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Northwest Municipal Conference Transportation Committee Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2026
8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices or via Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88398424107>

Meeting ID: 883 9842 4107

Passcode: 886152

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. **Approval of April 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- III. **Approval of May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Attachment B)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- IV. **Agency Reports**
 1. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (Attachment C)
 2. IDOT Local Roads Update
 3. IDOT Highways Report
 4. Illinois Tollway
 5. Metra
 6. Pace (Attachment D)
 7. NITA (Attachment E)
 8. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (Attachment F)
 9. Collar County Departments of Transportation
- V. **2026-2027 Meeting Dates (Attachment G)**

Staff will present the proposed meeting dates for 2026-2027.
Action Requested: Approve Proposed Meeting Dates
- VI. **Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) Implementation Update**

The Northern Illinois Transit Authority (NITA) officially replaced the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) on September 1. Staff will provide an update on implementation status, key deadlines and outreach to NITA/Service Board members. NITA Staff will also provide an overview of the People Over Parking Act.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion
- VII. **Funding and Planning Opportunities**

Staff will provide an update on funding and planning opportunities.

 - 1) [Cook County Bicycle and Pedestrian Expressway Crossing Study](#) – September 30
 - 2) [ITEP](#) – October 5
 - 3) [PROTECT](#) – October 9

Action Requested: Informational

VIII. Other Business

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

X. Adjourn

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Via Video Conference**

Members Present

Lara Sanoica, Mayor, Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair
Rodney Craig, Mayor, Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Wendy Dunnington, Trustee, Arlington Heights
Bob Benton, Trustee, Deerfield
Adam Aronson, Deputy Director of Community Development, Glenview
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Hoffman Estates
Terri Gens, Trustee, Mount Prospect
Lou Arrigoni, Engineering Manager, Park Ridge
Sidney Kenyon, Director of Transportation, Schaumburg
Dan Kaup, Assistant Village Manager/Director of Public Works, Wheeling

Others Present

Ken Jay, Elk Grove Village
Sarah FioRito, Evanston
Kathy Thake, Kenilworth
Aram Beladi, Northbrook
Benjamin Gorski, Schaumburg
Tom Powers, Winnetka
Ryan Ruehle, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
Kelsey Passi, Illinois Tollway
Jess Rybarczyk, Pace
Kendra Johnson, RTA
Maggie Czerwinski, Active Transportation Alliance
Joseph Cwynar, EEI
John Beissel, Robinson Engineering
Tom Gill, Thomas Engineering Group
Mark Fowler, NWMC
Larry Bury, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, NWMC
Brian Larson, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Sanoica called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Approval of March 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Craig moved approval of the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Mayor McLeod seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III.

Agency Reports

1. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Report attached.

2. IDOT Local Roads Update

Report attached.

3. IDOT Highways Report

Report attached.

4. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Passi reported that the Tollway will distribute new sticker tags when a customer's existing transponder has reached the end of its service life. Ms. Passi shared that the IPASS On Demand Team is available to attend community events to provide customer assistance and encouraged communities to contact her to have the team attend local events.

5. Metra

Report attached.

6. Pace

Ms. Rybarczyk reported that Pace has social media support available for their Hiring On The Spot events and encouraged communities to contact her to enhance outreach opportunities. She reported that Pace implemented service enhancements in member communities in March, with additional service increases planned for June. She shared that ridership continues to increase year over year, reaching 1.9 million rides, or approximately 70% of 2019 levels, with Express Bus, Bus on Shoulder, and Pace Pulse routes experiencing the strongest growth. Ms. Rybarczyk also reported that the Pace Board recently received updates on the transition to NITA and that a draft ReVision plan is anticipated later this year following completion of NITA compliance requirements. In addition, she shared that Pace completed the purchase of 47 additional hybrid buses for distribution throughout the region.

7. RTA

Ms. Johnson reported that in March the RTA Board adopted ADA Paratransit Action Plan 2, which would allow RAP/TAP users to have 40 instead of 30 rides. She added that the RTA Board was presented with a proposed [operating budget amendment](#) addressing the NITA Act to enable early action on the Act's requirements and she requested that interested communities email the RTA communications team with public comments.

8. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDoTH)

Mr. Ruehle reported that there have been two updates to the Cook County Safety Action Plan, with new and expanded content on project visualizations, systemic analysis, and risk-based analysis. He added that adoption of the Safety Action Plan means all Cook County communities are eligible for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) implementation grants.

Mr. Ruehle shared that the Cook County Bike Plan web app, launched in 2024, consolidated existing study areas, planned, and built bike routes into a single location, and encouraged municipalities to reach out to CCDoTH to provide updates to the data.

Ms. Czerwinski shared information on the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding and Cook County/ATA technical support program. She added that projects do not have to be huge, but funding has been increased from \$3 million to \$5 million. Ms. Czerwinski said that technical support is available for 15 suburban Cook County municipalities, with seven of those recipients receiving an additional \$2,000 in funding. She also shared information on the upcoming ITEP statewide and Cook County webinars and IDOT Special Programs Assistance Conference.

9. Collar County Departments of Transportation

No report.

IV. ITEP

Mr. Czarnota and Mr. Larson presented an overview of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant, highlighting examples of successful NWMC member ITEP applications.

V. Transportation Legislation Update

Mr. Czarnota provided an overview of transportation-related legislation currently advancing through the Illinois General Assembly. He highlighted SB3336, the e-mobility legislation passed by the Illinois Senate and currently under review by the Illinois House Rules Committee.

Mayor Craig asked whether the bill includes parental liability provisions. Mr. Czarnota said NWMC is seeking clarity on this topic and on how ticketing would be handled.

VI. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including the [Cook County/Active Transportation Alliance ITEP Technical Assistance](#) and the [US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) grant.

VII. Other Business

No other business.

VIII. Next Meeting

Mayor Sanoica announced that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

IX. Adjourn

Mayor McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. Mayor Craig seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 a.m.

NWMC Offices and via Video Conference

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor McLeod, standing in as interim chair, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

II. Approval of April 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

As the Committee lacked a quorum, approval of the April 23, 2026 meeting minutes was postponed to a future meeting.

III. Agency Reports

1. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Report attached.

2. IDOT Local Roads Update

No report.

3. IDOT Highways Report

Ms. Herdus shared that the IDOT multi-year program has been balanced and is currently waiting on Central office data for publication. She noted that the construction season for IDOT has begun.

Mr. Czarnota asked whether IDOT preliminary construction plans consider alternate routing for sidewalks and bicycle paths. Ms. Herdus said usually yes, but she would ask the design department about their specific process, and how, as an example, outreach took place for the Route 53 project.

4. Illinois Tollway

Report attached.

5. Metra

Mr. Larson shared that the Metra report would be distributed following the meeting.

6. Pace

Ms. Rybarczyk encouraged members to contact Pace to include Pace's outreach team at local events and meetings. She shared that following funding from the NITA bill, Pace has adjusted its RAP/TAP program and included a flyer for distribution to the public outlining changes.

Ms. Rybarczyk shared that Transit Signal Prioritization (TSP) will be rolling out in North Cook corridors and can set up meetings with local communities on

TSP. She shared an update on the Pulse Milwaukee and Dempster corridors, with Pulse Milwaukee ridership increasing 3%, and Pulse Dempster increasing 12% year-over-year, with overall ridership up already 16% in the last quarter.

Ms. Rybarczyk shared upcoming [June service enhancements](#), with enhanced weekend and evening service, that were funded via the NITA bill, which will add more than 60,000 hours of service across 12 routes in the system. She highlighted Route 554 which will have an updated Saturday schedule and frequency.

Ms. Rybarczyk asked if community events or local construction will be closing roadways, to please provide a list of the closures to Pace so they can make detour plans. She requested that communities reach out to Pace during construction planning, so Pace can provide recommendations and suggestions for station locations and improvements.

7. RTA

Ms. Johnson noted that the NITA Act will be discussed for funding at the concurrent RTA meeting.

8. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Report attached.

9. Collar County Departments of Transportation

No report attached.

