of the stay-at-home order, transit and transportation use has significantly changed. CMAP has updated their [transportation system analysis](#) - covering roads, trips, safety, transit, and freight rail - with the latest data.

Pandemic Represents Opportunity to Support Biking and Walking

As residents show increased interest in biking and walking during the pandemic, communities can create temporary accommodations now while planning for long-term improvements. Learn about the [steps communities can take](#) to support and maintain residents' interest in biking and walking in the years ahead.

CMAP Rail Video

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning recently launched a [video](#) highlighting the importance of our region's rail and addressing issues at highway-rail grade crossings, including traffic backups, safety, and air pollution. The video underscores strategies to improve grade crossings in the decades to come, and points viewers toward the [priority grade crossings report](#). CMAP asks that partners share the video via their social media channels or newsletters, and has developed a [toolkit](#) to assist with promotion.

Update: COVID-19 Transportation Analysis

Since the start of the coronavirus response and Illinois' stay-at-home order, transit and transportation use has significantly changed. CMAP has updated its [analysis](#) of northeastern Illinois' transportation system - covering roads, trips, safety, transit, and freight rail - with the latest data and a new [video](#) breaking down key takeaways.

Improving Local Development Incentives

Local governments in northeastern Illinois commonly use incentives to recruit and retain businesses; however, incentives can have higher costs and lower public benefits than intended. ON TO 2050, the region's comprehensive plan, calls for local governments to reform their use of incentives. CMAP has created a new [guide](#), improving local development incentives, with clear strategies and practices for more effective use, tailored specifically to northeastern Illinois.

CMAP ON TO 2050 Indicators Dashboard

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. These data are available on a dashboard [website](#).

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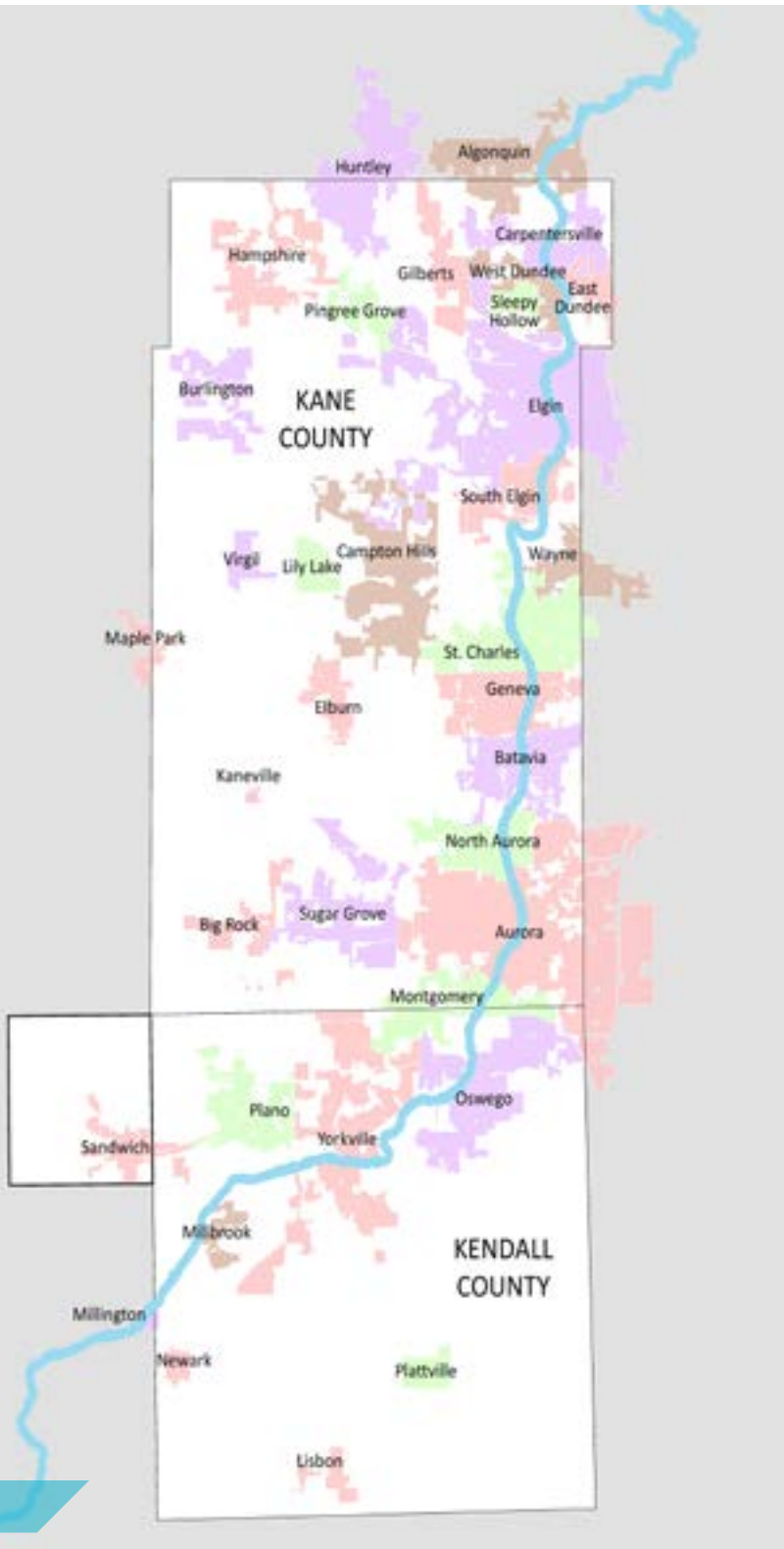
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