

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

FY23-27 KKKOM STP-L Call For Projects

The next KKKOM STP-L call for projects will open on **January 17, 2022**, with an application closing date of **March 15 at 5pm**. As before, all applications will be entered in eTIP, with supplemental documents that applications will need to upload. The call will fill FFY 2026 and FFY2027 with new federal funding, as well as FFY 23-25 in years with unprogrammed balances. Staff will hold a webinar to review the application process in **early January**.

CMAP CRRSAA Allocations

The CMAP STP Project Selection Committee approved CMAP allocations of the regional portion of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) transportation funding. Two projects within Kane and Kendall Counties received an allocation: The Wolf's Crossing at Harvey Rd Roundabout ([09-16-0013](#)) in Oswego and the Indian Trail Reconstruction project ([09-20-0002](#)) in Aurora. KKKOM additionally allotted our subregional CRRSAA funding to these projects bringing the award totals to \$5,524,225.

Main Street and Downtown Capital Program

Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets will provide capital grants to support economic recovery in commercial corridors and downtowns that have experienced disinvestment, particularly in communities hardest-hit by COVID-19. Project awards will range from \$250,000 - \$3 million. Apply through the [DCEO](#) by **January 10, 2022**.

IDOT Truck Access Route Program (FY 23)

IDOT is accepting applications through **November 15, 2021** for truck route improvements, with funding for construction up to 50% of the eligible project cost, up to \$900,000. In the previous TARP cycle, the Cities of Geneva and St Charles submitted was awarded TARP for Kautz Rd, which was the only application IDOT reported receiving from all of District 1. Funding levels will hold steady at \$7 million this cycle and funds are anticipated to be available by July 2022. Read more in the [Circular Letter](#).

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November 10	CMAP Board
November 10	CMAP UWP Committee
November 16	KKCOM Full Council
November 19	CMAP Transportation Committee
December 8	CMAP Board
December 8	CMAP UWP Committee
December 17	CMAP Transportation Committee
December (TBD)	KKCOM Bike Ped Committee

HOMETOWN GRANTS

T-Mobile has partnered with Smart Growth America and Main Street America to invest in small towns and rural communities through the Hometown Grants program. Communities with 50,000 residents or fewer can apply for up to \$50,000 toward improvement projects. Applications are open on a quarterly basis. Details can be found on the T-Mobile [website](#).



FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

On October 28, 2021, the House passed a second temporary extension of the Highway Trust Fund, pushing the expiry date from October 31 to December 3, in line with the stop-gap measure for the federal government at-large. While it is anticipated that a vote on a final infrastructure measure will occur before December 3, the current cause of the delay is a question of whether to move forward with the Senate passed infrastructure [bill](#) as written vs. a version of the Build Back Better framework which would entail an investment in various forms of human/social infrastructure and climate and clean energy investments concurrently.

Regional Transportation Policy Updates

CMAP Region ADA Compliance

The push for renewing commitment and increasing programming toward the fulfillment of ADA Title II responsibilities of local agencies has led to a number of recent actions and plans for local assistance:

CMAP Local Technical Assistance for ADA Transition Plans

At the October 13 CMAP Board meeting, it was announced that CMAP will be adding an increment to the Local Technical Assistance program that will assist local agencies directly in the creation of ADA transition plans. Approaches to transition planning (monitoring, technical complexity, etc.) are anticipated to vary depending on the local capacity context. There will be prioritization of communities, although the potential means of prioritization are still being explored. CMAP will be developing trainings, plan templates and an outreach network to support regional partners in their independent efforts.

Regional ADA Coordinator

CMAP has posted a principal-level job opening for a Regional ADA Coordinator, which would be a dedicated position to advance the CMAP goal to increase region-wide ADA compliance and technical capacity. This move has been applauded by the Metropolitan Planning Council, which published the "[Where the Sidewalk Ends](#)" report revealing falling rates of ADA compliance in Chicagoland. Council staff will keep members apprised of the eventual hire.

CMAP Regional Safety Action Agenda

CMAP is continuing its work to improve traffic safety and address the growing number of fatalities and injuries. Their Safety Resource Group met for the third time in October to discuss recommendations related to speed management through design, policy, education and enforcement. Topics included ways to improve design to support lower speeds, appropriate speed limits in urban environments, effective and equitable enforcement strategies and how to improve safety data for the region. The discussion points are being incorporated into the *speed management paper*, which is in production.

