BIKE SHARE UPDATE

After an RFP evaluation process, KDOT/KKCOM staff are excited to announce that Koloni has been awarded as the vendor for the Kane County Bike Share System! Participants will be expected to state their intent to take part in the system by January 20, 2020, with final agreements before March 2020. KDOT will be pursuing continuity across all contracts in the system, as there will be more local stipulations.

Kane County is planning to subsidize the costs of the program for all local agencies who participate in the initial phase of development. All said and done, it is the intention of KDOT to have the system on-line for a Summer 2020 roll-out and a full riding year!

STP & CMAQ/TAP PROGRAM

On October 10, the joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee made a final determination to approve the programs resulting from the 2019 CMAP Call for Transportation Projects process. STP and TAP-L projects are final, while CMAQ projects await a final federal eligibility determination in November.

There were several projects within the KKCOM region that were awarded within the programs. In the Shared Fund, the City of Aurora’s East New York Street project and the City of Batavia’s Prairie Street Improvements project were included. In the CMAQ/TAP funds, KDOT’s Orchard Road at US Route 30 Improvement project and the City of Aurora’s Montgomery Road and Hill Avenue Improvements project were accepted for funding. To learn more about the funding, visit CMAP’s Call for Projects website.

2021 CMAP Call for Transportation Projects: Project sponsors are advised to be prepared for the possibility of having substantial completion of Phase 1 (STP Projects Applicants) required by the mid-March 2021 application deadline, per CMAP STP Project Selection Committee discussions. More information to follow.
The Illinois Department of Transportation will be hosting two public hearings in Joliet to share details on proposed improvements to Interstate 80, a major component of the Rebuild Illinois capital program. Those meetings are in the evenings Nov. 6 and Nov. 7, details here.

The current scope of the project includes 16 miles of I-80, from Ridge Rd in Minooka (border of Kendall County) to U.S. 30 in Joliet/New Lenox, with improvements to auxiliary lanes, full bridge replacements, and interchange improvements. Other scope items included in the project infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles, financed by an award through the FHWA's Alternative Fuel Corridors Program.

Construction is tentatively set to begin in three years.

**IDOT FY20-25 MYP**

The IDOT Multi-Year Plan for State fiscal years 2020-2025 has been released. The full plan is available on IDOT's website.

- Pages 148-159 detail state highway projects in Kane County
- Pages 299-302 detail local highway projects in Kane County
- Pages 412-473 detail state highway projects in District 3 (Kendall County inc.)
- Pages 474-495 detail local highway projects in District 3

**IDNR FY2020 Grants Cycle**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Conservation Foundation have announced anticipated application deadlines for competitive grant programs for Illinois FY20. The schedule can be found here.

Programs are wide-reaching, and cover Natural Resource Protection, Management, and Enhancement; Recreational Amenity and Open Space Acquisition and Development, Museum Capital Improvement; and Environmental Education.
CMAP NEWS

Illinois Capital Bill Review Series
CMAP has published an in-depth policy review of Rebuild Illinois and other legislation as a three-part series. The analyses examine transportation provisions, “vertical” provisions, and other measures approved by the Illinois General Assembly during the spring session. These analyses include revenue forecasts, synthesis and examination of appropriations, and a thorough discussion of the implications for implementing the region’s ON TO 2050 plan. You can also explore the capital appropriations with a tool CMAP recently created.

CMAP Wins Top Awards from the Illinois APA
CMAP and its planning efforts were recognized with four awards from the Illinois chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-IL) at its annual conference in September. The awards included recognition for ON TO 2050 with the top prize, the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan.

Other CMAP-supported plans were recognized by APA-IL this year including three plans developed in partnership with communities through the agency’s Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Those were the Public Outreach Award (North Lawndale Quality-of-Life Plan), the Strategic Plan Award (North River Communities Neighborhood Plan), and the Best Practice Award (Fox River Corridor Plan).

Water Challenges in the Chicago Region
Regional challenges facing water supply and quality, and the impact of increased flooding due to climate change are highlighted in a new package of stories published Sept. 27 as a part of Crain’s Chicago Business’ Forum Series. Other stories published include those on the disproportionate impact of flooding on communities already facing a lack of resources and the tough choices faced by the region’s collar counties that rely on groundwater.

The stories highlight multiple CMAP projects, including the Regional Flood Susceptibility Index, the Regional Water Demand Forecast, and a local focus on the Village of Robbins.

ALTERNATIVE GRANTS

Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Asphalt Art Grant
The newly-launched Asphalt Art Initiative, a project of Bloomberg Philanthropies, has produced an Asphalt Art Guide, with case studies and best practices from cities around the world, as well as the awarding of grants up to $25,000 to 10 small and mid-sized U.S. cities to implement their own transformative projects. Projects are intended to be inspired by the guide. Resources and the application can be found here.

2020 Safe Routes to Parks Activating Communities
Safe Routes to School has announced its third round call for technical assistance in developing Safe Routes to Parks action plans, with applications open Nov. 4. The grant award is $12,500 per community, and is intended to lead the community to a final product which includes sections covering Assessment, Planning, Implementation, and Sustainability. Further information can be found here.