

# Newsletter

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## FUNDING UPDATES

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

The KKKOM STP-L Call for Projects for FFY 2025-2029 commences **November 3** to fill FFY's 2028 and 2029. It will be open for seven weeks, closing on **December 22, 2023**.

*Please note that if you have a project currently in the Contingency Program, you must re-apply in this call to remain in the Program.*

KKCOM recently distributed a [memo with instructions](#) which includes the following:

- [Schedule](#) - 2023 and 2024 Deadlines and Actions
- [Council Marks](#) - Draft Estimates
- [KKCOM STP Methodology](#)
- [KKCOM STP Programming Policies and Procedures](#)
- KKKOM Application Supplement Form found on [KKCOM's STP webpage](#)
- [General instructions for eTIP](#) to get you started
- [CMAP eTIP User Guide](#)
- [Common Mistakes in STP Applications](#)

Those with questions feel free to e-mail [planningstaff@co.kane.il.us](mailto:planningstaff@co.kane.il.us) with "2024 CFP Question" in the subject line so staff can track to make a list of FAQs.

### Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator

U.S. DOT has released the [NOFO](#) for the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator grant program. The program will provide up to \$100 million in Federal funding to repair and replace existing but non-operational, EV charging infrastructure. Eligible applicants include only State DOTs and Local Public Agencies; however, the chargers may be publicly or privately owned provided they are available to the public without restriction. Applications are due by **November 13, 2023** through [Grants.gov](#).

### FY 2023 Thriving Communities Program (TCO)

Applications are being accepted for two programs. The [Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program](#) is for applicants interested in providing support to communities. More info can be found in the [NOFO](#). Applications are due **November 28, 2023**. The [Regional Pilot Program](#) is for applicants seeking to receive support. These applicants must submit a [LOI](#) by **November 15, 2023**.

## SAVE THE DATE

November 2	STP PSC
November 2	CMAQ & TAP PSC
November 7	Council of Mayors
November 8	CMAP Board
November 17	CMAP Transportation Committee
November 30	STP PSC
November 30	CMAQ & TAP PSC
December 13	CMAP Board
December 13	UWP
December 15	CMAP Transportation Committee

## KKCOM IS HIRING!

KKCOM has two open positions:

- Regional Planning Liaison/County Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
- Transportation Planner and Regional Planning Liaison

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



## STATE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEWS

### CMAP's ADA TRAINING

There is still time to register for CMAP's free ADA self-evaluation and transition plan trainings!

**Module 3:** ADA self-evaluation and design standards: November 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at [Arlington Heights Senior Center](#).

**Module 4:** ADA transition plans: November 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at [Arlington Heights Senior Center](#).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

### THE OFFICIAL ILLINOIS TOLLWAY APP

A quick, money-saving way for drivers to pay their tolls and avoid any fees or fines now is as close as their smartphone. It's the [Official Illinois Tollway App](#), which lets drivers use their phones or mobile devices to easily update or manage their I-PASS accounts, including adding or purchasing transponders, adding or changing payment methods, and managing rental vehicle or new vehicles. Drivers who don't have I-PASS can use the app to create a Pay By Plate account that automatically pays their tolls. Because safety is priceless, drivers can use the app to call for roadside assistance with the press of a button for help with roadway emergencies so they can safely complete their trips. With the app, paying tolls and saving money is as easy as driving on the Illinois Tollway.

## PARTNER UPDATES

### IDOT Announces Multiple Kane County Capital Projects to Improve Infrastructure

Entering Year Five of [Rebuild Illinois](#), the Illinois Department of Transportation announced multiple projects in the Kane County area are planned or underway. Six major projects represent a total investment of more than \$177 million, improving safety, mobility, and quality of life while sustaining and creating good-paying jobs.

- Butterfield Road (IL 56) west of Church Road to DuPage County line in **Aurora**
- U.S. 20 at State Street (IL 31) in **Elgin**
- Lincoln Highway (IL 38) from Main Street (IL 47) to First Street (IL 31) in **Elburn**
- IL 47/U.S. 30 from Jericho Road to south of Galena Road in **Yorkville**
- IL 47/U.S. 30 from Cross Street to Jericho Road in **Sugar Grove**
- U.S. 20 from IL 31 to east of Grace Street in **Elgin**

### IDOT Launches Move Illinois: 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation is introducing Move Illinois: the 2024 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP will strategically outline goals, objectives and strategies for Illinois' diverse transportation network for the next 20 to 30 years. As part of the initiative, IDOT has launched a project website at [www.moveillinois2024.com](http://www.moveillinois2024.com), which includes an online event and survey for the public to learn more and help identify the plan's goals and objectives. This website also lists the statewide events the IDOT team is attending in person. The LRTP will take place through late 2024, with the final plan complete by the end of the year.

