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**Northwest Municipal Conference
Transportation Committee
Agenda
Thursday, December 1, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

NWMC Offices and Video Conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81368462691?pwd=RVhRRk0wWnorNFFiWmkvUStoOVZZZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 6846 2691

Passcode: TC120122

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- I. Call to Order/Introductions**

- II. September 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes

- III. Agency Reports**
 - a. CMAP (Attachment B)**
 - b. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways**
 - c. IDOT Highways (available upon request)**
 - d. Illinois Tollway**
 - e. Metra (Attachment C)**
 - f. Pace**
 - g. RTA (Attachment D)**

- IV. Local Surface Transportation Programs – North Shore and Northwest Councils**
Staff will provide an overview of projects awarded local Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) funding during the most recent Call for Projects held by the North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors from January to March.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- V. CMAP Call for Projects – Changes to Scoring (Attachment E)**
Staff will provide a brief summary of changes to the STP-Shared Fund and CMAQ/TAP-L scoring methodology and requirements that will be in effect for the Call for Projects that CMAP will hold in January.
Action Requested: Informational/Discussion

- VI. Other Business**

- VII. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 26 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

- VIII. Adjourn**

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Meeting Minutes**

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Members Present

Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair
Darren Monico, Village Engineer, Village of Buffalo Grove
Bob Benton, Trustee, Village of Deerfield
Eric Heiker, Engineer, City of Des Plaines
Maggie Jablonski, Deputy Village Manager, Elk Grove Village
Jeff Brady, Director of Community Development, Village of Glenview
Bill McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates
Nadim Badran, Public Works, Village of Lincolnwood
Sean Dorsey, Director of Public Works, Mount Prospect
Bob Israel, Trustee, Village of Northbrook
Lou Arrigoni, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Park Ridge
Peter Falcone, Assistant Administrator, City of Prospect Heights
Lara Sanoica, Alderman, City of Rolling Meadows
Karyn Robles, Director, Village of Schaumburg
Samantha Maximilian, Senior Engineer, Village of Skokie
Dan Kaup, Public Works, Village of Wheeling

Others Present

Jack Bielak, Village Engineer, Village of Northbrook
Daniel Knickelbein, Transportation Planner, TranSystems
Jane Grover, Communications & Outreach, CMAP
Anthony Cefali, Intergovernmental Affairs, Regional Transportation Authority
Steven Andrews, Community Relations, Pace
Rick Mack, Community Affairs Administrator, Metra
Kasia Hart, Intergovernmental Affairs Senior Planner, CMAP
Joe Cwynar, P.E., Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
Katelyn Dote, Legislative Affairs Liaison, Metra
Audrey Wennink, Director of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Council
Dan Jedrzejak, Chastain & Associates LLC
Kyle Whitehead, Principal Intergovernmental Policy, Regional Transportation Authority
Cecilia Diaz, Transportation Planner, CCDOTH
Kelsey Passi, Community Relations Corridor Manager, Illinois Tollway
Howard Killian, Engineering Resource Associates
Heather Tabbert Mullins, Local Planning and Program Management, RTA
Mark Fowler, Executive Director, NWMC
Larry Bury, Deputy Director, NWMC
Eric Czarnota, Program Associate for Transportation, NWMC

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Benton moved approval of the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes. Trustee Israel seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

III. Agency Reports

A. CMAP – Provided written report.

B. CCDOTH – Ms. Diaz announced that the list of 2022 Invest in Cook recipients had been issued.

C. IDOT Highways – Report was available upon request. Mayor Johnson suggested that staff reach out to IDOT to request a representative from IDOT Highways to more consistently attend committee meetings.

D. Illinois Tollway – Ms. Passi announced that Cassaundra Rouse was appointed as the new executive director. She also added that the tollway opened the ramps at the I-294 I-57 interchange 2 years ahead of schedule.

E. Metra – Mr. Mack reported Metra’s budget will be released following their October board meeting. Public hearings have already been scheduled on November 2 in Mundelein Village Hall and November 3 at the Hanover Park Police Department community room. During these meetings, Metra’s planning department will be available to take comment on their long range plan.

F. Pace – Mr. Andrews informed the committee that Pace had partnered with Harper College to provide a CDL Class B driver’s license permit course. This course will help Pace recruit more operators during a nationwide shortage. He also reported that Pace is working on their new budget and it will be released during their October 19 board meeting. Public budget hearings will occur from October 20 to October 28 with 4 virtual and 4 in person options.

Mayor Johnson requested help with maintenance of Pace bus stop shelters. Mr. Andrews said that some shelters are maintained by Pace while others are maintained by a contractor and he offered to connect Mayor Johnson in contact with the person responsible after the meeting.

G. RTA – Mr. Cefali notified the committee that the RTA is going through a strategic plan process and are soliciting feedback via a survey on their agenda for action and advocacy. He also announced that their community planning program in joint partnership with CMAP call for projects is now open.

