



NWMC Transportation Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

- August 15** **Doing More with Less in 2050 Forum**
See article below
- August 15** **NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee—10:30 a.m.**
Village of Skokie, see article on Page 3
- August 25** **Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee - 8:30 a.m.**
Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street



Register Now for “Doing More with Less in 2050”

As part of the development of the Chicago region’s next comprehensive plan – On To 2050 – the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is hosting a series of future-focused forums designed to engender debate around a wide range of issues that will affect the region. The forums are all centered around one of five possible Alternative Futures: Changed Climate; Walkable Communities; Innovative Transportation; Constrained Resources; and, Transformed Economy.

CMAP is co-hosting a forum with the Northwest Municipal Conference, the

Lake County Municipal League and the McHenry County Council of Governments to explore how communities and the region will adapt in an era of constrained state and federal resources. Entitled “Doing More with Less in 2050”, the event will be held on Tuesday, August 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the *Libertyville Civic Center*, 135 W. Church Street.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Kerry Lester, Daily Herald Columnist and Senior Writer, and include the following panelists: John S. Gates Jr.,

Chairman and CEO, PortaeCo, LLC; the Honorable Leon Rockingham, Mayor, North Chicago; Megan McKenna, Executive Director, Mano a Mano Resource Center; and, Paula Wolff, Director, Illinois Justice Project.

Registration for this event and details on all of the ON TO 2050 forums are available by visiting <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/onto2050/forums>. The Libertyville Civic Center is a short walk from the Libertyville Station of the Milwaukee District North Metra line, and is accessible via the #574 Pace bus. Free parking is available at the Church Street Garage. The Libertyville Civic Center is ADA accessible, so please contact Cindy Cambray at ccambray@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8748 to make accommodations.

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CMAQ and TAP Recommended Programs Released

On July 20, the CMAP Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Project Selection Committee met to discuss CMAP staff's proposal for the 2018-2022 CMAQ program and the 2018-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Projects in the NWMC area that are in the proposed CMAQ program are:

- US 14 at Virginia Road intersection improvement in *Crystal Lake*
- Pedestrian improvements around the *Hanover Park* Metra station
- Multi-use paths on Roselle Road and Euclid Avenue in *Palatine*
- IDOT sponsored intersection improvements at Irving Park Road and Wise Road in *Schaumburg* and Irving Park Road at Barrington Road in *Hanover Park*
- Funding for station construction and bus purchase for Pace's Pulse Dempster line

Projects in the NWMC area proposed to receive TAP funding are:

- Skokie Valley Trail extension from Dempster Street to Golf Road in *Skokie*
- Skokie Valley Trail bridge over Lake-Cook Road and trail extension to *Northbrook's* southern village limits
- Higgins Road multi-use path in *Schaumburg*
- Howard Street multi-use path and bridge over the North Branch Chicago River in *Niles*
- Multi-use path along Oakton Street and Busse Road in *Elk Grove Village*

Comments on the proposed programs will be accepted until September 4. Visit www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/strategic-investment/cmaq/program-development to view the full-proposed programs, which are expected to be adopted by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in October.



Cook County Announces Invest in Cook Grant Awards

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways recently announced the selection of thirty projects as part of the inaugural Invest in Cook program. The program will fund \$7.2 million for transportation related projects spanning forty-two municipalities in Cook County. Projects in the NWMC area that received funding are:

- West Bartlett Road bike path replacement in *Bartlett*
- Improving sidewalk connectivity on Wolf Road in *Prospect Heights*
- Woodfield area traffic flow improvements in *Schaumburg*

- Improvements to the Des Plaines River Trail crossing at the UP railroad in the Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- Filling gaps in the sidewalk network on Waukegan Road in *Northfield*
- Skokie Valley Trail Improvements in *Glenview, Northfield and Wilmette*
- Improvements to the Touhy Avenue and Cicero Avenue interchange at I-94 in *Lincolnwood*

For more information on the program and a full list of selected projects, visit <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook>.

IDOT Seeking Input on Future Projects

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking input in the planning and development of its upcoming Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the FY 2018-2023 Proposed Highway Improvement Program (MYP). They will also be highlighting several other IDOT programs such as the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, the Illinois Economic Development Program, and Illinois' Long Range Transportation Plan with some new initiatives. Input on these programs will help guide the future direction of transportation within each community and throughout the state.

A public meeting is planned for August 29 at IDOT's District One Office in *Schaumburg* (201 West Center Court) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. IDOT staff will answer any questions related to the MYP, planning and project development process. The public will have an opportunity to comment in writing on the development of the proposed MYP, existing programming procedures and other information.

Comments can be emailed to DOT.OPPMYPOutreach@illinois.gov or DOT.STIP@illinois.gov through September 15 or mailed to Bobby Johnson, at the Illinois Department of Transportation, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 307, Springfield, Illinois 62764 through November 16.

For more information, visit www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/program-outreach.



Northwest Council Discusses Proposed STP Distribution Changes Update

The Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee discussed the impact of proposed changes to the distribution of the region's Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds during their meeting on July 13th at the *Barrington Village Hall*. Under the proposed formula, the Northwest Council's funding would potentially decrease starting in fiscal year 2020. The committee recommended proposing changes to the draft distribution formula as well as to the timing of the funding changes, which would minimize the impact to the council. The proposed new formula is a result of changes to new federal rules which govern how STP funds can be distributed.

Staff also presented the committee with draft changes to the council's program for the next few fiscal years to maximize the use of STP funds. The proposed changes will be considered at the next committee meeting, which will be held on Friday, August 25 at the *Barrington Village Hall* at 8:30 a.m.

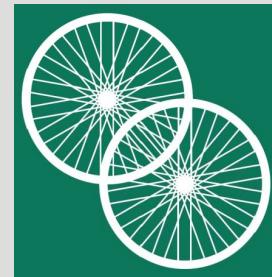
Following the meeting, the full CMAP Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on July 18, where Northwest Council co-chairs *Barrington President Karen Darch* and *Schaumburg President Al Larson* raised the council's concerns. Based on feedback from all of the councils and from other members of a regional working group, CMAP staff is working on modifications to the formula, which they expect to discuss with the working group later this month. Final adoption by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee is targeted for October.

North Shore Council Update

The North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee will meet Wednesday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the *Skokie Village Hall*. Please submit any agenda items to Brian Pigeon.

NWMC Bike/Ped Committee to Tour Skokie Valley Trail

The NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will hold its first meeting of the new Conference year on Tuesday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the *Village of Skokie* (exact location to be determined soon). Staff from *Skokie* and *Lincolnwood* will discuss planning and implementation of local projects, including the Skokie Valley Trail. The trail is currently complete from Dempster Avenue south through *Skokie* and *Lincolnwood* to the City of Chicago, where it becomes known as the Valley Line Trail. A ride on the completed portions of the trail will follow the meeting.



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