From January 15 to March 15, 2019, CMAP held a call for projects for the regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) Shared Fund, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L). The proposed programs for all funding sources was released in June.

There were several projects within the KKCOM region that were recommended for 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 recommended. 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 recommended for funding. To learn more about the funding, visit CMAP’s Call for Projects website.

The City of Elgin and the City of Aurora are the only two municipalities in the KKCOM region to create Census Committees. Both Kane and Kendall Counties have passed resolutions to create countywide commissions as well.

There are also several temporary Census jobs available, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security card, and be a U.S. citizen. To learn more about the jobs available, visit the Illinois Census’ website.
Currently, KKCOM staff are working to create a regional bike share network that will offer its residents and visitors an additional transportation option and recreational amenity. Recently, staff requested that all interested parties sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to announce their interest in the program. All those who signed the MOUs were given the chance to provide comments on the Request for Proposal (RFP) before it is released on September 9, 2019.

In total, 19 local agencies signed the MOU and provided several comments that helped staff create an RFP that would provide the most benefit to all participants. These 19 local agencies were scattered throughout Kane County, and also included those within Kendall County. While the main focus area of the program is Kane County, local agencies outside of the County are encouraged to participate as well.

Those who have not signed the MOU yet but are still interested in participating are still strongly encouraged to sign. In mid-October, KKCOM staff will be holding in-person interviews with representatives from the top three vendors. Local agencies are encouraged to participate in these interviews and will also have the chance to test any vehicles provided by the vendors. However, only those who sign the MOU will be allowed to participate in these interviews. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ryan Peterson at 630-444-3143 or PetersonRyan@co.kane.il.us.

**BIKE SHARE PROGRAM UPDATE**

**ROADWAY DESIGN SEMINAR**

The next seminar in the 2019 KKCOM Seminar Series will focus on roadway design, particularly on how to incorporate sustainable transportation elements like transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. It will be hosted on Friday, October 11th from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium (719 S. Batavia Street, Geneva, IL). The seminar will be led by Tim Gustafson, a Senior Planner from Epstein Associates. He is a certified trainer for the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and has a vast knowledge on these topics.

The seminar is completely free and all are welcome to join. KKCOM staff asks that anyone who plans to attend the seminar please register online. AICP credit will be offered to attendees.

**ITEP CALL FOR PROJECTS**

IDOT will be accepting applications for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) beginning in October 2nd, 2019 to December 6th, 2019. The ITEP provides funding for projects that expand travel options and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Awards are anticipated to be announced in May 2020.

**INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. This year, the event will take place on October 2, 2019. Making Kane County Fit for Kids is once again offering a stipend for schools that wish to take part in this year’s event! To learn more about the event or to sign up a school to participate, visit Walk & Bike to School’s website.

**KANE HEALTH COUNTS SYMPOSIUM**

Kane Health Counts, a public health partnership, is hosting their annual symposium on the topic of impact of childhood trauma and will be sharing the steps Kane County is taking to become a trauma-informed community. All are invited to attend this free event on October 9, 2019 at Riverview Banquets in Batavia. A light breakfast will be provided. Pre-registration is necessary. You can register on the event’s website.
CMAP NEWS

Small Plans, Big Ideas Forum Series
Join CMAP for a series of events that will connect you with local leaders and provide expert advice about how ON TO 2050 – the region’s new comprehensive plan – can make a difference in your community. Five events will be held around the region with topics including:

- Harnessing technology for a safer future
- Focusing your plan for real results
- Making it happen -- from plan to project
- Planning for an equitable water future
- Benefiting from a changing economy

A resource fair with opportunities and educational materials from CMAP’s local and regional partners will also be available at each event. The Small Plans, Big Ideas event series will coincide with the upcoming joint call for projects for the CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning programs.

Sidewalk Inventory Data Release
CMAP has recently released their Regional Sidewalk Inventory. The inventory documents the existence of sidewalks in the counties of Cook, Lake, Will, Kane, Kendall, DuPage, and McHenry. To access the data, visit the CMAP Data Hub. CMAP recommends using this data in five different ways:
1. Identify transit stops without sidewalks nearby.
2. Align sidewalks with development patterns.
3. Analyze connectivity along with demographic data.
4. Help making communities more accessible.
5. Helping communities make safety decisions.

CMAP Municipal Directory Available
The updated CMAP Municipal Directory is now available. The directory contains contact information, including street addresses and phone numbers for municipal leaders and key staff for all seven counties in the CMAP region.

CMAP Capital Bill Data Table
Earlier this year, the State of Illinois passed a capital package to fund transportation, water infrastructure, natural resources, affordable housing, and other projects. CMAP has created a transparent and user-friendly tool to search and explore 1,400-plus line item appropriations, which does not exist anywhere else. Visit CMAP’s Data Table to use this tool.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES
There are two upcoming conferences, the Illinois APA Conference and the IDOT Fall Planning Conference, that will provide attendees with unique sessions and meaningful opportunities for networking.

The 2019 Illinois APA conference will be held from September 25 - September 27, 2019 in Evanston. Sessions topics include: affordable housing solutions, supportive housing, resilient and livable communities, community empowerment, and zoning law. Registration is currently open and can be found on the IL APA website.

The IDOT Fall Planning Conference will be held from October 2 - October 4, 2019 in Evanston. Session topics include: automated and connected vehicles, freight movement, innovative project design, and partnerships and project delivery. Registration is currently open and can be found at the event website.
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