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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee**

Thursday, July 27, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**Skokie Village Hall
5127 West Oakton Street, Skokie, IL**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2023 (Attachment A)

Action Requested: Approval of Minutes

III. Agency Reports

- a. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment B)
- b. IDOT Local Roads Update (Attachment C)
- c. IDOT Highways Report (Attachment D)
- d. Illinois Tollway (Attachment E)
- e. Metra (Attachment F)
- f. Pace (Attachment G)
- g. RTA (Attachment H)
- h. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

IV. North Shore Council of Mayors FFY 2023-2028 STP-L Program (Attachment I)

Staff will present the North Shore Council of Mayor’s Local Surface Transportation Program for federal fiscal years 2023-2028 that was approved by the North Shore Council of Mayors at the June 27 special meeting.

Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

V. Other Business

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Glenview Village Hall, 2500 E. Lake Avenue.

VII. Adjourn

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**North Shore Council of Mayors
Technical Committee - Special Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023
Skokie Village Hall**

MINUTES**Members In Attendance**

Jim Bernahl, Village of Winnetka, Chair
James Tighe, Village of Glencoe
Adriana Webb, Village of Glenview
Rachel Mieritz, Village of Lincolnwood
Mike Reynolds, Village of Lincolnwood
Chris Tomich, Village of Morton Grove
Jack Bielak, Village of Northbrook
Russ Rietveld, Village of Skokie
Dan Manis, Village of Wilmette

Others in Attendance

Mary Weber, CMAP (via teleconference)
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

I. Call to Order

Jim Bernahl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. North Shore Cost Increases

Mr. Czarnota provided an overview of the cost increase requests and the related program changes.

Mr. Bernahl asked whether current projects are on track to meet the deadlines. Municipal representatives with the active projects confirmed their readiness.

Mr. Rietveld asked whether the agreements would need to be approved by IDOT by September. Members confirmed that the agreements would just need to be submitted, not approved, by IDOT, for the September deadline.

Ms. Weber noted that, for construction/construction engineering phases processed through IDOT, requests for cost increases after a project has been let may only be approved in the current year of the program if at least 75% of the already obligated funds have been expended or if the duration of the construction contract is less than the number of business days left in the FFY at the time of the request. Otherwise, requests may be approved for programming

as a separate line item in the first out year of the program. Sponsors may request a one-time, six-month obligation extension as long as the minimum requirements as detailed in the Active Program Management policies have been met

Ms. Webb asked about Old Glenview Road's movement to the FY28 contingency list. Mr. Czarnota responded that there was a lack of project updates submitted and the project was only moved to FY28 due to fiscal constraint.

Ms. Webb and Mr. Bielak expressed concern about the repositioning of the Glenview and Northbrook projects, indicating that the projects were moving forward and based upon obtaining construction funding. Mr. Czarnota indicated that the eTIP does not allow for funding shifts from year to year, but that CMAP would use the programs as a Multi-Year B (MYB) list.

Mr. Tomich asked for clarification about transparency of a MYB list and whether and if a contingency/MYB takes priority over submitted projects.

Ms. Weber responded that Glenview Road was reprogrammed from FFY 26 to FY27 to maintain fiscal constraint. Of the projects programmed in FFY 26, Glenview Road had the lowest score and there are no records of quarterly status updates on file. Ms. Weber added that it is not CMAP's intent to delay a project that is ready to proceed. Council and CMAP staff discussed working with Glenview to reprogram the project in a year that aligns better with the project schedule.

Mr. Tomich asked about CMAP's certainty to secure funding when projects are ready, and expressed concern about the contingency nature of funding commitments from CMAP. Mr. Bielak seconded that concern.

Mr. Bernahl said he wanted to ensure that the committee and municipalities are aware of project movements, so they can decide and be comfortable with decisions. Mr. Bernahl summarized the discussion that projects are pulled forward from contingency based on project rankings.

Mr. Tomich and Mr. Bernahl confirmed that the decision-making on whether a project can move off of contingency is based on right of first refusal. Mr. Bernahl asked for a follow-up discussion to review projects moving forward and continuing the project movement discussion to the next Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Bernahl also provided an explanation of the redistributive fund and obligation funding process.

Mr. Bernahl asked whether there would be any issue for the Council of Mayors to discuss project funds for communities like Glenview and Northbrook which are committing to funding. Ms. Weber stated that she didn't believe there would be an issue for the Council to discuss this.

Mr. Manis expressed concern about pushing technical matters to Council of Mayors and away from the Technical Committee.

Mr. Bielak indicated that he would be voting on a proposed motion regarding the proposed cost increases, but was only voting on the FY23 program, not

accepting the future fiscal year reallocations, especially as they affected Northbrook. Mr. Bielak indicated he would consider a motion to approve the cost increases, with the understanding that the Committee would re-program the delayed Northbrook and Glenview funding decisions back in for the next funding cycle.

Mr. Bury asked Ms. Weber for clarification on whether the cost increases would affect the IDOT process. Ms. Weber stated that staff had reviewed the status of the projects being considered for cost increases at the meeting and do not believe approving the cost increases will delay projects.

Mr. Manis asked whether FY movements such as Happ Road and its impact on future projects should be made at the NWMC staff level or the committee level. Mr. Bernahl responded that this concern should prompt a larger conversation about action items becoming an early discussion point. Mr. Bernahl indicated that such a conversation would address domino effects for out-programmed years and create clarification on the process.

Mr. Reynolds asked when the North Shore decision was made about the constrained funding changes. Mr. Czarnota responded that awareness of the problem arose in March and prompt movement was required to ensure Council funds were not lost before the deadline.

Mr. Bury indicated that this was the first time a decision had to be made in this manner since Active Program Management came into effect.

Ms. Weber reiterated that CMAP would work with Council staff and municipalities to reprogram funding in the years that they need it, subject to fiscal constraint.

Mr. Tomich moved to approve the modified cost increase program as presented in Attachment A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rietveld.

The motion was approved, with six members voting in favor and two voting to abstain (Glenview and Northbrook), with recognition that the Village of Northbrook abstains with objections expressed by both Northbrook and Glenview for their projects moving from FY25/26 to FY26/28 respectively and with assurances that their projects will be able to still be funded in FY25/26 not respective of fiscal constraints presented in the new program presented today.

III. Other Business

Mr. Tomich requested the Committee discuss instability of future funding schedules created by Active Program Management, and create strategies that maximize funding and establish guardrails to ensure cooperation among Council members. Mr. Manis expressed that the current problem arose not from the cost increase requests, but the Happ Road project change and impacts from over-programming prior fiscal years. Mr. Bielak added that the problem then resulted in a misunderstanding from communities that there was an additional \$3 million available. Mr. Bernahl reiterated that communication is important on these matters to ensure the Committee avoids future ramifications.

Ms. Webb proposed a strategic process for scheduling the bidding of projects as early in season to secure funding. Mr. Bielak asked that minutes also be shared with the Managers and Mayors of the Council so programming decisions can be made with full awareness.

Ms. Webb indicated that between two projects, FY26/FY27 and FY27/FY28, that Glenview would rather the FY27/FY28 project be moved than FY26/FY27.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at Glenview Village Hall, 2500 E Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60026.

V. Adjourn

Mr. Bielak moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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CMAP News

The CMAP office is open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. As of May 11, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA), CMAP committee meetings will be held in-person and a quorum of committee members must be physically present. CMAP will continue to provide options for non-member attendees to participate in meetings virtually. Meeting materials, webinar links, minutes, and recordings can be found on [CMAP's Legistar page](#). For general questions, complete our [contact form](#). Subscribe to updates from CMAP on transportation, the economy, climate and more [here](#).