IV. 2026-2027 Meeting Dates

Mr. Larson presented the proposed meeting dates for 2026-2027, noting that the proposed schedule will follow the typical fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m., with the exceptions of November due to a conflict with Thanksgiving, the meeting will be moved one week earlier, and December, where Transportation will be holding a joint committee networking social with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

As the Committee lacked a quorum, approval of the proposed 2026-2027 meeting dates was postponed to a future meeting.

V. Transportation Resilience Improvement Program (TRIP)

Ms. Evasic and Ms. Walters presented an overview of the [Transportation Resilience Improvement Program \(TRIP\)](#) which can inform planning work across the region, including data on asset vulnerability and project-based resilience strategies that can be incorporated into transportation projects. CMAP staff will also share TRIP's recommended organizational strategies that CMAP and others, including local transportation implementers, can implement to advance resilience across the region.

Ms. Walters noted that data is available on the CMAP Data Hub for roads, bridges, trains, buses, regional trails, and transit riders. She shared that TRIP will be informing the 2026 RTP and The Century Plan, and will affect the ranking of the Surface Transportation Program-Shared Fund applicants.

Mr. Larson asked whether CMAP has developed sample ordinances, such as climate-resilient development floodplain overlays, that communities can take off the shelf? Ms. Evasic said this is an area CMAP will be developing in the future based on the research completed for TRIP.

VI. Transportation Legislation Update

Mr. Czarnota provided an overview of transportation-related legislation that is currently advancing through the Illinois General Assembly, including the e-mobility bill which has had a reading in the House. Mr. Larson noted that the speed governance bill has passed and is awaiting signature.

Mr. Larson shared an update on the federal transportation reauthorization bill, noting that many existing discretionary grant programs were reauthorized, including Safe Streets For All (SS4A), which sees a reprioritization of funding for rural areas, and overall funding cut from \$982MM to \$750MM, CMAQ, and HSIP. He shared that Bridge replacement/rehab projects no longer need to provide safe accommodation for pedestrians and bicyclists, and BUILD prioritizes projects able to begin construction within 18 months. Mr. Larson also shared that the proposed bill eliminated the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP), PROTECT formula funding, Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program, and funding options for foreign-produced or provided LiDAR technology.

VII. Funding and Planning Opportunities

Mr. Larson provided an update on funding and planning opportunities, including [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#), Bloomberg Philanthropies [Love Your Block](#), US DOT [Railroad Crossing Safety Program](#), [League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community](#) program, FEMA [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#), and the upcoming Illinois [ITEP](#). Mr. Czarnota encouraged communities to contact the conference if requesting letters of support for any of the programs.

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Czarnota thanked the committee for their participation and leadership over the past year.

Mr. Larson shared that the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Field Trip will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. at Rolling Meadows City Hall.

IX. Next Meeting

Mayor McLeod shared that the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and virtually via Zoom.

X. Adjourn

Mayor McLeod announced that the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

CMAP news

2026 Regional Transportation Plan

At its June meeting, CMAP's MPO Policy Committee released the draft 2026 [Regional Transportation Plan](#) (RTP), FFY 2027-32 [Transportation Improvement Program](#) (TIP), and Air Quality Conformity Determination for public comment.

The public comment period closed Friday, July 31, 2026, and CMAP hosted a public hearing on Thursday, August 6, 2026. CMAP is reviewing comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Feedback will be considered as the draft materials are finalized. A summary of public comments and responses will be made available as part of the final materials

Draft materials remain available for review as CMAP prepares the final plan, TIP, and conformity determination for consideration by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in **October 2026**.

Additional information and resources about the RTP are available on the [RTP webpage](#). Have a question or want someone from the CMAP team to present at your upcoming meeting? Email us at rtp@cmaphillinois.gov.

New 2026 Community Data Snapshots help communities track progress and plan for the future

The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) released a new set of [Community Data Snapshots](#) to help regional stakeholders track progress and make informed decisions in their communities. 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.

There are three ways to explore the data:

- View the [interactive dashboard](#) of select data points.
- Download the [snapshot report](#).
- Download the data tables from [CMAP's Data Hub](#).

Want to share your community's data? CMAP's media [toolkit](#) includes text and graphics — including customizable templates — you can use on your social media, newsletter, and webpage to share this useful data.

