



NWMC Transportation Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- August 11** Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee - 8:30 a.m.
Barrington Village Hall
- August 16** NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee - 10:30 a.m.
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Cook County Releases First Long-Range Transportation Plan in 75 Years

On July 13, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle unveiled the county's 2040 long range transportation plan entitled "Connecting Cook County". The document is the county's first long-range plan in more than 75 years and will guide spending priorities over the next 25 years. The plan discusses the county's transportation needs, the current state of its transportation system and five policy priorities including:

- Prioritizing transit and other transportation alternatives
- Supporting the region's role as America's freight capital
- Maintaining and modernizing what already exists

- Promoting equal access to opportunities
- Increasing investments in transportation

The planning process, held over the course of the last two years, has involved several key stakeholders from agencies and municipalities throughout the county, including Northwest Municipal Conference appointee and *Northbrook Village President Sandy Frum*. To view and download the plan, please visit www.connectingcookcounty.org.



Committee Topics Wanted

Attention incoming members of the Transportation Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee as well as other interested parties. NWMC staff is busy developing potential topics and speakers for meetings in the upcoming conference year. If you have transportation issues you think the conference should address, or if there are existing or potential projects you'd like to learn more about, please contact NWMC staff.

The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, while the Transportation Committee will next meet on Thursday, September 22.



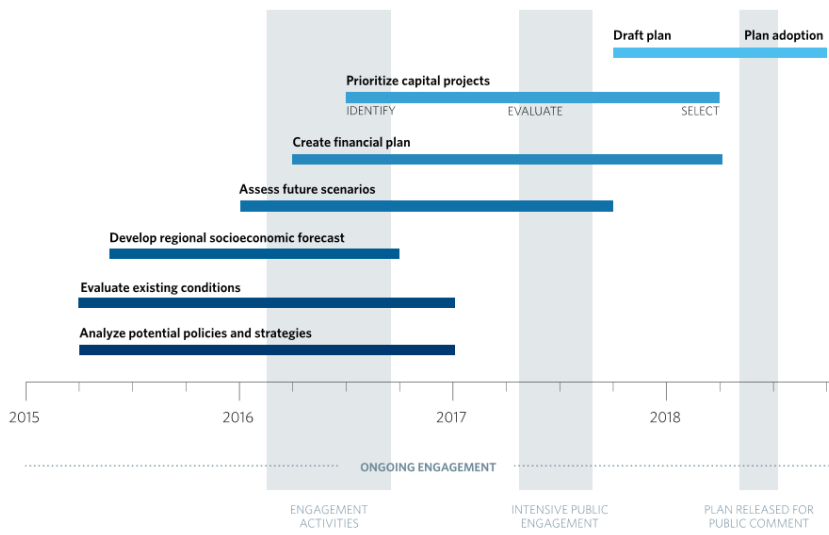
CMAP 2050 Priorities Report Out For Comment

Following the first round of public engagement, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has released a summary document (available [here](#)) of the key regional priorities that will shape their next regional comprehensive plan entitled On To 2050. In addition to existing Go To 2040 priorities which will continue or be refined in the new plan, topics such as storm-water and climate resilience, inclusive growth, shared services, asset management and transit modernization will be explored. CMAP plans to publish a se-

ries of snapshots and strategy papers on these topics in the coming year.

Comments can be submitted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15 by emailing onto2050@cmaphillinois.gov with subject of "ON TO 2050 Priorities Comment." Additional opportunities for public engagement will start again in summer 2017, when CMAP will conduct extensive engagement on a series of alternative future scenarios for the region.

ON TO 2050 development timeline Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.



Share Your Transportation Priorities with IDOT

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking feedback on draft goals for its upcoming 2017 Long Range Transportation Plan for Illinois. The draft goals of the plan include: economic growth, livability, access, resilience, stewardship; and, safety. Survey takers are asked to prioritize the goals and provide any other potential goals.

The brief survey can be found [here](#). More information on the planning effort can be found by visiting: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/planning/index>.

The plan is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2017.

Register Now for 2016 Illinois Bike Summit

From *Ride Illinois* Chief Programs Officer Ed Barsotti:

Registration is now open for the 2016 Illinois Bike Summit. Learn from experts, earn continuing education credits, and network with advocates, planners, civil engineers, public health researchers, business leaders, and elected officials from all corners of the state. Leave inspired and better equipped to improve bicycling in your community and beyond as we focus on Better Biking for All.

Illinois Bike Summit

Mon, Sept 19, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel

Your Bikeway Toolbox * Trail Tools & Economic Impacts * Multi-use Corridors * Collecting & Using Data * Motorist Directed Signage * Trail-building Corps * Bicycle Friendly Community Designation * Health Department Partnerships * Rolling Toward Equity * Mobile Workshop * Advocacy * IDOT Secretary Blankenhorn and other sessions!

NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Training

Tue, Sept 20, 8:30am - 3pm

Normal Public Library

6 PDH or AICP CM credits

A national-level training on NACTO's Urban Bikeway Design Guide and related suburban/rural content for professional planners and engineers. Limited to 45 participants.

Register at <http://rideillinois.org/events/2016-illinois-bike-summit/>

Start Planning Now for CMAQ and TAP funding

In early 2017, CMAP is planning to issue a call for new projects for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Both programs require that Phase I design approval must be given by IDOT before any project can receive funding. This means a project should receive or be close to receiving design approval by June, 2017.

If your municipality has any potential projects for either program, please contact your Council's Planning Liaison soon to set up a meeting with IDOT to scope the project and determine how long the design approval process will take. Environmental clearances on projects which involve state right-of way can take between six months to one year, so planning now will put your project in a better position when applications are officially released.



Northwest Council of Mayors Update

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m. at *Barrington Village Hall*. In addition to program changes, the committee will consider whether to limit new applications to official "call for projects", or to

continue to allow new applications throughout the year with a one year waiting period before funds can be programmed. This is a follow-up of the discussion from the May Technical Committee meeting.



RTA Seeking Access to Transit Projects

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has released a call for projects for the Access to Transit Improvement Program. The program is open to applicants that have completed (or are in the process of completing) a study through the RTA's Community Planning program or CMAP'S Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program.

The Access to Transit Improvement Program is intended to leverage RTA and local funds with federal Conges-

tion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding to help implement small-scale projects that increase pedestrian and bicycle access to the transit system.

Applications are due to the RTA on or before Thursday, October 20. The long application period is intended to give applicants adequate time to initiate or complete the Phase I engineering aspect of the project.



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