Job Opportunities

CMAP is hiring for several full-time positions: an [Administrative Assistant](#) on the Executive Team; a [Senior Communications Specialist](#) in the Communications and Engagement Department; a [Planner](#) in the Planning Department; and a [Deputy of Administration Services and Finance](#), [Senior Procurement Analyst](#), [Procurement Analyst](#), and [Associate Human Resources Generalist](#) in the Finance and Administration Department. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

Additionally, the McHenry County DOT is hiring a [Transportation Planning Manager](#) and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is hiring a [Transportation Project Manager](#).

Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART)

As directed by [Public Act 102-1028](#), CMAP is developing the [Plan of Action for Regional Transit \(PART\)](#) report, a set of legislative recommendations to strengthen the regional transit system, which is facing a funding crisis that has the potential to decimate service, cripple our regional and local economies, and diminish quality of life. This report must be approved by CMAP's Board and MPO Policy Committee before it is submitted to the General Assembly and Governor's Office by January 1, 2024. The PART report will leverage findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as CMAP's [Mobility Recovery](#) project. Several recommendations for system improvements and funding approaches are available on the [PART page](#), and additional recommendations will be posted throughout the summer.

CMAP is also required to assemble a steering committee comprised of business, civic, labor, and environmental stakeholders who will help guide development of the recommendations. The PART steering committee have held four meetings, and will convene for a final time on Wednesday, September 6th. The draft recommendations will be presented at the joint CMAP Board/MPO Policy Committee meeting on September 13th, before they are brought to a vote at the October 11th joint meeting. If you are interested in receiving a briefing on the PART report, please contact Jane Grover at jgrover@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8802.

Program Status Updates

CRRSAA Program

On December 27, 2020, Title IV of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was enacted. This Act resulted in the allocation of \$42,647,247 to be programmed and managed by CMAP. In the fall of 2021, the STP Project Selection Committee and local councils of mayors selected [33 individual project phases](#) for CRRSAA funding. The [Regional CRRSAA Status Report](#) and [Regional CRRSAA Accounting Summary](#) were updated in July 2023.

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

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Surface Transportation Program

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on July 13, 2023. At the meeting, the committee approved opening the public comment period for the Recommended FFY 2024 – 2028 Shared Fund [Active](#) and [Contingency](#) programs. Information on the Recommended programs and how to make a public comment can be found on the [Call for Projects](#) website. The committee is scheduled to meet next on **August 31, 2023**. [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page. Program status reports for the STP Shared Fund, based on quarterly updates submitted by project sponsors and an accounting of available, programmed, and obligated funds for the region are available on CMAP's [STP web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Kama Dobbs](#) (312-386-8710)

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction (CRP) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on July 13, 2023, and the committee approved the opening the public comment period for the Recommended FFY 2024-2028 [CMAQ, CRP](#) and [TAP-L](#) programs. Information on the Recommended programs and how to make a public comment can be found on the [Call for Projects](#) website. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **August 31, 2023**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar page one week in advance of the meetings. Information for submitting change requests for CMAQ or TAP-L funded projects can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ web page](#).

Staff Contact: [Doug Ferguson](#) (312-386-8824)

Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's STAR program aims to improve the region's traffic safety environment. It will continue and build on the work of the Safety Action Agenda and align the effort with new federal funding opportunities including: the development of policy related to speed management, bicycle and pedestrian safety; the creation of safety action plans for qualifying local partners, the dedication of resources to planning and implementing complete streets projects and the creation of data resources for partners to better address safety.

Northeastern Illinois was awarded a \$5 million grant to improve traffic safety across the region. The joint application submitted by CMAP, IDOT, and the region's counties will fund a comprehensive, regional program called [Safe Travel for All Roadmap](#) (STAR), which will provide a framework for safety research and programs to make northeastern Illinois safer for all travelers.

Staff Contact: [Victoria Barrett](#) (312-386-8641)

CMAP Products and Data

New CMAP Data Hub

CMAP is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Data Hub](#). The Data Hub provides vetted and trustworthy information about northeastern Illinois so local governments, community organizations, academic researchers, businesses, and more can learn and make informed decisions about their communities. The new Data Hub allows you to search or browse by categories and tags. You can find tables or shapefiles for transit routes and stops, greenhouse gas emissions, economically disconnected and disinvested areas, bikeway inventory system, and more!

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2023 Community Data Snapshots

Updated CMAP [Community Data Snapshots](#) are now available. The annual snapshots provide data-driven profiles for every county, municipality, and Chicago Community Area (CCA) in our region. The snapshots include updated demographic, socioeconomic, and employment data from the American Community Survey (ACS) datasets, updated land use summaries using data from the [Land Use Inventory](#), and updated estimated vehicle miles traveled per household. Staff has also created a [toolkit](#) to help communities share this information.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Local Summaries

An updated [greenhouse gas emissions inventory](#) using 2019 data is available. This shows that between 2010 and 2019, overall greenhouse gas emissions in northeastern Illinois decreased by 9 percent. While this is progress, the region has a shared goal of reducing emissions by 5 percent annually through 2050, and it fell 36 percent short of the goal. [Individualized data summaries](#) by county, community, and Chicago neighborhood that provide a snapshot of emissions from the building, transportation, and waste sectors are also available.

Improving Accessibility in the Region

CMAP has launched a program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. This [CMAP webpage](#) provides communities and partners with essential information about improving accessibility and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. CMAP also hosted a series of free ADA trainings. These interactive workshops covered ADA and Title II requirements, completing a self-evaluation, the role of an ADA coordinator, and developing a transition plan. Training slides and recordings are available on the [CMAP website](#) and we expect to launch more trainings in early fall! Sign-up to receive the Accessible Communities newsletter by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#). For questions, email accessibility@cmmap.illinois.gov.

IJA booklet and resources for communities

CMAP has launched an [online resource](#) to provide communities and partners with the essential information they need to know about IJA and its benefits to the region. This includes funding estimates for existing transportation programs as well as new programs that can make our regional transportation system stronger and more resilient for the next generation of users.

CMAP has also been working with partners and stakeholders to prioritize and achieve consensus around sustainable solutions to our region's transportation challenges. The highest priority projects for the region are reflected in the [IJA booklet](#). These projects align with the [core principles](#) that guide IJA and our region — inclusive growth, resilience, and prioritized investment.

From Our Partners

IDOT 2022 Pavement and Structure Data

New pavement and structure condition data, collected in 2022, is available on the IDOT website [here](#). At the bottom of the page, you can download a zip file, which contains Excel and GIS layer packages containing the data.

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2022 Statewide Crash Data

On June 20, 2023 IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-18](#) regarding the 2022 statewide crash data and safety portal. The information can be accessed by logging into [IDOT's Safety Portal](#), which provides access to search and retrieve individual crash reports, view the location of a crash on a map, access the full 10-year retention period for historical and trend analysis purposes of sites and crashes, and generate standardized summary reports of crash data based on various input parameters. Additional crash data may be requested by contacting the Bureau of Data Collection at DOT.DTS.DataRequests@illinois.gov. Additionally, the 2021 Illinois [Crash Facts and Statistics Publications](#) are also available on the IDOT website.

Bicycle Facility Inventory System

IDOT has launched the [Bicycle Facility Inventory System](#). Users have access to add new facilities, update existing facilities, and mark facilities as decommissioned. A recording of the April 5th [webinar](#) which demonstrates how to use the system is available. For questions and additional information please email: DOT.BikePed@Illinois.gov.

Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

On March 15, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-10](#). With the passage of IJA, IDOT is required to assist and support LPAs to perform a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment as part of the state's Highway Safety Improvement Plan. The law establishes that the VRU Safety Assessment must be completed no later than November 15, 2023. You can help improve safety by identifying areas in your community that may be unsafe for bicyclists, pedestrians, or other vulnerable road in a new [online map](#).

FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Program, and Project Development Guidance

FHWA has issued updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, Program, and Project Development Guidance. It is posted on FHWA's [BIL webpage](#) and the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Guidance webpage](#). For questions, please contact Todd Schmidt: todd.schmidt@dot.gov or 312-353-3868.