CMAP launches next phase of My Daily Travel

[Phase two of the My Daily Travel](#) regional travel survey is underway. As travel behaviors change and technologies evolve, transportation planners can use survey results to guide future investments and prioritize improvements for a more efficient transportation system.

Curious about what we learned during the first phase of the survey? [Read our analysis](#) of phase one results to see how travel habits across the region are already shaping our planning efforts.

Job opportunities

CMAP is hiring for one full-time positions: a [GIS Architect](#) in the Technology, Data, and Applications division. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to learn more.

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Program status updates

Surface Transportation Program (STP)

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) last met on August 27, 2026. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **November 5, 2026**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week before the meetings. 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 the [STP webpage](#).

Staff contact: [Jon Haadsma](#) (312-386-8664)

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

The most recent [CMAQ Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on August 27, 2026. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **November 5, 2026**. [Meeting materials](#) are posted on CMAP's Legistar site one week before the meetings. Information for submitting project change requests can be found on CMAP's [CMAQ Management Resources webpage](#).

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

Safe Travel for All Roadmap (STAR)

CMAP's [STAR program](#) continues to work to improve regional travel safety with assistance, resources and policy development. Information on the [Countywide Safety Action Plans](#) adopted by the MPO Policy Committee on May 30, 2025, and more, can be found on the STAR webpage.

In collaboration with the DuPage Division of Transportation (DuDOT) and engineering firm TYLin, CMAP is offering implementation guidance with a [pre-recorded webinar](#) for local jurisdictions interested in funding traffic safety improvements.

Staff contact: [Michael Brown](#) (312-386-8615)

Accessible Communities Program

CMAP launched the Accessible Communities Program to help communities in northeastern Illinois improve accessibility for their residents and visitors with disabilities. Essential information about improving accessibility can be found on this [CMAP webpage](#) and in the Accessible Communities newsletter. Recordings and slides for CMAP's ADA trainings, which cover ADA and Title II requirements, self-evaluations, the role of an ADA coordinator, transition plans, and PROWAG are [available](#). CMAP has also developed [templates and guidance](#) that public entities can use to help meet their legal obligations of providing an ADA notice, grievance procedure, and designating an ADA coordinator.

Staff contact: [Jaemi Jackson](#) (312-386-8706)

CMAP products and data

Land Use Inventory provides updated look at northeastern Illinois

CMAP's Land Use Inventory, a survey of northeastern Illinois' land use, has been updated. This data is a resource for planners, transportation agencies, university researchers, non-governmental organizations, consulting firms, and more. The 2026 inventory features 2023 data, following refinement by CMAP, including a review of 60,000 parcels. The data can be viewed on an [interactive web map](#) and is also available for [download](#).

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Chicago

CMAP, in partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, developed the [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago](#).

As the first regional framework to address all major sources of greenhouse gas emissions across a 13-county area spanning Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, the plan charts a clear and ambitious path forward. Grounded in rigorous data and shaped by community and partner voices, it offers a coordinated roadmap to reduce emissions, improve public health, and strengthen the economy.

Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP)

In partnership with regional stakeholders, CMAP created the [Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan](#) (TRIP) to identify vulnerabilities in the regional transportation system and highlight how to make the system more resilient to extreme weather and climate change.

TRIP provides a roadmap to inform transportation planning and decision making throughout the region. It meets the Federal Highway Administration's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program requirements for a resilience improvement plan — and will help position northeastern Illinois to compete for PROTECT funds as well as other resilience funds. Learn more about the key insights from the plan [here](#).

Explore the CMAP data hub

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

From our partners

Illinois Information Technology Accessibility Act (IITAA)

On September 8, 2026, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2026-12](#) outlining the IITAA requirements. This act requires Illinois agencies to ensure that their websites, information systems, and information technologies are accessible to people with disabilities.

The IITAA does not directly apply to local governments' websites and documents. However, because LPAs use State of Illinois materials to conduct governmental business, they will be affected by IDOT's implementation of the IITAA. All plans submitted to IDOT on behalf of an LPA for advertising on IDOT's website shall include a statement on the cover sheet regarding the document's accessibility.

For more information on the IITAA standards, refer to the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology's (DoIT) [webpage](#).