### Metra Proposes \$1.1B Operating Budget

Metra has released their proposed FY2024 operating budget of \$1.1B which includes major revisions to fare structure. The operating budget projects Metra will start the year at 47% of pre-pandemic (2019) ridership and finish the year at about 54%. This results in a projection of \$243.9 million in system-generated revenues, mostly fares. To cover the rest of the expected operating costs, Metra would use \$560.4 million in regional sales taxes and \$223.7 million in federal COVID-relief funding. The Kane County public hearing is on **November 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium in Building A. More information can be found on [Metra's website](#).

### Pace Draft Operating Budget

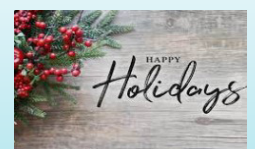
Pace Suburban Bus has released their proposed 2024 budget for public hearings. Pace's proposed budget is balanced, with no fare increases or service reductions for Suburban Service or Regional ADA Paratransit. Beginning in 2024, Pace proposes to offer free fares on the Pace fixed-route bus system to ADA-certified customers with a valid RTA ADA Paratransit Permit ID Card. Also included in the budget are resources to improve frequency and add trips where there is demand as well as an additional 15% subsidy to provide continued support to dial-a-ride partners. The [public hearing schedule](#) and the [press release](#) are available on their [website](#).

### IDOT's T2 FALL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Illinois Technology Transfer Center has an exciting line-up of course offerings this fall. The [course program](#) is now available online. Please register for all courses using this [form](#). IDOT also offers on-demand, virtual courses through the [Learning Management System](#). For questions, contact Barry Kent at [barry.kent@illinois.gov](mailto:barry.kent@illinois.gov).

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

KKCOM staff wishes you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season!





# CMAP NEWS

## Regional Leaders Approve Plan of Action for Regional Transit

On October 11th, regional leaders achieved consensus around the [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) — which outlines options for finance, governance, and other proposed reforms — to address the fiscal cliff facing our transit system and strengthen service across northeastern Illinois. With the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee's approval, PART now will go to the Illinois General Assembly and governor for consideration. This marks the culmination of 10 months of rigorous work in response to a state law directing CMAP to develop bold policy solutions in collaboration with regional partners. Thank you to all those who contributed their time, expertise, and voice to this process — and for being a PART of the solution.

## Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's [STAR](#) program continues to work to improve regional travel safety with assistance, resources, and policy development. CMAP's Speed Management Paper is in the final stages of review to share with partners and the public. The Safe Streets and Roads for All Regional Safety Action Plan program will kick off before the end of the year, with six county-led safety action plans across the region, including Kane County. The procurement process is nearing completion, with staff and county representatives reviewing 11 proposals for the 6 county safety action plans, hoping to align the responses with county needs and budgets. The Regional Equity and Engagement consultant responses are also under review.

## Grant to Help Metra Add Battery-Powered Trainsets

A \$169.3 million federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) grant will help Metra buy up to 16 battery-powered, zero-emission trainsets. With CMAQ funding approved by CMAP and the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee, Metra will

be able to retire some of its oldest railcars, including the diesel locomotives that cause the most pollution. Metra likely would add the trainsets on the Rock Island Line, directly benefitting the air quality in several neighborhoods across South Chicago and boosting goals to provide more frequent all-day service. [Learn more about the grant.](#)

## Northeastern Illinois Awarded \$500k Federal Contract to Reduce Carbon Emissions and Combat Climate Change

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and its partners — ComEd and the Respiratory Health Association — received a [\\$500,000 award](#) through the federal Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) initiative. The U.S. Department of Energy's C2C program supports community-driven projects for solutions focused on the electrification of transportation, buildings, and industry.

Over the next three years, this multidisciplinary team will conduct research and modeling with Argonne and Oak Ridge national laboratories to better understand the types and scale of action needed to foster a clean energy transition for the region's transportation system.

