

Newsletter



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FUNDING UPDATES

KKCOM FFY 2025- 2029 STP-L Call for Projects Update

We received a total of 56 STP-L applications to fill FFY's 2028 and 2029. Scoring is underway and the draft recommended program will be posted on Leap Day, **February 29th**. A 30-day public comment period will follow and then the approval process begins with a final vote for program adoption on **June 13th** from CMAP's MPO Policy Committee.

FHWA Transportation Innovation NOFOs

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) issued [Circular Letter 2023-31](#) announcing two FHWA Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for the [Accelerated Innovation Deployment \(AID\) Demonstration Program](#) and the [Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation \(ATTAIN\) Program](#).

The AID Program provides funding as an incentive for eligible entities to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation. The award amount may be up to the full cost of the innovation in the project, up to a maximum of \$1 million. Additional information, including the prior year selections, successful projects, a recorded webinar, and innovation examples are available on the [AID Demonstration website](#). Applications are due **January 23, 2024**.

The ATTAIN Program provides grants to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment. Up to \$60 million for both FY 2023 and FY 2024 will be funded. Applications shall be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) and are due on **February 2, 2024**.

Federal RAISE Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) recently announced \$1.5 billion in [RAISE discretionary grant funding](#) available to help state and local governments complete locally and regionally important transportation projects. [Recently awarded projects](#) include planning and infrastructure to construct bike and pedestrian facilities, as well as first and last mile connections to transit. Applications are due **February 28**.

SAVE THE DATE

January 10	CMAP Board
January 11	CMAP MPO Policy Committee
January 17	CMAP UWP
January 18	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
January 23	CMAP Council of Mayors
February 7	CMAP UWP
February 14	CMAP Board
February 15	CMAP STP PSC
February 15	CMAP CMAQ & TAP PSC

KKCOM IS HIRING!

KKCOM is hiring a Regional Planning Liaison/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

Please visit the [County's Employment](#) page for more details.



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KANE COUNTY UPDATE

Kane County Safety Action Plan

In January 2024, Kane County DOT is kicking off the Kane County Safety Action Plan project. With funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, the project will create a Safety Action Plan for all of Kane County, not only on KDOT roadways. Traffic data shows that traffic deaths have sharply increased since COVID-19. In the United States, fatalities are up 18%, while fatalities in northeastern Illinois jumped 42% between 2019 and 2021. An increasing number of those killed are people walking or riding a bike. Recognizing this trend, CMAP applied for planning funding on behalf of several counties and local agencies and was awarded \$3.9M to complete locally-focused Safety Action Plans and support their Safe Travel for ALL Roadmap (STAR) initiative.

CMAP, as the direct recipient of the federal funding, held a competitive process to select a consultant and H.W. Lochner will lead the Kane County plan. The project scope includes:

- identifying low-cost, high-impact strategies that can improve safety over a wide geographic area;
- establishing equitable investment in the safety needs of underserved and historically excluded communities, by incorporating evidence-based projects and strategies;
- providing coordination between agencies;
- and aligning with the Federal Highway Administration's mission and priorities such as equity, climate and sustainability, quality job creation, and economic strength and global competitiveness.

Once a Safety Action Plan is completed and includes the FHWA-required elements, local agencies may apply for SS4A funding to implement the plan. The plan will include extensive stakeholder engagement and staff will reach out to Kane County communities for input and information in the coming year. To learn more about the overall project, visit the [STAR website](#).

IDOT UPDATE

FFY 2025 STR, STU, and Local Bridge Funding Allotments

IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-33](#) showing the FFY 2025 allotments for Surface Transportation Program – Rural (STR), Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STU), and Local Bridge Formula Program (formerly STP-Br).

- STR: Kendall County - \$737,728
- STU: Chicago/Northeastern Illinois - \$217,207,395
- Local Bridge: Kane County - \$1,663,128
- Local Bridge: Kendall County - \$337,972

KKCOM WELCOMES GEORGE KANDATHIL

Please join us in welcoming George Kandathil as our new Regional Planning Liaison and Transportation Planner!

FHWA LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

FHWA's National Highway Institute launched its new [Blackboard Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#) to provide a more interactive and user-friendly platform, offering easier access to course information, simplified course registration, transcript viewing, and online management of profile information and passwords. More than 30 self-directed training courses are currently available through NHI's LMS.

FHWA LAUNCHES UPDATED INTERACTIVE WEBSITE WITH STATE DOT ADA TRANSITION PLANS AND INVENTORIES

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is committed to Americans with disabilities and removing barriers to access to our transportation systems. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), recently launched a new [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Transition Plan and Inventory](#) interactive website and [accompanying background and tutorial](#) to help State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), including planners and policymakers, understand and prioritize the elimination of inaccessible infrastructure when making transportation investments.

FHWA's new [interactive website](#) and [accompanying background and tutorial](#) improve the public's access to and use of data that State DOTs publish on their progress and plans to improve accessibility in public-rights-of-way and transportation facilities. Users can easily find the ADA Transition Plan for each State DOT, when it was last updated, and the associated inventory of barriers, if available. Public-rights-of-way include sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, parking, and transit stops while transportation facilities include public buildings, rest stops, and transit stations.



CMAP NEWS

CMAP Delivers Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) to State Leaders

On December 7th, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning proudly delivered the final [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) at a milestone event hosted in Chicago. The celebration was the culmination of ten months of rigorous work and included a wide variety of regional leaders who came together to develop the plan.

Transit agencies in northeastern Illinois face a fiscal cliff, with an expected budget shortfall of \$730 million in 2026. Big, bold solutions are needed to secure the financial viability of the region's transit system. PART addresses a variety of timely transit needs, including financial viability and funding, rider experience and accessibility, governance, and community and economic development. PART supports the region's [ON TO 2050 principles](#) of inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment. Leaders from across the region, including state, county, and local elected officials, along with regional business and civic leaders publicly praised the completion of the report and called on state lawmakers to take action on the legislative recommendations.