2025 IDOT National Highway System (NHS) pavement and bridge data

IDOT collects condition data on Interstate pavements annually and on non-Interstate pavements on a two-year cycle. Bridges receive a routine visual inspection at least every 2-4 years, depending on the condition. The results of the most recent NHS pavement condition assessments and bridge inspections, along with performance measures and targets, may be accessed on [IDOT's Transportation Asset Management page](#).

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2025 IDOT crash data

On August 24, 2026, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2026-09](#) announcing the availability of 2025 crash data. This data set provides important crash information required for the identification of areas of improvement, work on safety studies, and the analysis on the location and number of crashes. The data can be accessed through [IDOT's Safety Portal](#).

Funding opportunities

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Cycle 17

Applications for [ITEP Cycle 17](#) awards through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are now open through **October 5, 2026, at 5 p.m.** (CST). Project applications must be submitted through the [ITEP application portal](#). \$157 million in ITEP funding is available for this cycle, with up to \$5 million awarded per project. For additional programmatic information visit the [ITEP webpage](#). Please send all general inquiries to DOT.ITEP@Illinois.gov.

The Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) will be hosting a webinar for interested applicants:

- **Q&A with IDOT staff:** September 16 at 11 a.m. | [Register](#)

Training opportunities

IDOT BLRS 2025 T2 training

IDOT's Technology Transfer (T2) Center has the [Spring 2026 T2 training](#), along with all past offerings, available online. For more information on how to navigate this training, along with 35+ additional trainings offered by the T2 Center, please reference the [T2 webpage](#). New users will need to contact Barry.Kent@illinois.gov for credentials.

Engage with CMAP

The CMAP office is open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. All CMAP committee meetings are held in-person, and a quorum of committee members must be physically present. CMAP continues 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](#).

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Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – September 2026

9/28/2026: Final PS&E and draft agreements due for projects targeting the January 2027 letting

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 [webpage](#) (Refreshed prior to each call)
- CMAP's [CMAQ and TAP-L Program Management and Resources webpage](#)

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.

Your feedback helps shape a transit network that works for all!

Attachment D



ReVision: Pace's Network Restructuring Project UPDATE

As our region emerges from the pandemic, we recognize that travel patterns have changed—and Pace must evolve to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's riders. Our goal is to update and modernize our service offerings to remain good stewards of taxpayer resources while maximizing access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other key destinations. Additionally, thanks to the new funding provided for in Public Act 104-0457, Pace has the resources to expand service in ways that suburban stakeholders have been clamoring for for years.

ReVision is Pace's strategic planning initiative to redesign and expend our bus and On Demand service network in response to these changing needs. It reflects our commitment to building a transit system that aligns with current travel patterns, supports regional growth, and delivers better service to riders. The initiative is grounded in the values of accessibility, equity, and productivity outlined in the *Driving Innovation* strategic plan.

To meet the goals of ReVision, the Pace team has spent months analyzing existing services, demographic and travel trends, and gathering public input. This work culminated in the release of three network concepts, each offering a different vision for where and how often Pace routes should run, and what types of service are best suited for different parts of the region. These concepts highlighted key trade-offs—such as ridership versus coverage—and showed what could be possible with additional investment.

Following the release of the concepts, Pace conducted a public survey to gather feedback from riders and communities. This input, along with continued market analysis and stakeholder engagement, as well as input from the future NITA Board, will inform a Draft Plan and, after additional stakeholder input, a Final Plan.

There are still additional opportunities for the public to provide input throughout this process. To stay informed and engaged, visit PaceBus.com/ReVision and sign up for email alerts. Your feedback is essential in shaping a transit network that works for all.

Stay Informed and engaged!

Visit: PaceBus.com/ReVision to provide feedback & sign up for email or text alerts



NITA leadership appointed, Access Pilot to expand

Oct. 1

NITA is hiring for several newly created roles across various departments. People who join NITA now will help build the systems, policies, and partnerships that shape regional transit for years to come and will have a direct hand in building a safer, more seamless, more rider-focused regional transit system.

