

Newsletter

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program

USDOT announced it is seeking applicants for the FY2021 round of the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America discretionary grant program. INFRA grants will fund transportation projects of national and regional significance that are in line with federal priorities including creating jobs, improving safety, applying transformative technology, and addressing climate change and racial equity. The NOFO will remain open through **March 19, 2021**. For more information visit the USDOT [website](#).

FY2022-2023 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program

On February 19, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2021-07](#) containing the NOFO for the FY 2022 and 2023 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program. IDOT continues to place a strong emphasis on crossing closure, warning device, and circuitry related projects as opposed to crossing surface and roadway approach projects. Please submit applications to IDOT by **April 2, 2021 at 11:59 PM**. It is requested that applicants submit their applications electronically.

IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Forms and Contract Rates Update

IDOT sent out [Circular Letter 2021-05](#) on **February 2**, summarizing a number of changes that have been implemented related to the Engineering Services Agreements and the compensation formulas for consultant services for the Bureau of Local Roads and Streets. The circular details added/deleted forms and applicable dates, which are required for usage as of **February 15, 2021**, retroactive for locally executed agreements.

IDOT Consultation with Non-Metropolitan Officials

IDOT has provided notification that the department is updating its policy for consultation with non-metropolitan officials. This policy explains the process in which officials representing local governments, with transportation responsibilities, can participate in the development of the long-range Statewide Transportation Plan and the State Transportation Improvement Program. The letter detailing the previously approved policy from 2016, as well as the process to submit comments by **April 12, 2021** can be found at this [link](#).



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SAVE THE DATE	
March 10	CMAP Board Meeting
March 10	CMAP UWP Committee
March 11	CMAP MPO Policy Committee
April 1	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
April 1	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee
April 14	CMAP Board Meeting
April 14	CMAP Bike Ped Task Force
April 15	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
April 16	CMAP Transportation Committee
April 20	CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee
April 29	KKCOM Full Council Meeting



FOX VALLEY BIKE SHARE UPDATES

KKCOM staff continue to update our contacts with potential partners that indicate interest in joining the system in 2021 for an anticipated launch date between **May 15 and June 1**. In February, KKCOM staff presented with the vendor on bike share in suburban contexts to representatives of Oswego area local government units and Shodeen development staff. Confirmations of the full sponsor list for 2021 should be available for the April KKCOM Committees as well as the May/June KKCOM newsletter.

KKCOM STP Updates

KKCOM STP-Shared Fund Applications

For the FY2022-2026 round of applications for STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP funds, council staff received a total of 11 applications for review. Scoring will occur between **March 5 and April 30**, and will be released for review afterward as in the FY2020-2024 call for projects. The draft recommended program will be released just prior to **July 18**. Information regarding program development, public comment, and scheduling will be posted directly on the 2021 CMAP Call for Transportation Projects [webpage](#).

STP-Shared Fund Regional Priority Points Allocation

As a part of the FY22-26 CMAP STP-Shared Fund Call for Projects, KKCOM is responsible for allocating points to Kane-Kendall programming area applications. CMAP has set a deadline for the allocation of these points of **April 30**. The **April 15** KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) will be responsible for an initial proposal of points to be allocated, following a presentation on project applicants by council staff. The **April 29** KKCOM Full Council will review and approve the Transportation Policy Committee's recommended points allocation.

KKCOM STP Methodology Revisions Process

Council staff are in the process of reviewing data collected from the FY21-25 KKCOM STP-L call for projects, in order to produce a set of revisions which could impact the FY23-27 call for projects. Council staff gave an overview [analysis](#) at the January 21 TPC and will come back with early proposal concepts for comments at the **April 15 TPC**. Final text proposals will be presented for deliberation at the **July TPC**. As in the previous methodology revision from 2020, there will be a 30-day public comment period following.