TRB Publication - "Making Travel More Equitable for People with Disabilities."

The Transportation Research Board published the fourth part in a blog series on equity, "[Making Travel More Equitable for People with Disabilities](#)." The blog focuses on the challenges faced by people with disabilities in accessing transportation systems and the need for improvements in infrastructure, policies, and services to address these barriers. The roles of inclusive design, technological advancements, and stakeholder collaboration in creating accessible transportation options are emphasized. The blog also presents examples of successful initiatives and best practices from different regions to inspire and guide future efforts towards enhancing the travel experience for individuals with disabilities.

Streamlined Environmental Survey Screening Process

On March 7, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-08](#), which details significant improvements and changes made to streamline the process of environmental surveys to improve review time. Recent Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) policy changes allow local projects to now be screened for natural and cultural resources by certain qualified and trained Central Office Bureau of Local Roads and Streets (CBLRS) Staff. The intent of the screening process is to also determine which projects must be submitted for more detailed surveys via the BDE Environmental Survey Request (ESR) process. For new projects which have not previously submitted an ESR and are not already within the BDE ESR queue, the new screening processes became effective on all documents submitted after March 6, 2023.

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Funding Opportunities

2023 Safe Routes to School Webinars

The 2023 funding cycle for Safe Routes to School will open August 1, 2023 and close **October 2, 2023**. To assist with the preparation of the upcoming cycle, IDOT has partnered with the Active Transportation Alliance to offer an informational webinar series.

SRTS Webinar 1 – Grant Overview

- Wednesday, July 12, 11:30am – 1pm
- Watch recording: <https://activetrans.org/resources/education/safe-routes-to-school>

SRTS Webinar 2 – Q&A with IDOT

- Wednesday, August 23, 11:30am – 1pm
- Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_spFA0MjARiqMatdB5oND9g

SRTS Webinar 3 – Q&A with IDOT

- Wednesday, September 20, 11:30am – 1pm
- Register here: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mfloVU7kSuG8vSgCi14low

For question, please contact IDOT Safe Routes to School staff at DOT.SAFEROUTES@Illinois.gov.

FY 2022 and 2023 Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program (WCPP)

On April 4, 2023, the US DOT released a [NOFO](#) for the Wildlife Crossing Discretionary Grant Pilot Program (WCPP), which aims to protect wildlife, reduce the number of Wildlife Vehicle Collisions (WVC), and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. WCPP grants are available for all project activities, including but not limited to research, planning, design, and construction. The total amount of funding that is available is up to \$111.85M. It is anticipated that 60% or more of the available funds will be award to applicants in rural areas. Applications are due by **August 1, 2023** through www.grants.gov. For questions and additional information please email: wildlifecrossings@dot.gov.

PROTECT Program

On May 2, 2023, the USDOT released a [NOFO](#) for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT), which is a new discretionary grant program created by the IJJA. There are four categories of funding under the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program: one for Planning Grants and three for Resilience Grants. The three Resilience Grants categories are for Resilience Improvement, Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure projects. Applications are due by **August 18, 2023** through www.grants.gov. Additional resources are available [here](#).

FY 2023 and 2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program

USDOT has released the [NOFO](#) for the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program. This funding supports three major discretionary grant programs that involve surface transportation projects designed to strengthen supply chains, spur economic development, and improve safety and daily life. The solicitation includes funding for both Federal Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024. The three programs are:

1. National Infrastructure Project Assistance Grant Program ([Mega](#))
2. Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Program ([INFRA](#))
3. Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program ([Rural](#))

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Applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by **August 21, 2023**. Applicants may find the NOFO, Frequently Asked Questions, and other helpful resources [here](#).

FY 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program (RCN)

USDOT has released the [FY 2023 NOFO](#) for the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program. This RCN NOFO is a combination of two major discretionary grant opportunities: The [Reconnecting Communities Pilot](#) (RCP) and [Neighborhood Access and Equity](#) (NAE) Programs. USDOT has combined these two programs into a single NOFO to provide a more efficient application process for project sponsors. While they remain separate programs for the purposes of award, the programs share many common characteristics, and it is possible for projects to be eligible and considered for both programs using a single application. Under the combined RCN Program, USDOT is offering three grant types: Community Planning Grants, Capital Construction Grants, and Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants. To apply, the three grant programs have been split into two application sites:

1. [Community Planning Grants and Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants with Planning Activities](#)
2. [Capital Construction Grants and Regional Partnerships Challenge Grants with Construction Activities](#)

Applications must be submitted through Valid Evaluation by **September 28, 2023**. A series of webinars are scheduled to provide information on the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program. Registration is not required – simply use the appropriate [webinar link](#) at the designated time. For questions, contact Andrew Emanuele at reconnectingcommunities@dot.gov.

Public Input Opportunities

STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, CRP, and TAP-L programs

On July 13, the STP and CMAQ PSCs released the [recommended draft programs](#) for public comment. Comments can be submitted via email to transportation@cmap.illinois.gov, or by U.S. mail, through 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 11, 2023**.

Metra Fare Structure

Metra is seeking public input on its proposed [plan for 2024](#) that aims to simplify the fare structure for its commuter rail service. Metra is aiming to change:

- Zones: The 10 fare zones would be discontinued and replaced with four zones.
- The 10-ride ticket: It would be replaced with a bundle of five day passes. The bundle would be available only on the Ventra app and priced the same as the 10-ride ticket.
- Incremental fares: The surcharge to travel beyond the zones indicated on the ticket would be discontinued. Riders would be required to buy a ticket valid for the trip they are taking.

You can take Metra's [survey](#) through **Sunday, August 6**. Metra also plans a [virtual open house](#) on **Tuesday, July 25**.

Walk.Roll.Illinois!

IDOT wants to know your experience walking, biking, and rolling in Illinois. The [online survey](#) takes about 10 minutes to complete, and it is also offered in Spanish. You can also pinpoint where you have encountered challenges walking, biking, or rolling along state-maintained routes using this [online map](#). The map shows barriers and routes of improvements identified by others, which you can respond and react to. Responses will be accepted through **August 1, 2023**.

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Training Opportunities

Advocate for safer and more equitable sidewalks

CMAP and the University of Illinois Chicago will host a virtual map-a-thon event on **Thursday, August 3** at 6pm CT. Participants will learn how to use [Project Sidewalk](#), an online tool for collecting sidewalk accessibility data. Participants will also learn about opportunities to become Accessibility Ambassadors to help advocate for safer and more equitable sidewalks in their own communities. Register [here](#).

2020 Census Implementation for Transportation Planning webinar

On **August 1, 2023** at 1:00 CT the FHWA Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty and FTA Office of Planning and Environment will host a webinar on the *2020 Census Implementation for Transportation Planning*. This webinar will focus on the 2020 Census and implications for transportation planning and discuss the timeline for implementation. Register [here](#).

Resilience Improvement Plan webinar

On **August 3, 2023** at 12:00 CT the FHWA will host a Resilience Improvement Plan webinar. In this webinar, FHWA will describe the benefits and requirements of developing a Resilience Improvement Plan, a voluntary, risk-based assessment of vulnerable transportation assets in immediate and long-term transportation planning that demonstrates a systemic approach to surface transportation system resilience. Register [here](#). For questions, contact Eva Birk: eva.birk@dot.gov or 207-512-4921.

IDOT Phase 1 Course

IDOT's Illinois Technology Transfer Center is hosting two IDOT Phase I trainings. The course will cover developing a transportation project's purpose and need, roles and responsibilities of local, state, and federal agencies, environmental studies conducted through the Environmental Survey Request process, and more. Register [here](#).