FOX VALLEY BIKE SHARE UPDATE

The Fox Valley Bike Share 2021 ridership year is nearly closed out, with system revenue at \$2,412.59 and system rides at 592. This is a near doubling of activity over 2020, which for the same monthly period saw system revenue at \$1,293.41 and system rides at 225. Council staff are preparing to release an MOU for participation in the development of a new RFP in 2022.

REPLICA TRAINING FOR ILLINOIS AGENCIES

Replica is a travel modelling application which provides detailed information on trip purpose by all modes, in addition to spending and land use information. Due to an IDOT contract, Replica is accessible to local agencies in Illinois for those who have a public e-mail address.

Replica trainings are being rolled out for all Illinois agencies during the month of November. Sign up for one of the sessions below:

- November 3 - [12PM](#)
- November 9 - [12PM](#)
- November 15 - [3PM](#)

Trainings are additionally available to consultants working with state agencies through a separate [link](#).

NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE (NHI) WEB-BASED TRAINING

The NHI has no-cost [trainings](#) available that are recommended for engineers and construction workers. These include topics such as Introduction to Safety; Inspection of In-Service Bridges; Chip Seal Best Practices; Pipe Installation, Inspection and Quality; Introduction to a Transportation Asset Management Plan and Hot In-Place Recycling.

CMAP GUIDE: ONLINE PERMITTING

The pandemic has clearly demonstrated how technological upgrades, including online permitting systems, can help local governments maintain efficient services even in times of crisis. Learn more about the key benefits and challenges of implementing online permitting by visiting the CMAP [website](#).



CMAP NEWS

Understanding the costs and benefits of tax incentives

Local governments often use tax incentives to encourage development and strengthen their communities. But before using these tools, they must ask whether tax incentives are the most effective way to achieve their community's goals. CMAP has created [Are tax incentives the right tool for this development?](#), a new pamphlet to help local governments in northeastern Illinois assess the costs and benefits of three common incentive types: tax increment financing districts, sales tax rebates and property tax abatements. This piece is a companion to [Improving local development incentives](#), a technical guide published in 2020 that provides clear strategies and practices for more effective incentive use.

Learn more about the future of high-speed rail

CMAP Executive Director Erin Aleman will moderate a panel discussion on Thursday, November 4 about high-speed rail and why the business community should care about investments in sustainable rail technologies. Rita Ali, mayor of Peoria; John Buck, chairman and CE of the John Buck Company; and Rick Harnish, executive director of the High Speed Rail Alliance, will join Aleman for the discussion, which is being hosted by the Executives' Club of Chicago. Register [here](#) and enter the code HIGHSPEDCOMP for complimentary access to the event.

Prosperity with purpose: Highlights from State of the Region 2021

CMAP is known for generating volumes of data and research and unveiled findings from the recent [public opinion survey](#) of more than 2,000 residents. Key points include; residents value their community to community amenities, residents support equitable investments for roads, bridges, and transit, we are home to the third largest medical and life sciences economic engine in the

nation, Chicago has grown as a technology center, and life sciences creates regular jobs.

How Singapore Improved Traffic with Congestion Pricing

Car travel in northeastern Illinois returned to pre-pandemic levels by summer 2021, reinforcing why congestion remains a significant problem for the region. CMAP is looking at strategies that can manage regional travel demand as we develop a comprehensive list of recommendations for a post-pandemic mobility recovery in northeastern Illinois. This [article](#) explores how Singapore used congestion pricing to address traffic and travel demand and why our region can draw inspiration from that system.

How People Travel in Northeastern Illinois

CMAP has released a four-part policy brief [series](#) on how data collected from the 2019 My Daily Travel Survey can help northeastern Illinois better understand everyday travel patterns. The series dives into the characteristics of regional travel, examines disparities in travel behavior, and highlights new and emerging forms of mobility. The four parts include:

- [A pre-pandemic snapshot of travel in northeastern Illinois](#), which provides a baseline analysis of travel characteristics in Illinois.
- [Demographics inform disparities in travel around northeastern Illinois](#), which investigates disparities in how residents experience the transportation system.
- [Pre-COVID telecommuting patterns reveal possible future impacts of remote work](#), which investigates what My Daily Travel can reveal about telecommuting behavior by pre-pandemic trends.
- [Changes in mobility were underway even before COVID-19](#), which examines what My Daily Travel can reveal about new and emerging trends in mobility.