2021 APA National Planning Conference

The 2021 APA National Planning Conference will be taking place online from **May 5 to May 7**. Those interested can register on the American Planning Association [website](#). The highlight topics for this year include:

- Addressing a legacy of inequality
- COVID recovery and reinvention
- Emerging transportation and infrastructure
- Leveraging rapid technological changes
- Planning practice innovation
- Resilient planning in a changing climate

RTA RECOVERY STRATEGY

RTA is in the midst of its [three step recovery strategy](#) to sustain the region's transit system and plan its future. Step 2 is now underway, to execute the 2021 budget and make decisions as needed to sustain transit through this time of uncertainty. Read more about Step 2 in a staff [memo](#) to the RTA Board. To facilitate distribution of these funds, the RTA is carefully identifying Critical Need Areas by analyzing factors. Watch a [presentation](#) to the RTA Board of Directors from January 21 to learn more.

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY CASHLESS TOLLING

The Illinois Tollway is eliminating cash collection as a payment option, following operational changes due to COVID. Information on the payment options moving forward, including Pay-by-Plate, I-Pass, and offline payment methods are available on the Tollway [website](#). As a reminder, the Tollway violation relief program, which reduces \$20 and \$50 violations for cars to \$3, has been extended to **June 30, 2021**.

IOWA DOT ROAD DIET RESOURCES

The Iowa DOT has excellent resources regarding 4-to-3 lane conversions. This involves restriping a 4-lane road as a 3-lane road. One lane is provided in each direction with a continuous left turn lane down the middle. This leaves room which can be used for enhancements such as parking or bike lanes. You can find more information [here](#), including a [video](#) on post road-diet operational improvements.

US-CANADA TRANSPORT CLIMATE JOINT STATEMENT

The USDOT and Transport Canada have [renewed](#) a 2016 initiative to cooperate on the transport-climate change nexus. Topics include corridor electrification infrastructure, zero-emission vehicle sales, clean energy in rail transportation, carbon offsetting in aviation and marine transport, as well as St. Lawrence Seaway development.



CMAP NEWS

Meeting Recordings Available

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

Reminder: 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.

Regional Traffic Safety Action Agenda

1,166 people died in motor vehicle crashes in Illinois in 2020, a nearly 16% increase over 2019. This is in spite of reduced Vehicle-Miles Traveled (VMT) due to the ongoing pandemic. The majority of these deaths have occurred on local roads and streets. This year is a high anomaly in an otherwise still discouraging trend of progress on roadway fatalities. CMAP is responding to this trend by convening a Traffic Safety Resource Group comprised of regional representatives from the areas of Engineering, Advocacy, Emergency Services, Enforcement, Education, and Academia. Those interested in an overview of this effort can get a full picture of the scope and how it dovetails into CMAP's pre-existing priorities by taking a look at this [memo](#) and this overview [presentation](#).

CMAP 2021 State and Federal Legislative Agendas Now Available

Each legislative session, CMAP develops strategic policy agendas based on recommendations from ON TO 2050, the region's long-range plan. The CMAP Board recently approved 2021 agendas for [state](#) and [federal](#) lawmakers. These documents reflect CMAP's legislative priorities for the region, including local government revenues, the need for vital investments in transportation, and addressing climate change. Learn more about CMAP's legislative and policy statements [here](#).

Illinois Sees Second-Largest Population Loss of U.S. States

Illinois lost nearly 80,000 residents in 2020, marking the seventh straight year of population decline. In all, Illinois' population has declined almost 2 percent over the last decade according to new estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Kane County grew by 1.82% (+9,502) and Kendall County grew by 6.65% (+7,860) over this period. [Learn more](#) in a new analysis of population trends across both Illinois and the metropolitan Chicago region.

Join CMAP for International Women's Day

Join CMAP on International Women's Day to discuss how COVID-19 exacerbated economic challenges for the region's women and how we can address those challenges. Tune in to this roundtable discussion for what an economic recovery means for women and how we can choose to challenge structural inequities to build stability and opportunity for these workers and their families.

[Register](#) for an enlightening and inspirational roundtable on Monday, **March 8, at 11:00 a.m.** This CMAP Talk will be recorded and shared on CMAP's [YouTube](#) channel.