Training Option 1

- Date: Thursday, August 10th
- Time: 8:30am-4:30pm (lunch 12-1)
- Location: 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193 in the Lecture Hall

Training Option 2

- Date: Thursday, August 31st
- Time: 8:30am-4:30pm (lunch 12-1)
- Location: 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62704 in the IDOT Hanley Auditorium

Climate Resilience Training Courses

The FHWA's National Highway Institute (NHI) is now offering five new Environmental courses addressing climate change through adaptation and resilience. The target audiences for the courses are primarily transportation personnel who work in engineering, design, and project development/NEPA units in transportation agencies (mainly State DOTs). The courses will also be relevant to those interested in planning, asset management, operations, and maintenance. Expected participants include experienced staff from State DOTs, local governments, Tribal governments, Federal State agencies, and consultants.

- [Understanding Past, Current and Future Climate Conditions](#)
- [Introduction to Temperature and Precipitation Projections](#)
- [Systems Level Vulnerability Assessments](#)
- [Adaptation Analysis for Project Decision Making](#)

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- [Addressing Climate Resilience in Highway Project Development and Preliminary Design \(NHI 142085\)](#)

Transportation Planning Video Learning Series

Two videos now available on FHWA's [Transportation Planning Capacity Building Website](#) under [Connect & Learn](#). This video learning series is designed to exchange information on planning tools, share common experiences and noteworthy practices across the planning discipline, and establish a common knowledge base for all planners.

- [Federal Transportation Planning Process](#): This video explains the typical transportation planning process (based on the US DOT [Transportation Planning Process Briefing Book](#)), and provides an introduction to the transportation planning process conducted by public agencies.
- [Federal Transportation Planning Funds](#): This video explains the process to ensure that federal funding is being used to plan a safe and efficient transportation system according to laws and regulations and help State DOTs and sub-recipients manage the funding efficiently and effectively and in compliance with federal requirements.

National Highway Institute (NHI) Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making

The NHI has revised the [Introduction to the National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) and Transportation Decision Making](#) course. This web-based, self-paced training describes Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) approach to the NEPA transportation decision-making process. This training covers NEPA regulations, policies and guidance defined by the Council on Environmental Quality and FHWA.

Integrating Transportation and Land Use

The [Integrating Transportation and Land Use](#) web-based training (WBT) course is designed to help practitioners plan multimodal transportation systems that supports community development goals and shape land use patterns that support transportation system performance goals. Course lessons include determining the interplay between transportation systems and land use development patterns, the processes and principles that influence integrated transportation and land use planning, and strategies for applying integrated land use and transportation principles to different types and scales of planning and decision-making processes. Target audience includes Mid-level State DOT employees, City and County engineers and planners, MPO staff, transit operators, Federal employees (FHWA, FTA, EPA), resource agency staff, consultants, elected officials, regulatory agency staff, local zoning officials, site designers, citizen activists, developers, media representatives and business leaders.

Every Day Counts (EDC) Virtual Summit

The EDC-7 summit was conducted virtually and included 2,000 attendees from State DOTs, local agencies, federal land management agencies, tribes and industry. The seven initiatives feature strategies to improve safety for all users, build sustainable infrastructure for the future, and grow an inclusive workforce. The presentations, fact sheets, videos, virtual booths, and pdfs of homegrown innovations developed by the National State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Network are available on-demand to all registered participants **through February 2024**. Register for the on-demand summit [here](#).

July 24, 2023

Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – July and August 2023

7/31/2023

Final agreements due for projects targeting the September state letting

7/31/2023

If needed, final ROW agreements due for projects targeting the September state letting

8/7/2023

Final PS&E and draft agreements due for projects targeting the November state letting

8/11/2023

Pre-final plans due for projects targeting the January state letting

8/17/2023

Scope, schedule, and cost change requests for CMAQ or TAP-L funded construction phases targeting the November state letting, or non-construction projects targeting federal authorization before October 6, 2023 must be submitted to transportation@cmap.illinois.gov

Other recommended actions

Sponsors of STP-L or STP-Shared Fund projects with phases programmed in FFY 2023 that are not yet obligated and are eligible for an obligation deadline extension (see [APM policies](#), Section VI. B.) must submit requests by the end of July. Submittal procedures may vary by council – please contact your Planning Liaison for assistance.

Sponsors of projects with Phase 1 or Phase 2 Engineering programmed in FFY 2024 should consider beginning the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process for those project phases so that funding agreements can be submitted to IDOT as soon as possible to help ensure that federal funds are obligated within the programmed FFY.

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This information is compiled from these official sources:

- IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Region One Letting Schedule (latest version available from IDOT District 1 BLRS staff)
- CMAP's TIP Due Dates and Master Transportation Schedule (latest version posted [here](#))
- [STP Active Program Management Policies](#)
- CMAP's call for projects [web page](#) (Refreshed prior to each call)
- CMAP's [CMAQ and TAP-L Program Management and Resources web page](#)

If there are any discrepancies in dates, the dates listed on the official sources above should be used. Consult with your planning liaison to resolve any questions or concerns.

Selections: RCO: 02	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS
 LOCATED IN THE CMAP **NORTH SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Local Agency/ Section	Project Route/ From/ To/ Scope of Work 1/ Scope of Work 2/	Current CE3 Estimate	T.I.P. NO. FFY/Fund/Cost/Fed Cost/Authorized	Environmental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD DT	ROW Req CD Certified DT	Plans to CO CD DT	Target Let/ Low Bid/ Award Date Award Amt	E1/E2 Consultant	Jntagmt Cd Dt RR Agmt Cd Dt 404 Permit Cd Dt	A-95 Review STATE * NIPC *
1 COOK HIGHWAY 18SVTEX00BT 2914	- Skokie Vly Tr Lake Cook Rd to Voltz Rd BIKEWAYS PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS	3,280,169	02-18-0002 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: FFY19 / STER / 196,000 / 156,800 / C: FFY20 / STE / 3,280,169 / 2,624,136 /		NR		Yes		1/1/2024	ZH CR Primera	E Yes	NR * NR * * * * * * * * *
				REMARKS: PE1 by Lake and Northbrook. PE2 kick-off mtg held 11-2-18.LOCAL LETTING - TBD								
2 LINCOLNWOOD 160006100LS 2799	FAU1349 - Devon Av Lincoln Av to McCormick Blvd WIDENING & RESURFACING/SW LIGHTING/LANDSCAPING	4,066,000	02-16-0004 E1: / / / / E2: FFY20 / STPL / 303,952 / 106,383 / RW: / / / / C: MYB / STPL / 4,066,000 / 2,749,500 /	CE 1 9/18/2018	NR		Yes	A 9/18/2018	3/8/2024	AH CR CBBEL	NR No	NR * NR * * * * * * * * *
				REMARKS:								
3 MORTON GROVE 120010600PV 2607	FAU2791 - Austin Av Oakton St to Lincoln Av RECON; INTERSECTION IMPR. RESURFACING; SEWER	3,081,263	02-13-0002 E1: / / / / E2: FFY16 / STPL / 168,968 / 118,278 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY22 / STPL / 3,081,263 / 1,881,747 / / TARP / 98,544 /	CE 1 2/16/2016	NR		Yes		1/19/2023	AH CR Ciorba	NR No	NR * NR * * * * * * * * *
				REMARKS: PE2 kick-off meeting held 3-31-16. 1/19/2023 per LPA (4-28-23).								
4 SKOKIE 080028000FP 1312	- Old Orchard Rd Harms Rd/(1-94) to Skokie Blvd RECONSTRUCTION SIGNAL TIMING/PROGRESSION	16,400,000	02-97-0006 E1: / / / / E2: / / / / RW: FFY17 / CMAQ / 1,907,500 / 1,526,000 / A C: FFY23 / HPP / 1,000,000 / 800,000 / / CMAQ / 10,000,000 / 7,800,000 /	CE 2 12/10/2014	NR		Yes	A 12/10/2014	1/1/2024	AH CR Transyste		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
				REMARKS: Bill #1809. Kick-off meeting held 4-4-08. Part of CCHD Project. Requires PE1 Addendum. Need s chedule (4-20-20).								

