

Newsletter

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FUNDING UPDATES

CMAP Call for Transportation Projects

The public comment period for the FY22-26 STP-Shared Fund, FY22-26 CMAQ and FY22-25 TAP-L Programs has concluded. The final recommended program will be considered before the September 9, 2021 CMAP STP and CMAQ Project Selection Committees, respectively. See details on the upcoming schedule items on the CMAP call for transportation projects [website](#).

Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)

IDOT is currently accepting applications for the SRTS funding Cycle 2021 through Thursday, **September 30, 2021**, with a target of Spring 2022 for announcement of awards. The program applies to schools serving grades K-8, and can fund projects that encourage children to walk and bicycle to school, both physical and non-physical. Infrastructure projects must have a local government sponsor. Cycle 2021 will only allow awards to infrastructure projects, which are reimbursable for 80% of construction only. For more details, consult IDOT circular letter [2021-20](#). A Q&A webinar will be hosted [September 8](#) at 11:30 AM.

FY27 Illinois Special Bridge Program

IDOT has announced an FY27 increment to the Illinois Special Bridge Program, targeting existing deficient highway bridges eligible for Surface Transportation Program-Bridge (STP-Bridge) funding. The total project cost (all-inclusive) must total a minimum of \$1,000,000. The federal share is set at 80%, and will be reimbursable for the Construction and Construction Engineering Phases only. IDOT Districts must receive all candidates by **October 8, 2021**. Awards are anticipated to be announced in the spring of 2022 with the release of the FY23-28 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

CRRSAA (Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act) Funding

CMAP has released the official distributions and procedure for the CRRSAA funding allocated to our region. KKCOM will be allotted an additional \$2,550,716 in FY22, with stipulations viewable [here](#). This topic will be discussed at length at the October 2021 KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee.

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September 8	CMAP Board
September 8	CMAP UWP Committee
September 9	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
September 9	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee
September 23	KKCOM Bike Ped Committee
September 24	CMAP Transportation Committee
TBD	KKCOM Full Council
October 7	CMAP State of the Region Event
October 13	CMAP MPO Policy Committee/Board
October 19	CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee
October 21	KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee
October 28	CMAP STP Project Selection Committee
October 28	CMAP CMAQ Project Selection Committee



FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

As of August 10 the Senate has passed the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#), the bill would extend the FY21 Surface Transportation Program appropriation levels into FY22 and re-authorize the federal-aid highway and transit programs from FY23 - FY26. The funding levels for fiscal years 2023-2026 would be higher than currently predicted for the purposes of the KKKOM STP program, based on the listed appropriations. The measure is expected to have a final vote on September 27 to be sent to the President just ahead of the close of Federal fiscal year 2021.

ARPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

The State of Illinois has announced the availability of Local Government Relief funds for Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs), being local governments which serve populations of 50,000 or less. \$742 million is available, and must be applied for by **September 30, 2021**. Those entities eligible that have not applied risk not being able to access the funding. Those needing to know more can take a look at the technical assistance [page](#) on the DCEO website to see their projected allotment and proceed with the next steps.

FOX VALLEY BIKE SHARE

The Fox Valley Bike Share launched in May for the 2021 riding season, in Aurora, Batavia, Montgomery and Oswego. The system has logged 410 rides so far, at \$1,858 in total revenue. The highest ridership stations South Plaza and the Depot Museum in Batavia, as well as City Hall and RiverEdge Park in Aurora. Current bike share sponsors are requested to attend the KKKOM Bike Ped Committee on September 23, where the potential for a renewed RFP for bike share sponsors will be discussed.

IDOT BILLS BECOME LAW

HB0253: IDOT Performance Management

HB 253 was signed into law on August 24, 2021 and will require that IDOT "establish and implement a transportation performance program to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's transportation system." A new performance-based project selection process will begin on January 1, 2022, whereby inclusion in the IDOT MYP will be based on a variety of factors. Read the bill text [here](#).