"With our partners, CMAP will be able to better inform its work around regional climate action planning to establish transportation emission reduction targets. And most importantly, help our region attain its climate goals and substantial health benefits for our communities," said CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman.

Nationwide, transportation is now the largest single source of planet-warming gases, and transportation accounts for 32 percent of northeastern Illinois' [greenhouse gas emissions](#), further complicated by the Chicago region's role as a freight and logistics hub. Learn more about the [C2C award partnership.](#)

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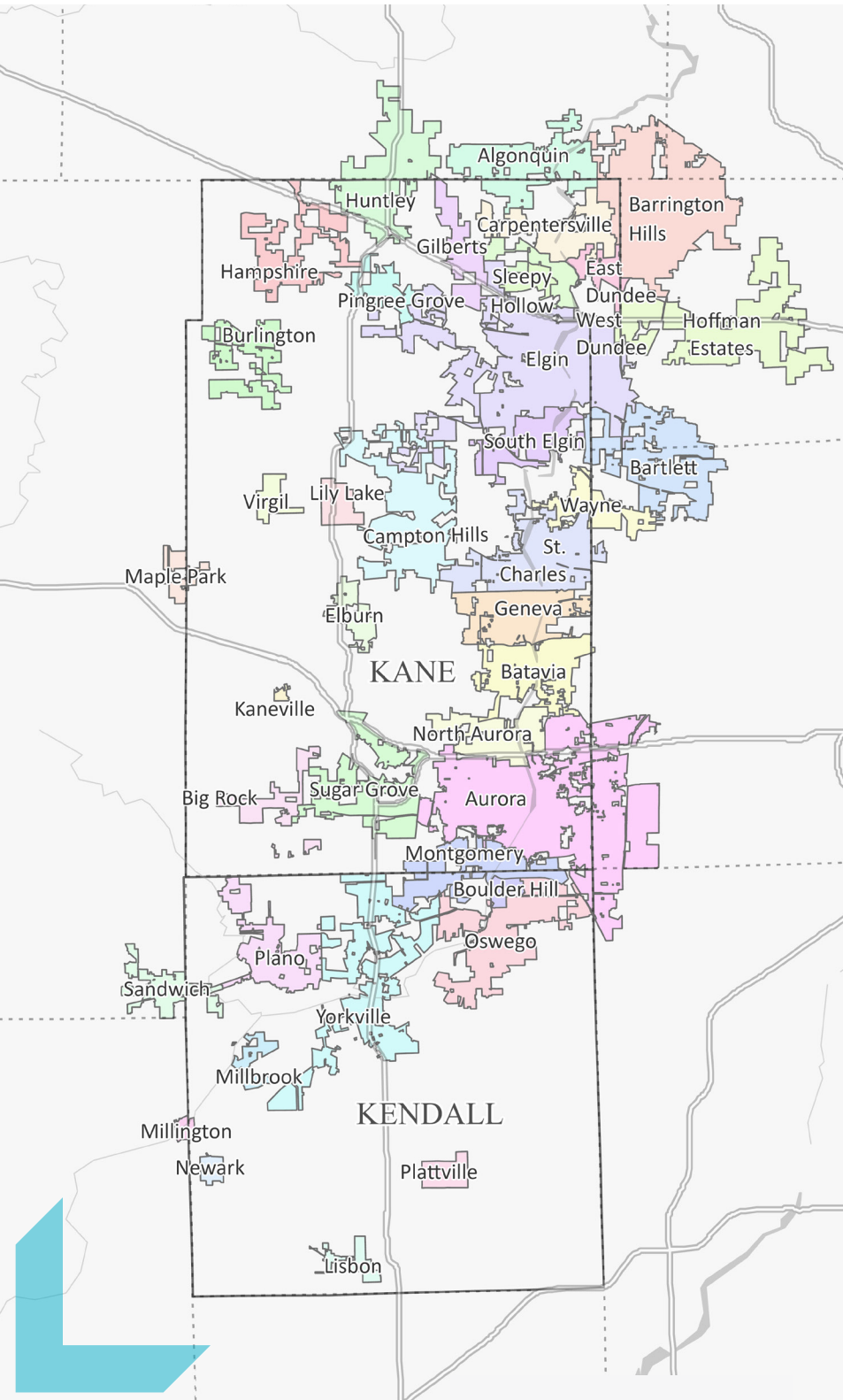
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