IV. CMAP Local Match and Leveraging Federal transportation funding

Ms. Grover provided an update to the committee on connecting the local match to leveraging federal funding, including the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). She said CMAP needs sustainable funding to maximize federal planning funds since local matches cannot be made with federal funds. She said the solution is to increase community contributions in the short term and try to develop sustainable funding in the long term.

Mr. Fowler asked what kind of outreach CMAP would be doing for the IIJA. Ms. Grover responded that CMAP would be happy to talk to anyone about

the resources available in the IJA and they plan on talking more in depth with the regional council of mayors.

V. Other Business

No other business.

VI. Next Meeting

Mayor Johnson announced the next meeting of the NWMC Transportation Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via video conference.

VII. Adjourn

Trustee Benton moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Trustee Israel 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. [CMAP committee meetings](#) may be held in-person or virtually, depending on the unique situations and requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) that apply to each committee. 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 positions: a [Senior/Research Analyst](#) in the Research, Analysis and Programming Division; a [Deputy of Regional Policy and Implementation](#) in the Plan Implementation and Governmental Affairs division; a [Grant Management Specialist](#), and [Policy Analyst](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Division; a [Planner](#) in the Planning Division; a [Director of Human Resources, Manager – Finance and Accounting](#), and [Senior HR Generalist](#) in the Finance and Administration Division; and an [Administrative Assistant](#) on the Executive Team. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job and internship opportunities.

ON TO 2050 Plan Update Approval

On October 12, 2022 the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee adopted an update to ON TO 2050, the region's long-range plan. ON TO 2050 guides planning and decision-making for northeastern Illinois and helps shape the future for its 8.6 million residents. CMAP updates its long-range plan every four years. A summary about the update can be found on the [CMAP website](#).

Free Training on ADA and Accessibility

CMAP is hosting free ADA trainings. These half-day, interactive workshops will be located throughout the region. The trainings are intended for municipal staff, ADA coordinators, community leaders, and anyone interested in learning how to make their communities more accessible. Module topics and registration information can be found [here](#).

- November 15, 2022: ADA training pilot
- January 18, 2023: ADA and Title II
- March 1, 2023: ADA self-evaluation and design standards
- April 18, 2023: ADA coordinator training
- April 19, 2023: ADA transition plans

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 October 2022.

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

Surface Transportation Program

An [STP Project Selection Committee](#) meeting was held on November 3, 2022. [Meeting Materials](#) were posted on CMAP's Legistar page. At that meeting, the committee approved the [draft FFY 2024 – 2028](#)

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[Shared Fund application booklet](#) and authorized staff to fill in missing information and make corrections not affecting the policies. The next meeting is **December 1, 2022**. 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) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)

The latest CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on November 3, 2022, and the committee's next meeting is scheduled for **December 1, 2022**. [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 and Complete Streets Program (formerly the Regional Safety Action Agenda)

CMAP's new Safe and Complete Streets program increases the capacity and work related to improving 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. The speed management policy paper and associated recommendations will be finalized this fall and shared with partners early in 2023.

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

CMAP Products and Data

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Local Summaries

CMAP's newly updated [greenhouse gas emissions inventory](#) 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.

For the first time, CMAP produced [individualized data summaries](#) by county, community, and Chicago neighborhood that provide a snapshot of emissions from the building, transportation, and waste sectors. Local governments, sustainability committees, and others are encouraged to use this data to develop local climate action plans.

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, and advance notice of upcoming CMAP trainings and other information. Sign-up to receive the new Accessible Communities newsletter by updating your subscriber preferences [here](#). We look forward to keeping you informed and invite you to connect, stay in touch, and join us to create a more inclusive region. Email us at accessibility@cmapp.illinois.gov.

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IJA 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.

Community Data Snapshots

In July, CMAP refreshed its [Community Data Snapshots](#) with updated 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) data, and employment and tax base tables. These data-rich snapshots — one for each of the region's 284 municipalities, 77 Chicago neighborhoods, and seven counties — summarize demographics, housing, employment, transportation habits, and other key details. They help local leaders and the public track progress and make informed decisions in their communities. Raw data, including more detail, is available on the [Data Hub](#).

From Our Partners

IDOT releases sixth installment of Rebuild Illinois Bonds

On October 11, 2022 IDOT issued [circular letter 2022-26](#) announcing the final installment of Rebuild Illinois bond funds from the local government component of Rebuild Illinois. Distribution allotments may be viewed on IDOT's website [here](#), under the "Rebuild Illinois" tab. All Rebuild Illinois bond funds must be obligated before July 1, 2025. Local agencies should contact their District Local Roads Team for additional information.

Illinois Technology Transfer Center FY 2023 Training Catalog

The [FY 2023 Training Catalog](#) is now available! Keep up to date with training opportunities by visiting the [Technology Transfer Center](#) web page.

Funding Opportunities

SMART and ATTAIN Programs

U.S. DOT is soliciting projects for the FY 2022 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation ([SMART](#)) and Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation ([ATTAIN](#)) grants. More information can be found in [circular letter 2022-24](#). Applications for both programs are due by **Friday, November 18, 2022**.