HB270: State Highway Complete Streets

HB 270 took effect on August 30, 2021, now requiring that when a state road is rebuilt, municipalities will no longer be required to match the cost of complete streets elements designed for walking and biking. The bill additionally stipulates that bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established "in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction, or other change of any State transportation facility" in and within one mile of an urban area, with the exception of excessive cost or conflict with local plans. Read the bill text [here](#).

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR IDOT

Illinois Senate Bill 2459 was signed into law on August 24, enabling IDOT, the IL Tollway Authority and the Capital Development Board to accept electronic signatures. The bill is effective immediately.

IDOT LOCAL ROADS FORM CHANGES

IDOT has updated the BLRS 5620 (Invoice Form) and BLRS 5621 (Consultant Cost Plus Fixed Fee Invoice Form) to include the capability of electronic signatures. Please be sure to use the updated forms from the IDOT [website](#) moving forward. IDOT will be hosting training sessions on [September 9](#) at 10:00 AM and [September 15](#) at 10:00 AM. Local agencies are highly encouraged to attend.

BIKING ACROSS THE US IN 2021

People for Bikes, a non-profit advocacy organization that maintains a well-known city ratings system for bike friendliness, compiled a snapshot from cities across the country to show how each is improving bikability at the local level. With cycling experiencing year over year [record breaking growth](#) and the number of bicycle owners increasing, it is important for every town to access inspiration for improvement that fits within their context.

Take a look at the [2021 Cities Snapshot](#) to see a range of bike infrastructure projects completed in 2021, from suburban towns like Southfield, Michigan all the way to New York City.

It's never too early to start scoping out improvements for the next ITEP call for projects!



CMAP NEWS

Northeastern Illinois grew over the past decade

The U.S. Census Bureau released 2020 census redistricting data in mid-August. This is the first release of detailed data, aggregated to small geographies, on households and population by race and ethnicity. The region grew by 1.74 percent, or 146,000 people, between 2010 and 2020. All seven counties in the CMAP region experienced population growth. CMAP will continue to analyze 2020 census data as it is released.

Save the Date: State of the Region

CMAP's virtual State of the Region event will take place on **Thursday, October 7**, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration and even details can be found on the [CMAP website](#).

New Community Data Snapshots

CMAP released a new set of [Community Data Snapshots](#) to help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities. These data-rich snapshots - one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties - summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. The update also includes new data on household computer and internet access, walkability, and transit availability.

CMAP Regional Traffic Safety Action Agenda Updates

An update on the Regional Traffic Safety Action Agenda was presented before the July 16th CMAP Transportation Committee. Providing a timeline and focuses for resource groups out to 2022. Topics covered included the potential for purchasing regional speed data, the creation of a safety webpage on the CMAP website as well as implementation partner communication strategies. Take a look at the [presentation](#) for more details.

Celebrating Innovative Public Space along the Illinois Prairie Path

CMAP has been working with the villages of Berkeley and Hillside with a new StoryWalk along the Illinois Prairie Path. Signboards installed along the path feature pages from a picture book. The villages of Berkeley and Hillside and the Berkeley Park District are working on a [shared vision](#) to increase activity along the path.

CMAP Public Engagement Website

Plans that reflect the values of their communities require meaningful public participation from residents and stakeholders. The Engage with CMAP website allows residents to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns on current planning projects in the region. Stay informed and connected by checking out the [site](#).

Lincoln Institute Housing Solutions Workshop

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, New York University Furman Center's Housing Solutions Lab, and Abt Associates invite applications to the [Housing Solutions Workshop](#) from small and mid-size cities and counties - those with populations between 50,000 and 500,000. The workshop help localities develop a comprehensive and balanced housing strategy to better address affordability and other housing challenges. Apply by **Friday, September 10**.

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. To browse courses and register visit <http://bit.ly/nhitraining> and enter your government e-mail.