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5 SKOKIE 130029500BT	FAU1313 - Church St Linder Av to McCormick Blvd Bike Lanes	550,000	02-14-0003 E1: / / / / E2: FFY19 / CMAQ / 43,000 / 32,000 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY23 / CMAQ / 550,000 / 440,000 /	CE 1 5/13/2013	NR		No		1/19/2024	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3023						REMARKS: Requires PE1 Addendum. PE2 kick-off held 2-11-20.						
6 SKOKIE 150030300MS	Var - CTA Stations Dempster to Oakton LANDSCAPING BIKE RACKS	289,000	02-16-0013 E1: / / / / E2: FFY19 / CMAQ / 25,963 / 20,770 / A RW: / / / / C: FFY22 / CMAQ / 289,000 / 231,000 /	CE 1 6/9/2015	NR		Yes		1/1/2024	AH CR CBBEL	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
3007						REMARKS: Com Ed/CTA lease agreement. PE2 kick-off meeting held 10/30/19. Letting TBD as of 11-15-2022.						

July 21, 2023

Northshore Council of Mayors Management Monitoring Schedule FY 2024-2029 Proposed Highway Improvement Program

Target lettings for projects in the MYP are contingent upon contract plan readiness, land acquisition and funding availability.

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PROJECT LOCATION AND LIMITS	SCOPE OF WORK	EST. COST (X000)	DESIGN APPROVAL DATE	RIGHT OF WAY REQUIRED	TARGET LETTING TIMEFRAME*	FISCAL YEAR FUNDS AVAILABLE	COMMENTS
I-94 (Edens Expwy) At Dundee Ave, Tower Rd & Lake Ave Intchgs (ITS – Smart Highway)	Lighting	\$3,956	PS&E	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62D82 0-00819-1001	MYP	Northbrook
I-94 (Edens Expwy) At Winnetka Rd	Bridge Replacement and Retaining Wall	\$3,200	03/22/02	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 26 Contract: 62H34 1-75746-0100	MYP	Northfield
I-94 (Edens Expwy) At Oakton St	Bridge Replacement, Traffic Signal Replacement	\$9,887	E6/30/19	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62K70 1-75996-0100	MYP	Skokie
I-94 (Edens Expwy) At Touhy Ave	Bridge Replacement, Traffic Signals Replacement	\$8,930	TBD	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 28 1-81127-0000	MYP	Skokie
US 14 (Dempster St) Ozark St. to IL 43 (Waukegan Rd)	Drainage	\$5,000	E12/31/17	Yes	2 nd Quarter FY 27 1-79267-0000	MYP	Morton Grove
US 41 (Church St) US 41 (Skokie Blvd): At Church St & Church St: At Niles Center Rd	Signal Timing/ Progression	\$81	TBD	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62R84 1-80911-0000	MYP	Skokie
US 41 At Main St	Signal Timing/ Progression	\$117	TBD	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62R84 1-80919-0000	MYP	Skokie

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IL-21 (Milwaukee Ave) North of Sanders Rd to South of Euclid Ave	Reconstruction Intersection Improvement Traffic Signal Modernization Signal Timing / Progression Additional Lanes	\$13,375	12/13/06	Yes	3 rd Quarter FY 25 Contract: 60R53 1-71621-0100	MYP	Glenview
IL 43 (Waukegan Rd) At UP RR S of Voltz Rd	Bridge Deck Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$1,189	TBD	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62T18 1-81068-0000	MYP	Northbrook
IL 43 (Waukegan Rd) N of Main St to Oakton St & Harlem Ave to US 14 (Caldwell Ave)	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$990	PS&E	No	2 nd Quarter FY 26 1-79496-0000	MYP	Morton Grove Niles
IL 58 (Golf Rd) I-294 to Lincoln St	Smart Overlay	\$5,200	PS&E	No	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62T11 1-81007-0000	MYP	Park Ridge
IL 58 (Dempster St) IL 43 (Waukegan Rd) to W of Niles Center Rd	Crack and Joint Sealing	\$200	PS&E	No	2 nd Quarter FY 27 1-81051-0000	MYP	Niles
IL 58 (Dempster St) At I-94 (Edens Expwy)	Bridge Deck Overlay, Bridge Joint Replace/Repair	\$1,686	TBD	No	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62T25 1-81084-0000	MYP	Park Ridge

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Central St McDaniel Ave to Ashland Ave & Asbury Ave to Sherman Ave	Standard Overlay	\$200	PS&E	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62U80 1-75356-1000	MYP	Evanston
Devon Ave Springfield Ave to Lincoln Ave	Smart Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$570	TBD	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62L58 1-79489-0000	MYP	Lincolnwood
Devon Ave IL 50 (Cicero Ave) to Kenton Ave/Lemont Ave	Signal Timing/Progression	\$363	TBD	No	1 st Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62R84 1-80912-0000	MYP	Lincolnwood
Dundee Rd I-94 (Eden Expwy) to Forest Way Dr	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$484	TBD	TBD	2 nd Quarter FY 26 Contract: 62J64 1-80441-0000	MYP	Wilmette
Forest Way Dr IL 68 (Dundee Rd) to Willow Rd	Designed Overlay	\$885	PS&E	TBD	1st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62U81 1-79438-0000	MYP	Winnetka
Forest Way Dr At Ditch north of Willow Rd	Culvert Replacement	\$1,000	TBD	TBD	3 rd Quarter FY 25 1-80294-0000	MYP	Glencoe
Green Bay Rd S of Scott Ave to S of Kenilworth Ave	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$2,030	TBD	TBD	3 rd Quarter FY 25 1-79439-0000	MYP	Glencoe Winnetka Kenilworth

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Touhy Ave At Kostner Ave	Traffic Signal Modernization, ADA Improvements	\$720	TBD	TBD	1 st Quarter FY 24 1-79889-0000	MYP	Lincolnwood
Touhy Ave At Hamlin Ave	Channelization, Traffic Signal Installation	\$750	TBD	Yes	2 nd Quarter FY 26 1-77024-0000	MYP	Lincolnwood
Tower Rd At I-94/US 41 (Edens Expwy)	Bridge Deck Overlay, Bridge Joint Replace/Repair	\$650	PS&E	No	2 nd Quarter FY 24 Contract: 62T36 1-81075-0000	MYP	Skokie
Willow Rd E of Des Plaines River to Waterview Dr/Protection Pkw	Reconstruction, Intersection Improvement, Lighting, Noise Barriers, Bridge Rehabilitation	\$19,000	4/2/01	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 60L75 1-73626-0000 1-73626-3000	MYP	Prospect Heights Glenview
Willow Rd At W Fork North Branch Chicago River	Bridge Replacement, Sidewalk	\$9,400	TBD	Yes	1 st Quarter FY 25 Contract: 62M85 1-72414-0300	MYP	Northbrook Glenview

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AWARDED PROJECTS:							
Lehigh Ave Oakton St to Touhy Ave	Designed Overlay	\$550	TBD	No	On 4/29/2022 Contract: 62P30 1-79462-0000	FY 22	Morton Grove Niles Award Date: 5/25/2022 Apparent Low Bidder: Builders Paving, LLC Low Bid: \$868,000.00
Oakton St Waukegan Rd to Long Ave	Designed Overlay, ADA Improvements	\$1,263	TBD	TBD	On 4/29/2022 Contract: 62P32 1-80255-0000	FY 22	Morton Grove Niles Award Date: 5/25/2022 Apparent Low Bidder: Builders Paving, LLC Low Bid: \$3,626,380.00
Shermer Rd Willow Rd to Old Willow Rd	Standard Overlay, ADA Improvements, New Shoulders	\$485	TBD	TBD	On 6/17/2022 Contract: 62L11 1-79493-0000	FY 22	Glenview Award Date: 7/27/2022 Apparent Low Bidder: JA Johnson Paving Company Low Bid: \$654,540.09

