

Newsletter

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for Candidate Projects

IDOT is requesting candidate projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program that will be initiated in FY2023. IDOT provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity ([NOFO](#)) on March 12, 2021, along with a Circular Letter ([CL 2021-11](#)). Applications for this funding program will be received through **Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**, and the announcement of the selected projects for funding will be made during the week of July 26, 2021.

RAISE Discretionary Grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation published a NOFO to apply for \$1 billion in FY2021 discretionary grant funding through the [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) grants](#). For this round of RAISE grants, formerly known as BUILD and TIGER, the maximum grant award is \$25 million, and no more than \$100 million can be awarded to a single State. Up to \$30 million will be awarded to planning grants, including at least \$10 million to Areas of Persistent Poverty. The deadline to submit a RAISE application is **July 12, 2021**.

Environmental Justice Grants

The Environmental Protection Agency will award grants through its [Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program](#) and the [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#). The EPA will give special consideration to projects focusing on COVID-19 impacts and climate and disaster resiliency, as well as projects proposed by new applicants and small non-profits. Applicants must submit proposals by **Friday, May 7**, with a planned project start date of Friday, October 1.

US Small Business Administration Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Information available [here](#).

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May 13	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee Meeting
June 4	CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting
June 9	CMAP Board Meeting
June 10	CMAP MPO Policy Committee Meeting
June 15	<i>Special Meeting</i> KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Methodology Review
June 16	CMAP Bike and Pedestrian Task Force
June 17	KKCOM Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting
July 1	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee Meeting
July 15	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee Meeting



SECTION 1440 PROCEDURE FOR AGREEMENTS

IDOT recently released [Circular Letter 2021-10](#) At-Risk Project Pre-Agreement Authority for Preliminary Engineering (Section 1440 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act). The letter describes a process local agencies may use for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Engineering that will allow work to begin prior to a full IDOT review of agreements. The county engineers championed this new procedure and worked closely with IDOT to make this happen. Key Points:

- This is only for Phase 1 Engineering and Phase 2 Engineering agreements. ROW and Phase 3/Construction Engineering are not eligible.
- The local agency should submit a letter to the local IDOT District requesting permission to use the Section 1440 procedure. The letter must include the STIP or TIP number. For District 1, this letter should be submitted with the PPI and the PPI should have a note in the comments section requesting approval to use the Section 1440 procedure.
- The local agency must follow the QBS process outlined in Chapter 5 of the BLRS manual for consultant selection.
- Once IDOT provides the Section 1440 procedure Notice to Proceed, the local agency may locally execute the engineering agreement and work may commence.
- The Local Agency Agreement will still be submitted for review and the local agency must wait until it receives notification to locally execute the agreement.
- The Circular Letter has all of the details including an FAQ section.

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](#).

CENSUS URBAN AREA CRITERIA - PROPOSED UPDATES

The U.S. Census Bureau has published a notice with proposed criteria for redefining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census. The opportunity for review and public comment is provided by the U.S. Census Bureau, with written comments on the proposed criteria available now and before May 20, 2021 on the [Federal Register](#). Proposed changes include:

- Adoption of a housing unit density threshold for qualification of census blocks;
- Defining urban areas based on a minimum threshold of 4,000 housing units or 10,000 persons, instead of a minimum threshold of 2,500 persons;
- Ceasing in the distinguishing of different types of urban areas;
- Decreasing the maximum distances of jumps, and no longer providing the inclusion of the low density hop or jump "corridor" in the urban area; and
- No longer including the low-density territory designation located within indentations formed during the urban area delineation process.

An example [map](#) of the proposed changes has been created for four urban areas.

METRA CROWDING INFO

Metra has created a [dashboard](#) for ridership and crowding information for all train lines in response to increasing ridership levels. Schedules with estimated crowding are updated based on 5 day averages of riders per train car and are classified into Low, Some, Moderate, and High ridership.

RTA COVID DASHBOARD UPDATED

The RTA COVID [Dashboard](#) created in May 2020 has been updated to reflect information on farebox return by service board as well as average weekday ridership by service board. According to preliminary estimates on the dashboard, the RTA sales tax for January 2021 exceeds January 2020.

IL TOLLWAY UPDATES

Cashless Tolling

Cashless toll collection is still continuing, and the Tollway would like to remind customers of the Pay-by-Plate [option](#), which allows customers a 14-day grace period prior to a mailed invoice with a late fee.

Toll Violation Relief Expiry

The current relief period, which reduces the initial cost of missed tolls from \$20 to \$3 per toll, is set to expire on June 30, 2021. Customers with outstanding tolls are encouraged to take advantage.

Kane County Construction

- I-88 roadway pavement and bridge repairs are continuing between Eola Rd and IL-59.
- Deerpath Rd Bridge over I-88 in Aurora is closed for removal and reconstruction. Construction is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.



CMAP NEWS

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 continually updates their [transportation system analysis](#) - covering roads, trips, safety, transit, and freight rail - with the latest data.

Moving Forward on Regional Economic Recovery

CMAP continues to convene the Regional Economic Recovery Task Force to identify strategies that support a strong economic recovery from COVID-19. The task force, [launched](#) in November 2020, includes working groups dedicated to economic development, tourism, and workforce. Leaders from across northeastern Illinois are meeting regularly to discuss how to build back a more inclusive, prosperous, and resilient region.