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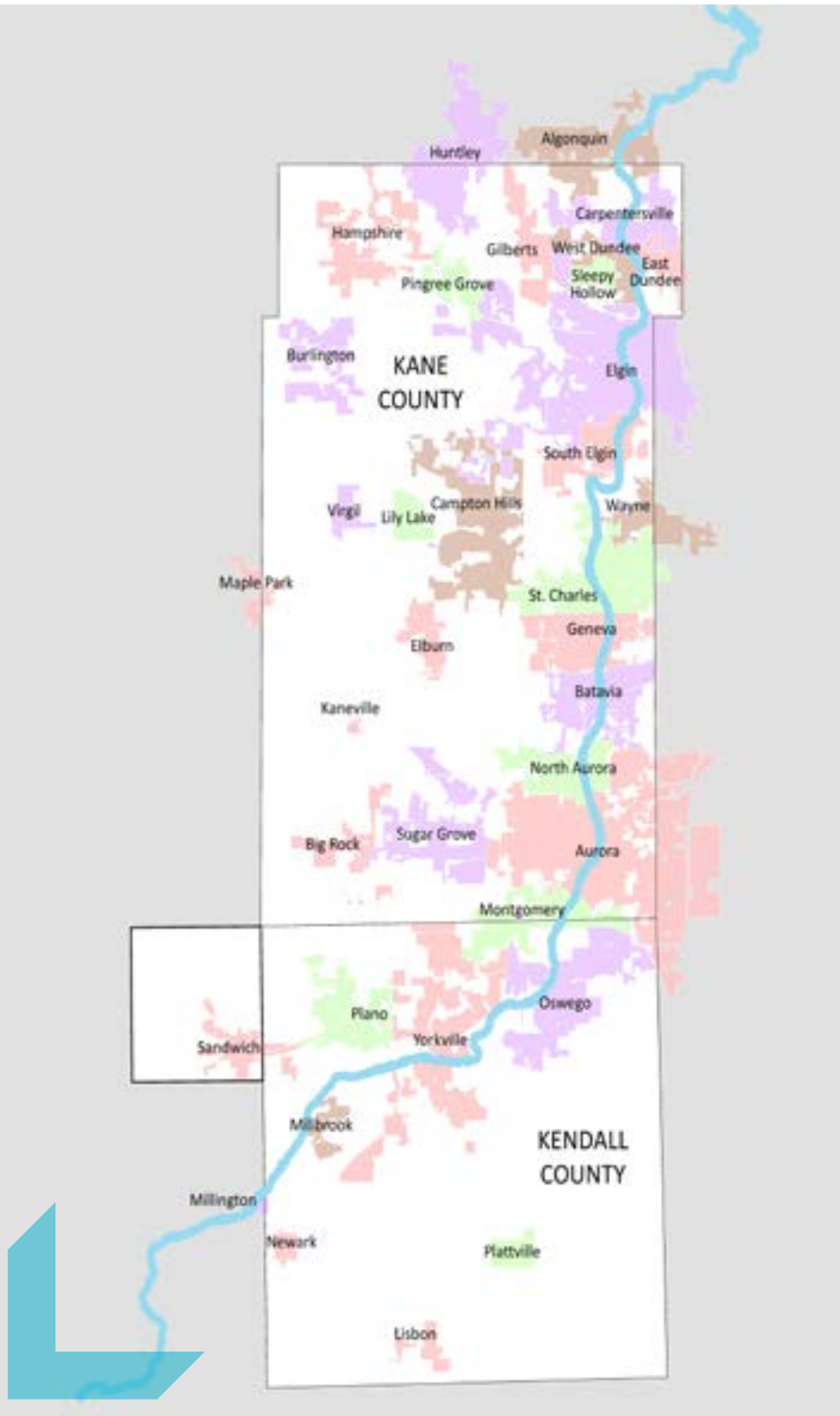
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