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IL 21 (Milwaukee Ave) Glenview Rd to N of Kennicott Ln	Smart Overlay, ADA Improvements, Miscellaneous	\$1,173	TBD	No	On 11/18/2022 Contract: 62N53 1-80867-0000	FY 23	Glenview Award Date: 12/12/2022 Apparent Low Bidder: Arrow Road Const. Co. Low Bid: \$1,158,709.70
Willow Rd Landwehr Rd to W of IL 43 (Waukegan Rd)	Smart Overlay	\$3,500	TBD	No	3rd Quarter FY 23 1-80861-0000	MYP	Northbrook, Glenview Award Date: 3/29/2023 Apparent Low Bidder: Arrow Road Const. Co. Low Bid: \$3,921,218.93

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Illinois Tollway June News

2023 Summer Safety

The Illinois Tollway and Illinois State Police Troop 15 are working to keep children safe every trip, every time by hosting free Kids' Identification and Safety Seat (K.I.S.S.) events in 2023 to inspect and correctly install child safety seats and provide free kids' ID cards. This year, six events are planned across the Chicago area. For more information about K.I.S.S. events and to see additional activities at each event, visit the [Troop 15 section](#) on the Illinois Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com. Events are on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- July 8 - Fox Valley Park District Police Department
- July 15 - Bartlett Police Department
- August 26 - Children's Museum of Oak Lawn
- September 23 - Lambs Farm in Libertyville
- September 26 - Tinley Park Police Department

I-PASS Assist Program

More income-eligible drivers are receiving the cost-saving benefits of I-PASS after signing up for I-PASS Assist Accounts that also offer few up-front costs. We've put together a tool kit [I-PASS Assist Communications Toolkit - Illinois Tollway](#) if you'd like to promote this program to your residents.

Working through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Revenue and now the Illinois Department of Human services, the Tollway is able to verify the eligibility of households for I-PASS Assist using a secure web form that requires minimal information to determine if household incomes fall below the required threshold, which is based on 250 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines or if households are currently participating in SNAP or TANF. I-PASS Assist offers eligible drivers all the benefits of I-PASS, including the standard 50 percent discount on tolls, as well as additional benefits, including waiving the transponder deposit fee and allowing drivers to open an account with as little as \$4 in prepaid tolls. In addition, participants may have fees accrued from unpaid tolls dismissed—and avoid future fees for missed tolls. Go to <https://www.illinoistollway.com/assist> to access the application.

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.

Notice of Violation for Unpaid Tolls

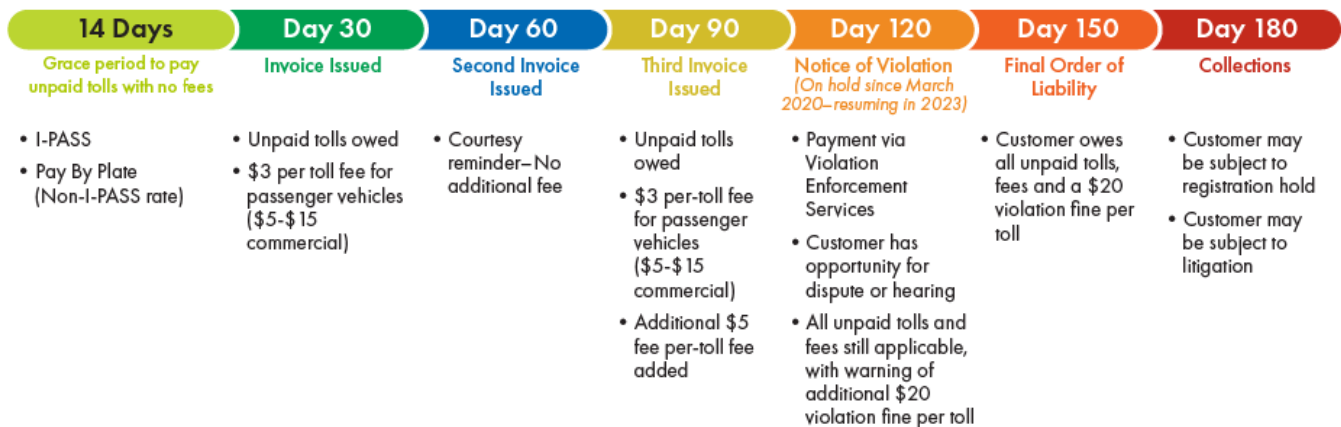
Starting in April, customers who have received multiple invoices and reminders for the same unpaid tolls will receive a notice of violation that, if ignored, will result in a \$20 fine assessed on each unpaid toll. These fines will be in addition to any previously assessed invoice fees.

Customers can go to <https://www.illinoistollway.com/ves> and search by license plate or invoice to identify unpaid tolls.

As the Tollway begins reinstating violation notices, customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued between June 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022, will have a six-month hold placed on notices and will be eligible for a discount of up to 50 percent off fees on paid invoices. In addition, income-eligible customers who qualify for I-PASS Assist and also establish an I-PASS account may have their fees dismissed.

Customers with outstanding initial toll invoices issued on or after October 1, 2022, will be issued a Notice of Violation, which may result in an additional \$20 fine per toll. However, customers will have an opportunity to dispute violations including via a hearing.

Since unpaid toll invoicing began in 2020 along with the agency’s transition to cashless tolling, the Illinois Tollway estimates that more than 6 million invoices have gone unpaid, with a troubling trend of repeat non-compliance in a growing number of customers. This includes more than \$110 million in unpaid tolls over the past three years.



If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Passi at kpassi@getipass.com

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metra schedules informational sessions and opens survey about proposal to change fare structure

Zones would be cut to 4 from 10 and fares would be set at or below pre-pandemic levels

CHICAGO (July 17, 2023) – Metra has opened a survey and scheduled informational sessions at downtown stations to solicit feedback about proposed changes to its fare structure for 2024 that would reduce the number of fare zones to four from 10 and change some of the fare options available.

The survey and details about the proposal can be found at metra.com/2024FarePlan. Metra also will hold an online open house from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on July 25; customers can register through metra.com/2024FarePlan. In addition, informational tables staffed by Metra workers will be set up at the following locations to provide details about the plan and answer questions:

- July 19: Millennium Station, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- July 26: Chicago Union Station, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Aug. 1: LaSalle Street Station, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Aug. 2: Ogilvie Transportation Center, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Feedback about the plan also can be sent to 2024FarePlan@metrarr.com.

The intent of the proposal is to create a fare structure that customers can easily understand, that will encourage ridership, that will simplify onboard fare collection, and that meets Metra's financial and technical constraints.

Metra's current fare zone system has 10 zones, and prices for some tickets are based on the number of zones traveled. Under the new proposal, there would be only four fare zones (see proposed zone map below). Downtown stations would be assigned to Zone 1 and outlying stations would be assigned to Zones 2 through 4 based on a combination of distance from downtown, service patterns and ridership characteristics on each line, which vary. Generally, stations within and near Chicago would be in Zone 2, stations in an intermediate service zone would be in Zone 3, and remaining stations would be in Zone 4.