A few exciting opportunities open right now:

Division Manager/Manager, Transit Ambassador Program — Help build and lead NITA's new Transit Ambassador Program from the ground up. This role will oversee program development and management, including training focused on safety, de-escalation, and customer service, while establishing performance measures to make sure the program is delivering for riders.

Planning Director — Lead NITA's regional transit strategic planning work, including transit expansion, local planning, and land-use programs. The Planning Director will also oversee data analytics and coordinate with CTA, Metra, Pace, municipalities, and civic partners to advance a more connected and effective regional transit system.

Division Manager/Manager, Fare Integration — Help shape how riders pay for transit across the region. This role will lead the development and management of regionwide fare policy and payment integration, including analysis of ridership, revenue, equity impacts, and coordination with vendors, Service Boards and other partners.

Division Manager, Data Reporting, Analytics, and Customer Insights — Lead the work to turn data into better decisions for riders and the regional transit system. This role will oversee performance reporting, dashboards, analytics, and customer insights that inform planning, capital investments, and operations, while working with NITA leadership, the Board, and external partners.

Other positions include Assistant Board Secretary; Chief Internal Auditor; Division Manager, External Engagement; Deputy Director, Office of Disability Policy and Planning; and Division Manager, Real Estate and Joint Development.

Explore the full list of current openings, learn more about each position, and apply on our [Careers](#) page.

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Invest in Cook 2026 Program

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways announced the list of projects that will receive funding under the 2026 Invest in Cook grant program. A total of \$8,290,548 will be distributed across 36 recipients to fund three transit, nine bicycle, 12 pedestrian and 12 road projects which will leverage an additional \$19 million from other sources. Nine Northwest Municipal Conference members received awards.



This is the tenth year Invest in Cook grant funding has been awarded for transportation-related projects. In total, nearly \$81 million in grants have been distributed to 346 projects throughout Cook County, which enabled \$223.5 million in project activity. More information on awarded projects can be found at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/investincook>

Cook County Bike Share Feasibility Study

Cook County completed the Bike Share Feasibility Study in 2026, an action item in the Cook County Bike Plan. The report evaluates opportunities for expanding bike share into suburban Cook County by analyzing key destinations, infrastructure and demographics, while building on past plans to strengthen the County's position as a leader in regional bicycling initiatives. More information on awarded projects can be found at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/bikeplan>

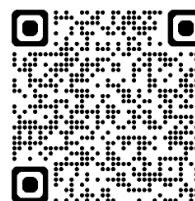


Expressway Crossing

The Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH) has launched a study to identify and evaluate existing and future opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross interstates, expressways, and grade-separated highways in suburban Cook County.

The study will assess barriers to active transportation, identify opportunities to improve regional connectivity, and support safer, more accessible travel options for residents. The survey closes on September 30, 2026.

Learn more and participate by responding to the public survey: CookCountyExpresswaySurvey.com



