

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

CMAP Call for Transportation Projects

CMAP has published draft programs for both the [STP](#) and [CMAQ/TAP-L](#) portions of the current call for projects, which closed in March of this year. The STP and CMAQ portions of the program do not include any projects in Kane or Kendall Counties. The TAP portion of the program includes the shared-use paths for KDOT's Randall at Hopps and Dauberman Rd Extension projects. The public comment period will conclude at **4:00pm on July 30**. Public comments can be submitted via e-mail to transportation@cmap.illinois.gov or by mail to:

CMAP

Attn: Transportation Program Public Comment

433 W. Van Buren St., Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60607

For more information, visit see the CMAP call for projects [webpage](#).

ITEP Awards

IDOT released the ITEP Cycle 14 award announcements on June 9. Project applications totaled 270 at \$293 million and 99 were awarded at \$105.9 million. Municipalities within KKOM accounted for 5 of the projects at \$3,464,820, including:

- City of Aurora - Montgomery Rd Multi-Use Path Extension - Middlebury Dr to IL Route 59
- City of Geneva - Kautz Rd Bike Path Gap - Between IL-38 and IL-64
- Village of Sugar Grove - Blackberry Creek Bridge and Shared Use Path
- Village of Sugar Grove - Sidewalks for Safe Routes to School (Grove St, West St, Calkins St)
- Village of Oswego - Wolf's Crossing at Harvey Rd Shared-Use Path

WIFIA Program (US EPA)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has approximately \$5.5 Billion available to finance water infrastructure projects through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act [program](#). Letters of intent are due by **Friday, July 23**.

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SAVE THE DATE

July 14	CMAP Board Meeting
July 15	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
July 16	CMAP Transportation Committee
July 20	CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee
TBD	KKCOM Full Council Meeting
August 11	CMAP Board Meeting
August 11	CMAP UWP Committee Meeting
August 19	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
August 27	CMAP Transportation Committee

IDOT MANAGEMENT CHANGE

Steve Travia will no longer be serving as Engineer of Program Implementation at IDOT D1. He will be serving as the Director of Highways at IDOT's Central Office. The position is currently vacant. Congrats Steve!



CMAP REGION ADA COMPLIANCE

The Metropolitan Planning Council, in partnership with the Great Lakes ADA Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, published a report this past March containing the results of a regional survey on ADA Transition Plans among the 200 municipalities with more than 50 employees in the Chicagoland region. The results of the survey indicated that only 22 municipalities (11%) were able to show that they had an ADA transition plan.

The FHWA, through communication with CMAP and partners, has signalled interest in significant improvements to compliance in the region, which has fallen since the passage of the ADA in 1990. Various forms of technical assistance have been discussed, including the ability to utilize State Planning and Research (SPR) dollars to develop ADA Transition Plans, as well as the possibility of CMAP accepting applications from local municipalities through the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program to the same effect. Per IDOT, MFT funds are currently able to be utilized for the transportation system elements of ADA Transition Plans (i.e. consulting/services for the development of plans).

Council staff will be continuing the discussion with KKKOM local agencies about developments/technical assistance moving forward. Council staff have also been attending [webinars](#) on ADA Transition Planning hosted by the FHWA, which we encourage any and all transportation implementers to attend:

- [LPA Experiences in Transition Plan Implementation](#) - July 14, 2-3:30pm
- [Disability Advisory Groups' Involvement in LPA Transition Plan Implementation](#) - July 21, 2-3:30pm

FOX VALLEY BIKE SHARE

The Fox Valley Bike Share launched in May for the 2021 riding season, in Aurora, Batavia, Montgomery and Oswego. The system has logged 173 rides so far, at \$975 in total revenue. The highest ridership stations South Plaza and the Depot Museum in Batavia, as well as City Hall and RiverEdge Park in Aurora.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES IN TRANSPORTATION

There are several recent pieces of legislation that may be of interest to the members of KKKOM:

- **HB0253:** Requires IDOT to establish a performance program for all facilities in its jurisdiction, as well as a risk-based highway system asset management plan. Requires the development of a performance-based project selection process. Provides that, starting April 1, 2022, no project shall be included in the 5-year capital program or amendments to the program, without being evaluated under the selection process.
- **HB270:** Provides that, in and within one mile of an urban area, the Department of Transportation shall establish and solely fund bicycle and pedestrian ways in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility.
- **SB117:** Provides for the creation of an Infrastructure Development Account and authorizes the Treasurer to enter into infrastructure financing agreements with firms in Illinois.