Under the proposed new fare structure (see proposed fare chart below):

- **One-Way Tickets** to the downtown zone, Zone 1, would cost \$3.75 from Zone 2, \$5.50 from Zone 3 and \$6.75 from Zone 4. The new one-way fare from all zones would be equal to or lower than the current one-way fare. To encourage non-downtown trips, all One-Way Tickets for trips that do not include downtown as a starting point or destination would cost \$3.75, no matter the distance.
- A **Day Pass** priced at twice the cost of a One-Way Ticket would be valid for unlimited rides for a single day within the zones selected. The current \$6 and \$10 Day Passes, introduced as promotional fares during the pandemic, would be discontinued.
- A **Bundle of Five Day Passes** would replace the 10-Ride Ticket. The bundle would be priced at 9.5 times the cost of a One-Way Ticket and would only be available via the Ventra app. The passes could be used on non-consecutive days.
- A **Monthly Pass** would be priced at 20 times the cost of a One-Way Ticket: \$75 for Zone 2, \$110 for Zone 3 and \$135 for Zone 4. This pricing is below the cost of pre-COVID Monthly Passes. The current \$100 flat-rate “Super Saver” Monthly Pass, which was introduced as a promotional fare during the pandemic, would be discontinued.
- Metra would no longer allow riders to pay “**incremental fares**” – a surcharge to travel beyond the zones indicated on their ticket. Instead, riders would be required to buy a ticket valid for the trip they are taking.
- **Reduced fares** of roughly 50 percent for seniors, persons with disabilities, K-12 students and active duty military personnel would be available for One-Way, Day Pass, Day Pass Bundle and Monthly tickets.

The following fare products and prices would not change:

- Metra would continue to sell the \$30 **Regional Connect Pass** to Monthly Pass buyers for unlimited rides on CTA and Pace.
- Metra would continue to sell a \$7 **Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday Day Pass**. A \$10 **Weekend Pass** still would be available on the Ventra app only.


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Proposed Fare Chart

		Full Fare				Reduced Fare				
		Zone 1 (Downtown Chicago) To/From			Travel Within Zones 2, 3, 4	Zone 1 (Downtown Chicago) To/From			Travel Within Zones 2, 3, 4	
		Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4		Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4		
	One Trip Valid for one trip, expires three hours after purchase	\$ 3.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 1.75	\$ 2.75	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.75	
	Day Pass Valid for unlimited trips for a single day, expires 3:00 a.m. the next day	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.00	\$ 13.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.75	\$ 3.75	
	5 Day Pass Bundle Five individual day passes, may be used non-consecutively	\$ 35.75	\$ 52.25	\$ 64.25	\$ 35.75	\$ 17.75	\$ 26.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 17.75	
	Monthly Pass Valid for unlimited trips for a calendar month, expires 12:00 p.m. the first business day of the following month	\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 55.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 37.50	
	Sat. Sun. or Holiday Day Pass Valid for unlimited trips on Saturdays, Sundays, or Major Holidays, expires 3:00 a.m. the next day	\$ 7.00								
	Weekend Pass Valid for unlimited trips on one weekend, expires 3:00 a.m. the next day following the weekend	\$ 10.00								
 	Regional Connect Pass Valid for unlimited trips on CTA buses and trains and Pace buses for a calendar month, expires 12:00 p.m. the first business day of the following month, must be purchased with a Monthly Pass	+ \$ 30.00								



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Pace Celebrates the Launch of New Pace Connect Service

Late-Night Service Connects Transit Centers to Airport's Cargo Area Businesses and Chicago's South Suburbs



Pace and local officials celebrated the launch of [Pace Connect](#), a new transit service designed to provide a “first and last mile” transit option during late night hours in two designated zones. The service, which is funded in part thanks to grants received from RTA and Cook County, provides crucial transportation connections geared towards third shift workers.

Pace Connect is a shared ride service where a rider can book a trip through the new [Pace Connect app](#) (available in App Store and Google Play), or through a call center for those who do not have access to a smartphone, at a moment's notice to easily connect with nearby transit stations, or in some cases, be dropped off at their home.

The app, which is powered by Via, uses algorithms to match riders headed in the same direction into one vehicle – maximizing the service's efficiency and affordability. Rides cost \$2 each (or less if the rider pays by Ventra and transfers from a fixed route

service), and riders can pay by credit card through the Pace Connect app or by using in-vehicle Ventra Card readers.

“We’re excited to unveil yet another innovation today,” said Pace Executive Director Melinda Metzger. “This addition to Pace’s family of services provides a new option for third-shift workers, enhancing job access for underserved communities. It is important that Pace continues to explore innovative approaches to providing service as northeastern Illinois’s transit system faces a fiscal cliff in the coming years.”

Pace Chairman Rick Kwasneski focused on Pace’s spirit of partnership embodied by this new service. “This is yet another example of Pace working with our peers at RTA and Cook County to enhance and integrate service in the south suburbs,” he said. “Riders can now utilize Pace, CTA, and Metra service at all hours and still have a way to get from our transportation center to work or to home.”

Other officials attending the event included Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Harvey Mayor Christopher J Clark, RTA Board Member Elizabeth Doody Gorman, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) Superintendent Jennifer “Sis” Killen, Pace Director Terry R. Wells, and Pace Director David Guerin.

How to ride with Pace Connect

- **Harvey Area Zone:** Riders can book a Pace Connect ride to travel between Pace’s Harvey Transportation Center and any address in a defined zone surrounding the facility, presenting a new way to connect with Pace Route 352 and the Metra Electric District. Employer sites within this zone include (but are not limited to) University of Chicago Ingalls Memorial Hospital, South Suburban College, and the Amazon warehouse in Markham.
 - Tuesday--Friday 12 a.m. – 5 a.m.
 - Saturday 11 p.m. – Sunday 6 a.m.
 - Sunday 11 p.m. – Monday 5 a.m.

- **O’Hare Businesses Zone:** Riders can book a Pace Connect ride to travel between select employers at the O’Hare Airport cargo area and the Rosemont CTA Blue Line Station, where they can connect with the CTA’s “L” rapid transit service. Employer sites within this zone include (but are not limited to) airline and mail cargo areas, airport hotels, and airport catering sites.
 - Every day, 11:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., including holidays.

For more information about Pace Connect, please visit PaceBus.com/Connect.

Upcoming College "Pre-Hire" and "Hire on the Spot" Events

- July 17, 2023 6 PM - 9 PM Prairie State College
- Aug. 9, 2023 6 PM - 9 PM **Harper College**
- Aug. 16, 2023 6 PM - 9 PM Elgin College
- Sept. 7, 2023 4 PM - 7 PM College of Lake County
- Sept. 27, 2023 6 PM - 9 PM **Harper College**
- Oct. 12, 2023 4 PM - 7 PM College of Lake County

- **Every Thursday**

Every Thursday, candidates can come to [Pace headquarters](#) (550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights) at either 9:30am or 1pm to apply for Bus Operator positions at Pace Northwest Division. Candidates are interviewed, take a 90-minute Customer Service Assessment test, and can get hired immediately for open positions. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Pulse Dempster Line

Pace to launch Sunday service on the Pulse Dempster Line and open substantially completed Pulse stations to the public on August 13, 2023. Some stations will continue to be under construction with riders using temporary nearby boarding locations. Please visit [PaceBus.com](#) for the most up-to-date information.





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July 2023 Update

Section 5310 Recommended Program Open for Public Comment

RTA has released a [recommended Program of Projects](#) for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Section 5310 is a federal program that aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Public comments on these projects may be submitted from July 10 to August 9 through the [online comment form](#). This recommended Program of Projects will be presented to the RTA Board for consideration on September 14, 2023.

Transit is the Answer in Action

RTA staff continues to communicate to local, state, and federal leaders about the strategic plan and the importance of transit to the region. On June 15, Chairman Dillard spoke about *Transit is the Answer* in a conversation moderated by WGN's Ben Bradley at the Lincoln Forum held in partnership with the Union League Club of Chicago.

Local Planning 2022 Implementation Report Released

Every year, the RTA's Local Planning department assists local governments throughout northeastern Illinois on projects that strengthen the region's transit system through two programs: [Community Planning](#) and [Access to Transit](#). The RTA recently published its [2022 Local Planning Implementation Story Map](#), an interactive report of 21 RTA-supported projects around the region that are starting soon, in progress, or recently completed. Overall, the projects included in the implementation report show progress toward the goals of *Transit is the Answer*, and the principle of "Commitment to Change." Moving forward, the RTA will continue to assist communities throughout the region to tackle immediate and emerging planning issues related to transit.