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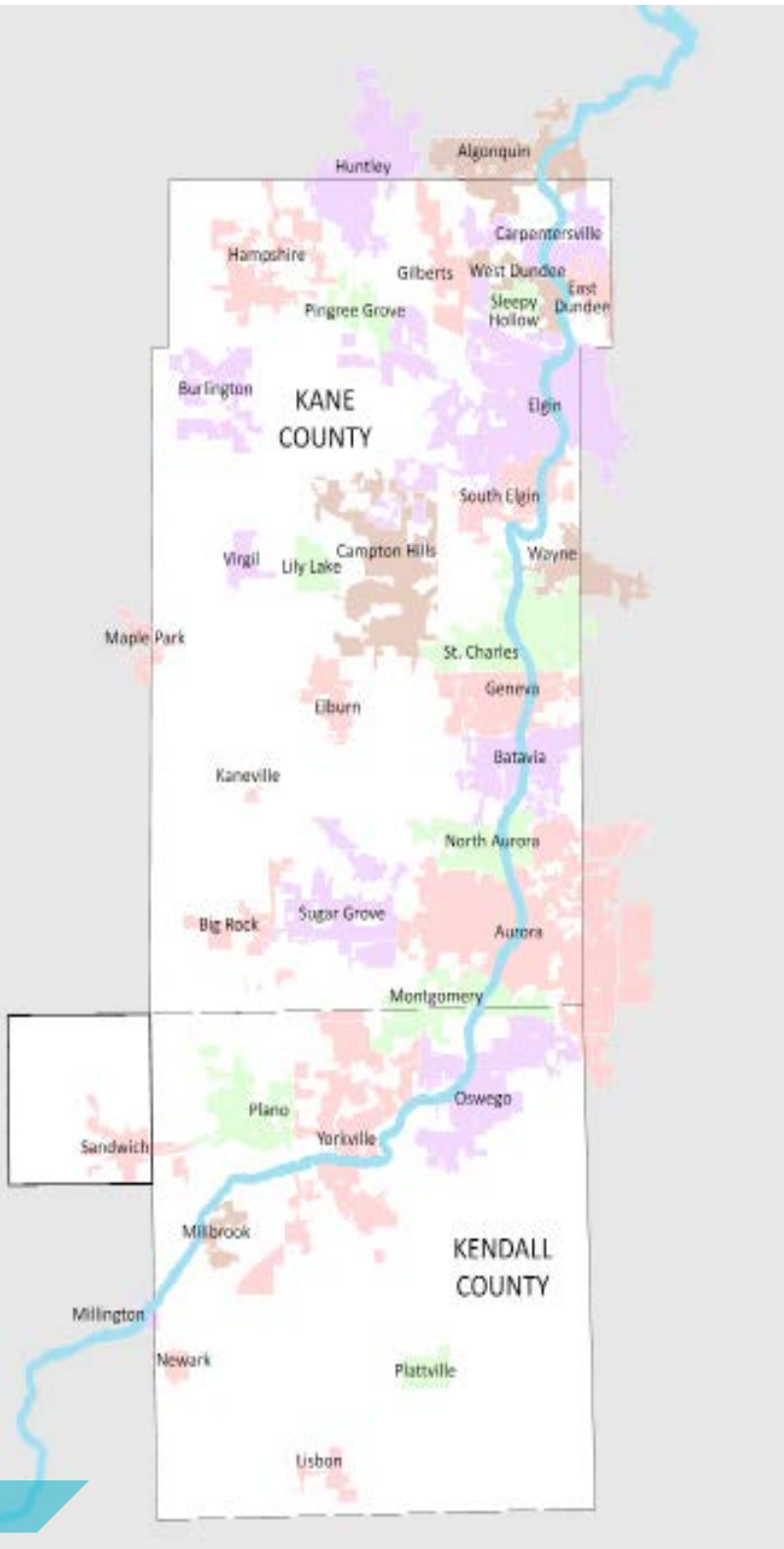
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