The report emphasizes the value of transit to our region's success, benefitting riders and non-riders alike, providing access to jobs, education, healthcare, community, and much more. Proposed solutions support a transit system that is safe, secure, and clean; that promotes better air quality and climate; and addresses accessibility and equity. The report outlines potential revenue sources including regionally coordinated fares, fare increases tied to inflation, a tax on services, and others.

With official approval in November by the CMAP Board and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, which consists of the county board chairs and other regional stakeholders, PART was transmitted to Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly ahead of the legislative deadline of January 1, 2024.

2023 Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment: Measuring Progress toward Zero Traffic Fatalities

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recently released the 2023 Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment. The report documents the federally required process of identifying safety trends, policies, and procedures related to safety for vulnerable travelers like pedestrians and bicyclists. The VRU Safety Assessment is also a resource for stakeholders in Illinois to help identify high-priority areas for project selection and safety improvements. Check out the [2023 VRU Safety Assessment here](#).

Looking Ahead: Safety Action Plans in Northeastern Illinois

The Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR) is taking an exciting next step – safety action planning efforts will kick off in early 2024. Six counties in the region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will), as well as the Greater Ashburn community area in Chicago and the Town of Cicero, will develop safety action plans as part of STAR. The plans will identify context-specific strategies to improve roadway safety for all users, particularly for people walking, biking, or using a wheelchair.

STAR is implemented by CMAP and is primarily funded by a [\\$5 million federal Safe Streets and Roads for All grant](#), with substantial financial support from IDOT and partner counties. Learn more about the STAR program [here](#).

What Does the ADA Mean?

[Watch a recording](#) of CMAP's training session on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its requirements.

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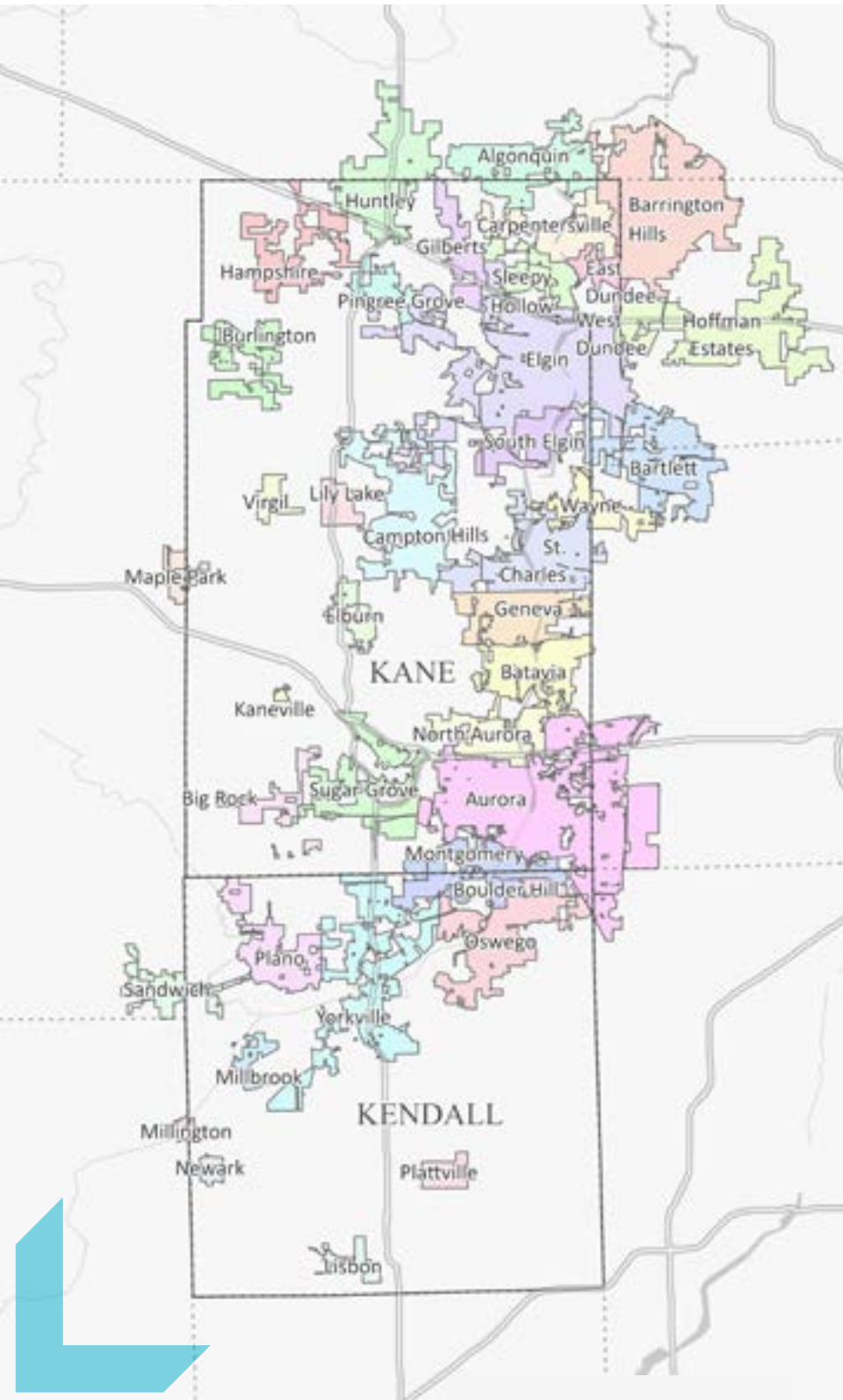
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