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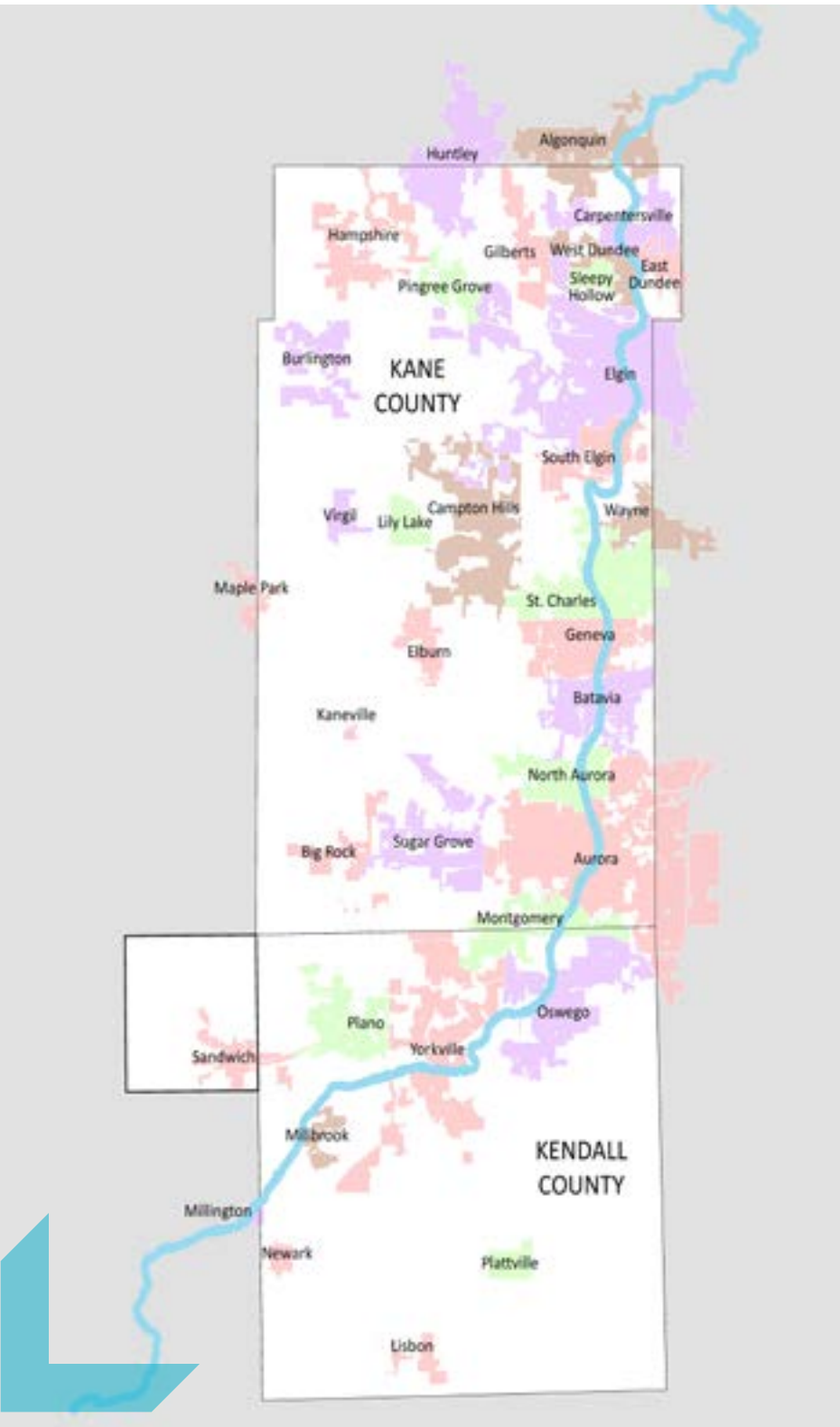
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