IDOT CRASH DATA UPDATE

IDOT has finalized the 2019 and 2020 crash data, which is available via IDOT's Safety Portal and Crash Facts publications. The Crash Facts report for 2020 is currently under development. IDOT continues to support the "Drive Zero Fatalities to a Reality" initiative through the provision and maintenance of data resources for Local Public Agencies. Read more and find links to access the data in Circular Letter [2021-17](#).

I-PASS ASSIST PROGRAM EXPANSION

The Illinois Tollway opened enrollment on June 23 to an expanded I-PASS assist program that will help more residents with low income attain the benefits of I-PASS. The program significantly reduces the upfront costs of I-PASS for eligible customers.

Benefits include no initial deposit and automatic refills as low as \$4. Read more in the Tollway's [press release](#).

ALTERNATIVE FUEL CORRIDORS

IDOT has announced that blue signs guiding motorists to electric vehicle charging stations will start appearing along Interstates 55, 80, 90 and 94, as well as elsewhere in Illinois. The new "Alternative Fuels Corridor" [signs](#) are part of a national effort to promote alternative fuel sources and spark economic activity.

IDOT also plans to install signs on exit ramps directing motorists to charging stations, nearby gas stations, restaurants, hotels and tourist attractions. Future signs under IDOT's new blue sign program will point out locations for compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, hydrogen and propane fueling stations.



CMAP NEWS

Regional Traffic Rebound

Traffic and congested conditions, including traditional morning and afternoon peak travel times, are beginning to rebound in northeastern Illinois. The latest [analysis](#) of transportation trends during the pandemic shows overall statewide traffic volumes this spring nearly returning to pre-pandemic levels. Truck volumes remained elevated over those levels, while passenger vehicle volumes are 6 percent below pre-COVID levels.

CARES Act Relief Funds Allocation

As documented in IDOT Circular Letter [2021-13](#), the CMAP region has been allocated approximately \$42.6 million in COVID relief funds. It is CMAP's intent to distribute these funds throughout the region according to the needs-based STP distribution formula [agreed](#) to by the Councils of Mayors and the City of Chicago in 2017. Funds will become available for use at the beginning of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2022) in October 2021. CMAP is currently developing guidance for the selection, programming and prioritization of projects to be implemented with these funds that will have a meaningful impact on the region's ongoing recovery and regional goals for innovation, equity and safety.

FY21 Community Cohorts

CMAP determines the level of local capacity and technical assistance needed for communities in the region by using the Community Cohort Evaluation Tool (CCET). This tool assigns Community cohorts throughout the CMAP region based on four factors: population, income, tax base per capita and percent of population located in an economically disconnected or disinvested area (EDA). The Community Cohorts will be assigned on an annual basis every April using this tool and the most current data available. Please click here for the Fiscal Year 2021 [list](#) of Community Cohorts.

CMAP Complete Streets Talk

CMAP recently hosted a talk session on complete streets design, with panelists from IDOT, the City of Aurora and Epstein. Topics included the role of design in transportation safety as well as northeastern Illinois communities that have adopted complete streets policies. Those interested can view the [recording](#) and [presentation](#) on CMAP's website.

Algonquin-Cary Route 31 Corridor Plan

After several decades of gravel mining, several parcels of land along the IL Route 31 corridor will soon become suitable for restoration and development. These sites are located along the boundary between the Villages of Algonquin and Cary alongside several unincorporated areas. CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program and the Villages of Algonquin and Cary collaborated to develop a subarea plan which sets the long term vision for the mining sites and surrounding area. The plan was adopted by both village boards as of May 4 and can be viewed in full [here](#).

American Rescue Plan Act Interpretation

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act provides direct relief to state and local governments, and continues support for public transit agencies. The bill, which was signed into law in March, also provides additional relief in the form of grant and loan assistance for environmental justice, household utilities, housing, economic development, and small businesses.