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Roadway Projects Report

Project Name	Project Limits	Project Scope	Current Phase	Quarterly Milestone	Est. Start Construction	Est. Complete Construction
QUENTIN ROAD 00-V6256-09-RP LAKE COOK BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENTS Rand Road	Dundee Rd to Lake Cook Rd over the NB/CB; over CNRR; over east replacement of PPC I-beams	Roadway reconstruction with bridge replacement, drainage improvements and addition of a multi-use path Removal and replacement of concrete bridge decks, replacement of concrete approach slabs and pavement, removal and replacement of PPC I-beams	2. Preliminary Engineering	5. Preferred Alternative Confirmed	2030	2031
			2. Preliminary Engineering	5. Kick-Off Meeting Held	2028	2029
			3. Design Engineering	9. Final Plans Submitted	2027	2027
CENTRAL ROAD 21-A6107-00-PV	Barrington Rd to Huntington Blvd	Roadway reconstruction with traffic signal modernization and addition of a multi-use path	3. Design Engineering	8. Pre-final Plans Submitted	2027	2028
BUSSE ROAD 20-W7141-00-PV	Golf Rd to Central Rd	Roadway reconstruction & widening with drainage improvements and addition of a multi-use path	3. Design Engineering	8. Pre-final Plans Submitted	2027	2028
SANDERS ROAD 21-W2444-00-PV	Milwaukee Ave to Techmy Rd	Roadway reconstruction & widening with drainage improvements, traffic signal modernization and construction of multi-use path	3. Design Engineering	13. Phase II Ongoing	2027	2028
SKOKIE VALLEY TRAIL EXTENSION	Lake Cook Road to Voltz Road	Pedestrian bridge construction and trail extension	3. Design Engineering		2029	2030
EAST LAKE AVENUE 18-A5924-00-BR	over MFNB Chicago River (SN 018-0544)	Removal and replacement of bridge deck with structural steel cleaning and painting	3. Design Engineering	13. Phase II Ongoing	2027	2028
			3. Design Engineering	8. Pre-final Plans Submitted	2028	2030
CRAWFORD AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION	Oakton St to Golf Rd	Roadway reconstruction	3. Design Engineering	11. Phase I Ongoing	2029	2030
BUFFALO GROVE ROAD 21-W1446-00-PV	Hintz Rd to St. Mary's Pkwy	Roadway reconstruction with drainage, intersection & ADA-compliant pedestrian improvements	3. Design Engineering	11. Phase I Ongoing	2028	2029
PRP N01	Various locations	Pavement rehabilitation with associated traffic signal modernization, drainage, and ADA sidewalk improvements	3. Design Engineering	1. Approval to Advertise Granted	2027	2027
WILLOW ROAD	OVER HILLCREST LAKE	ROADWAY PROFILE RAISE AND RECONSTRUCTION, CULVERT REPLACEMENT	3. Design Engineering	9. Final Plans Submitted	2026	2028
PRP NORTH 2024	Various locations	Pavement rehabilitation with associated traffic signal modernization, drainage, and ADA sidewalk improvements	3. Design Engineering			
PRP S03	Various locations	Pavement program	3. Design Engineering	11. Phase I Ongoing	2028	2029
TOUHY AVENUE 15-34117-01-RP	Elmhurst Rd to Mount Prospect Rd	Pavement reconstruction, grade separation, and roadway realignment with drainage & multimodal transportation improvements	4. Construction	9. Construction Ongoing	2026	2027
OLD ORCHARD ROAD 14-A8327-09-RP	Woods Dr to Skokie Blvd	New turn lanes, pavement widening, bridge widening, storm sewer installation, traffic signal and lighting improvements, sidewalk improvements	4. Construction	9. Construction Ongoing	2024	2026
PRP 2022 NORTH 22-PRPN1-00-PV	Various locations	Pavement rehabilitation with associated traffic signal modernization, drainage, and ADA sidewalk improvements	4. Construction	7. Project Completion/Final Inspection	2025	2026
TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM	Countywide	Various traffic signal replacement and modernization improvements	4. Construction	8. Final Construction Report Submitted	2024	2025
LAKE COOK ROAD 14-A5015-03-RP	Raupp Blvd to Hastings Ln	Roadway reconstruction & widening with bridge, drainage, lighting, pedestrian, and signal improvements	4. Construction	8. Final Construction Report Submitted	2020	2023
PRP 2023 NORTH 23-PRPN2-00-PV	Various locations	Pavement rehabilitation with associated traffic signal modernization, drainage, and ADA sidewalk improvements	4. Construction	9. Construction Ongoing	2025	2026
EAST LAKE AVENUE 24-A5921-00-BR	at C&NW Railroad	Remove and replace existing steel diaphragms	4. Construction	7. Project Completion/Final Inspection	2026	2026

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TO: NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

FROM: NWMC Transportation Staff

DATE: September 18, 2026

RE: NWMC Transportation Committee Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

Below are the NWMC monthly Transportation Committee meeting dates for 2026-2027. All meetings will be held at the NWMC Offices at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Suite 0700 in Des Plaines, with videoconference options so that meetings can take place in a hybrid format.

Thursday	September 24, 2026	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	October 22, 2026	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	November 19, 2026	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Tuesday	December 8, 2026	10:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices (Joint Networking Social with NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee)
Thursday	January 28, 2027	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	February 25, 2027	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	March 25, 2027	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	April 22, 2027	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference
Thursday	May 27, 2027	8:30 a.m. – NWMC Offices/videoconference