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Mayor Johnson Transition Report

Many of the priorities outlined in *Transit is the Answer* were incorporated into Mayor Brandon Johnson's [transition report](#), which was released on July 6. The goals were agreed upon by a diverse team of experts and advocates, including Chairman Dillard, who served as co-chair of the Transportation Subcommittee. The report's goals aim to improve the transit system by stabilizing CTA service delivery and reliability, increase equitable access to existing transportation, grow investments in equitable transportation, and prioritize infrastructure that reinforces safe movement.

Semi-Annual Project Management Oversight Report Released

Transit is the Answer highlights the need for an annual investment of \$3.5 billion over the next 10 years to address chronic disinvestment, to achieve a state of good repair, to make improvements to the sustainability of transit, and to improve accessibility, reliability, and equity. Under its Project Management Oversight (PMO) program, the RTA ensures that the Service Boards are spending capital funds and managing their capital projects effectively and efficiently. The [latest PMO report](#) was released June 23 and details 109 projects which show a capital investment of over \$7.6 billion into the RTA region's transit system.

Transportation Tuesday Wrap-Up

The final webinar of the RTA's Transportation Tuesday series was held on June 27, focusing on how the RTA works with the Service Boards to advance a regional capital strategy. Recordings and recaps of each webinar from this year's series, which was focused on implementation of *Transit is the Answer*, are available on the [RTA Connections Blog](#).

TIP ID	Project	Muni/Lead	Phase	NORTH SHORE COUNCIL OF MAYORS FFY 2023-2028 PROGRAM						Target Letting/Auth.	COUNCIL MARKS/PAST YEAR OBLIGATIONS						
				2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
				Programmed:	\$5,353,092	\$7,791,086	\$5,825,350	\$5,137,849	\$6,397,234		\$2,928,800	\$5,943,353	\$6,234,420	\$6,070,514	\$6,174,075	\$6,279,707	\$6,387,452
				Balance:	\$590,261	\$4,545,222	\$245,164	\$1,036,226	-\$117,527	\$3,458,652							
02-20-0015	Happ Road Corridor Improvements	Village of Northfield	CON								Aug-24	2023 CON funds (STP-L, Shared, and Local) deferred to 2024 for fiscal constraints. Letting date changed from 9/2023 to 8/2024.					
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	ENG II		\$31,924						Sep-22						
02-06-0035	Gross Point Rd from Old Orchard Rd to Golf Rd	Village of Skokie	CON/CE			\$776,650					Aug-24	CON cost increase of \$776,650 for STP-L programmed for FFY2024. Letting date changed from 3/2022 to 8/2024.					
02-16-0004	Devon Ave from Lincoln Ave to McCormick Blvd	Village of Lincolnwood	CON			\$1,678,068					Nov-24	CON funding of \$2,663,240 (STP-L: \$1,678,068, Local: \$719,172) reprogrammed to 2025. Letting date changed from 10/2024 to 11/2024.					
02-13-0002	Austin Ave from Lincoln Ave to Oakton St	Village of Morton Grove	CON/CE		\$2,940,124						Jan-24	Cost increase of \$312,921 (STP-L: \$253,045, Local: \$67,426) programmed for 2023. Letting date changed from 9/2023 to 1/2024.					
02-18-0007	Chestnut Ave from LeHigh ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Glenview	CON		\$624,883						Apr-22	Received STP-L cost increase of \$104,050 in 2023 post-letting. Letting updated from 10/2022 to 4/2022.					
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd	Village of Winnetka	ENG II		\$682,500						Aug-23	Letting date changed from 9/2022 to 8/2023.					
02-06-0021	Willow Rd from Winnetka Village Limits to Green Bay Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON			\$2,469,214					Sep-24	CON funding of \$3,526,156 (STP-S: \$2,469,214, Local: \$1,056,942) redistributed by CMAP from STP-L to STP-S due to fiscal constraint. Letting date changed from 8/2024 to 9/2024.					
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	City of Evanston	ENG II		\$56,865						Mar-22	Letting date changed from 4/2023 to 3/2022.					
02-20-0014	Green Bay Road Corridor Improvements	City of Evanston	CON			\$3,204,543					Sep-24						
02-22-0013	Shermer Rd from Walters Ave to Willow Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*				\$2,002,400				Sep-24	CON/CE funds of \$2,503,000 (STP-L: \$2,002,400, Local: \$500,600) reprogrammed to FFY2026. Letting date changed from 1/2025 to 9/2024.					
02-22-0014	Skokie Blvd from Lake Cook Rd to Village Limits	Village of Northbrook	CON*				\$2,017,049				Sep-25	Letting date revised from 1/2026 to 9/2025.					
02-22-0015	Howard St from Skokie Blvd to Crawford Ave (West)	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*				\$1,118,400				Jan-26						
02-20-0017	Howard St from Crawford Ave to McCormick Blvd (East)	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*			\$942,739					Jan-25						
02-22-0016	Glenview Rd and Harlem/Lehigh Ave Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*						\$2,928,800		Nov-25	CON/CE funds of \$3,661,000 (STP-L: \$2,928,800, Local: \$732,200) reprogrammed to FFY2028.					
02-22-0017	Gross Point Rd from Main St to Church St	Village of Skokie	CON/CE*					\$1,600,000			Jan-27	CON funding of \$3,526,156 (STP-S: \$2,469,214, Local: \$1,056,942) redistributed by CMAP from STP-L to STP-S due to fiscal constraint. Letting date changed from 8/2024 to 9/2024.					
02-22-0004	Wilmette Ave from Ridge Rd to Green Bay Rd	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*		\$1,016,796						Jan-23	Cost increase of \$584,702 STP-L funds programmed for FFY2023.					
02-22-0018	Walters Ave from Pflingsten Rd to Shermer Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*					\$927,022			Sep-26						
02-22-0019	Pflingsten Road from E Lake Ave to West Lake Ave Improvements	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*					\$2,390,440			Jan-26						
02-22-0020	Illinois Rd from Locust Rd to Wilmette Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*					\$1,099,277			Jan-27						
02-22-0021	Beckwith Rd from Harlem Ave to Waukegan Rd	Village of Morton Grove	CON/CE					\$380,495			Jan-23						
02-23-0012	Old Glenview Road from Skokie Blvd to Wilmette Ave	Village of Wilmette	CON/CE*		\$1,081,507						Mar-24	Project approved at 2023-06-27 North Shore COM special meeting and moved off contingency.					

FFY=	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
ENG II=	Phase II Engineering (50/50 match ratio)
CON/CE=	Construction/Construction Engineering

* eligible for 80/20 match ratio

Contingency Program										
	Hibbard Road from Hill Rd to Willow Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON/CE*		\$1,047,360					
	Hibbard Road Reconstruction from Willow Rd to Tower Rd	Village of Winnetka	ENG II		\$552,230					
	Hibbard Road Reconstruction from Willow Rd to Tower Rd	Village of Winnetka	CON/CE			\$4,447,770				
	Cherry Ln from Landwehr Rd to Church St	Village of Northbrook	CON*	\$1,183,720						
	Techny Road from Pflingsten Rd to Waukegan Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$779,809					
	Western Avenue from Dundee Rd to Techny Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$546,548					
	Shermer Rd from E. Lake Ave to Central Rd	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$1,339,680					
	Pflingsten Road from Keystone Rd to Village Limits	Village of Northbrook	CON		\$612,284					
	Shermer Road from Golf Rd to Central Rd	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$1,199,240					
	Voltz Road from waukegan rd to Sunset Ridge Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$372,188					
	Glenview Rd from Shermer Rd to Milwaukee Ave	Village of Glenview	CON/CE*		\$2,050,600					
	Commercial Avenue from Saunders Rd to Huehl Rd	Village of Northbrook	CON*		\$327,485					
				Subtotals	\$1,183,720	\$8,827,424	\$0	\$4,447,770	\$0	\$0
				Total				\$14,458,914	\$13,275,194	