CMAP staff recently updated their [interpretation](#) of the programs in the legislation. The document is meant to be used by local governments for informational purposes. Staff will continue to update this overview.

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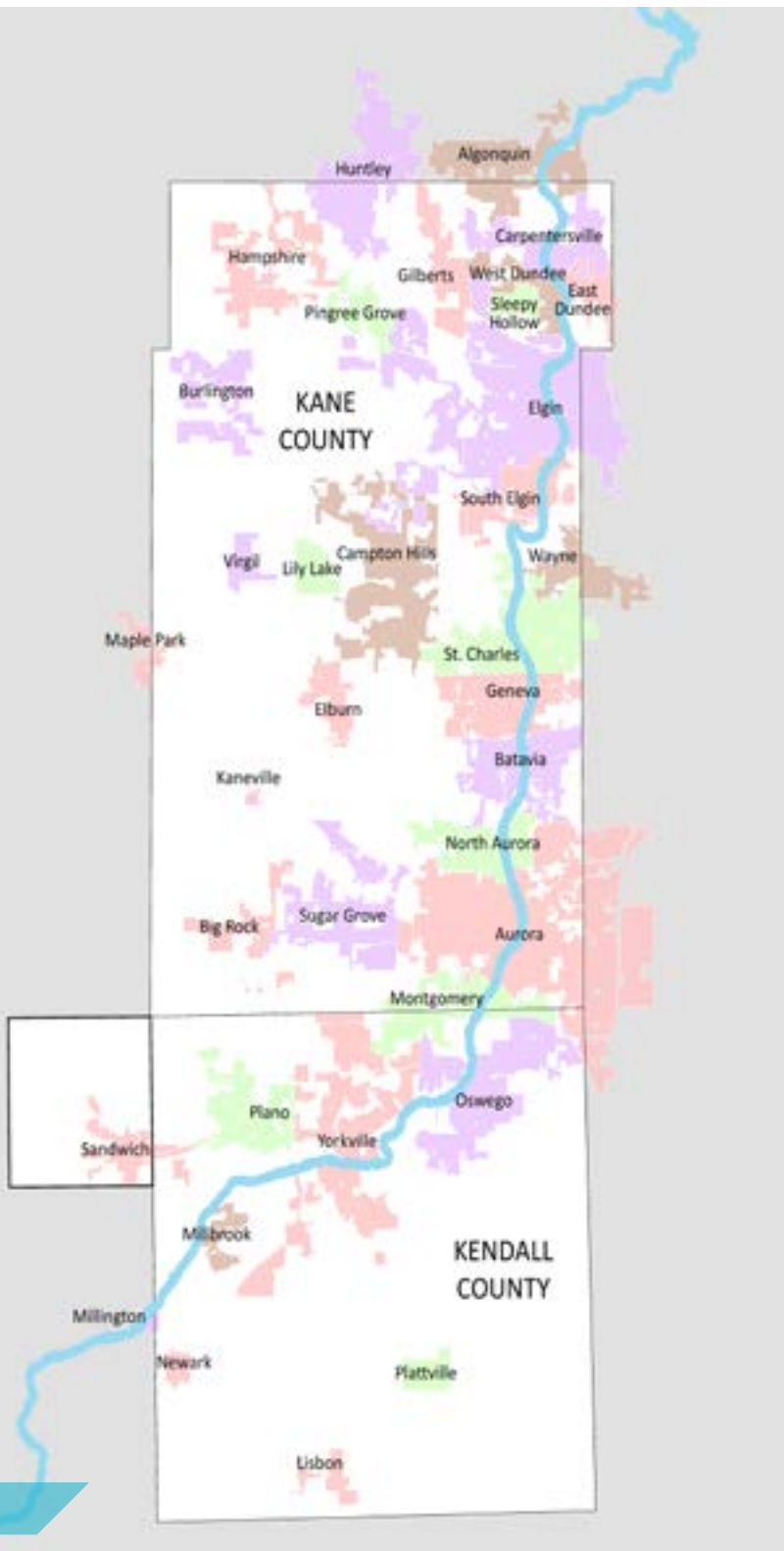
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