\$2.3 Trillion Federal Infrastructure Plan

The newly released [\\$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal](#) includes significant investments in roads, transit, green energy, and other infrastructure. CMAP will continue to monitor this legislation and assess how it would impact northeastern Illinois as more details become available. Learn more about [CMAP's federal priorities](#).

Improving Equity in Transportation Fees, Fines, and Fares

Our transportation system is a literal route to opportunity, connecting residents to jobs, education, and services. And yet significant inequities exist. In a new report, CMAP details how transportation fees, fines, and fares impact residents with low income and people of color, and recommends policy changes to improve equity. Read more [here](#).

Governor's Budget Proposal

CMAP analyzed Governor J.B. Pritzker's budget proposal and the priorities of ON TO 2050, the region's long-range transportation plan. The budget request includes investments and programs that address mobility, water management, and the resources for local governments. CMAP explores what the proposal could mean for northeastern Illinois. Learn more [here](#).

CMAP's State Legislative Agenda

Current funding for road and transit projects can't keep pace with growing maintenance needs, let alone improvements crucial to northeastern Illinois' recovery and economic competitiveness.

To address the maintenance backlog, CMAP's state legislative agenda focuses on these policies recommended in ON TO 2050. A pilot program for a [road usage charge](#), additional [regional revenues](#), and [congestion pricing](#) all would help alleviate funding constraints. The state also needs to consider equity in these programs to ensure a transportation system that works for everyone. Enacting these policies would help build and maintain a world-class system that keeps people and goods moving throughout northeastern Illinois. Learn more about [CMAP's legislative agenda for the 102nd General Assembly](#).

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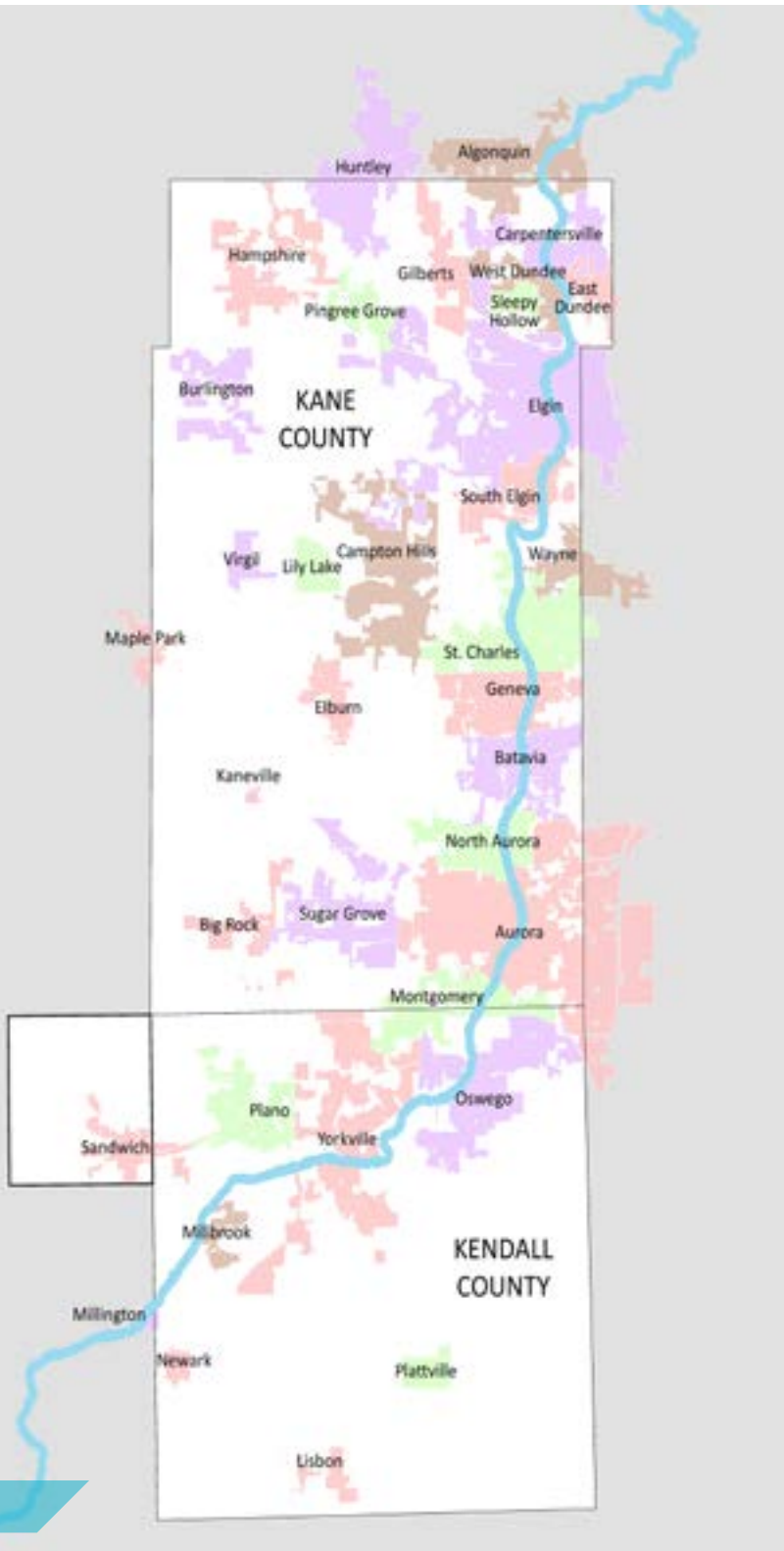
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