Truck Access Route Program (TARP)

On October 18, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2022-27](#) announcing the FY 2024 TARP call for projects. \$7 million will be available starting in July 2023 for improvements to routes that are eligible to be upgraded to a designated truck route. The program provides \$45,000 per lane-mile and \$22,000 per eligible intersection, up to a maximum of \$900,000 per project or one-half of the project cost, for construction only. Applications are due **November 28, 2022** and should be submitted to the appropriate District Local Roads and Streets office. Questions regarding TARP funding should be directed to Stephane Seck-Birhame at Babilbile.Seck@illinois.gov or (217) 782-3972.

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Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – November 2022

11/17/2022

Scope, schedule, and cost change requests for CMAQ or TAP-L funded construction phases targeting the **March 2023 state letting**, or non-construction projects targeting federal authorization before January 27, 2023 must be submitted to transportation@cmap.illinois.gov.

11/18/2022

Pre-final plans due to IDOT District 1 for construction phases of projects targeting the **April 2023 state letting**. This is the last letting for STP and CRRSAA funded projects that received obligation deadline extensions.

11/21/2022

Final agreements due to IDOT District 1 for construction phases of projects targeting the **January 2023 state letting**.

Final ROW documents due to IDOT District 1 Bureau of Land Acquisition for projects requiring ROW and targeting the **January 2023 state letting**.

11/28/2022

Final plans and draft agreements due to IDOT District 1 for construction phases of projects targeting the **March 2023 state letting**. (If needed, revised PPI forms should be submitted by 11/23/2022)

Other recommended actions in November

Sponsors of newly programmed STP-Local funding should be scheduling kick-off meetings, preparing PPI forms, preparing for December Quarterly Status Updates, and submitting project manager designation and other requested forms to their council planning liaison.

Sponsors of all STP (Local and Shared), CRRSAA (Local and Shared), CMAQ, and TAP-L projects should be preparing for submittal of Quarterly Status Updates in December.

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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)
- [STP Active Program Management Policies](#)
- CMAP's web page (Refreshed prior to each call for STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP-L projects)
- 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.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metra “Super Saver” Monthly Pass extended thru 2023

Board also approves \$980 million operating budget and \$504.6 million capital plan

CHICAGO (Nov. 11, 2022) – The Metra Board of Directors today approved a 2023 operating budget of \$980 million that calls for continuing the \$100 flat-rate “Super Saver” Monthly Pass to the end of 2023. The Board also approved more than half a billion dollars in new capital investments.

Preferring to keep fares simple and affordable, the Board voted to maintain the current fare prices and products, including the promotional \$100 Super Saver pass and the \$10 and \$6 Day Passes.

“We hope that these flexible and affordable fare products will continue to draw former and new riders to our system and continue to grow our ridership” said Metra CEO/Executive Director Jim Derwinski. “Part of our commitment to *My Metra* riders is to offer service and fares that meet their evolving needs.”

The \$980 million operating budget is \$80 million, or 8.9%, higher than the 2022 amended budget. The increase is due to inflationary and contractual cost increases, higher expenses incurred by restoring service and headcount levels to pre-pandemic levels, and costs associated with capital projects and strategic initiatives.

The operating budget forecasts system-generated revenue (mostly fares) of \$216.0 million and regional transportation sales tax revenue of \$523.6 million. The forecast for fares is based on a projection that ridership will start the year at about 40% of pre-pandemic (2019) ridership and finish the year at about 55% of pre-pandemic levels.

The remaining \$240.4 million will be covered with federal COVID-relief funding. Metra received nearly \$1.1 billion in three rounds of relief funding and has \$599.2 million remaining at the start of 2023. It expects the relief funding to run out in 2025, requiring additional funding or budget actions.

Metra’s 2023 budget for capital calls for \$504.6 million in new investment. About 67% of the budget will fund large-scale projects, including:

- Station reconstruction: \$119.5 million
- Railcar rehabilitation and purchase: \$70.8 million
- Program management: \$38.6 million

- Locomotive improvements: \$33.3 million
- Bridge replacement and rehabilitation: \$32.1 million
- Ticket vending machines: \$24.6 million
- Interlockings: \$21.4 million

The Capital Budget is funded by:

- \$252.5 million in federal formula funding, a nearly 30% increase from 2022 levels
- \$30.8 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and other federal funding
- \$73.8 million in Illinois PAYGO funds
- \$12 million in Illinois Multi-Modal Transportation Bond funds
- \$500,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO)
- \$5 million from Cook County
- \$130 million in RTA bonds

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December 2022 Update

New RTA website and branding

The RTA recently launched a new [website](#) featuring a refreshed brand for the agency representing a forward-looking vision for the region's transit system. The redeveloped website took shape based on analysis of how the old system wasn't serving users well. The analysis found that new visitors accounted for 85 percent of web traffic, demonstrating a need for intuitive navigation. Popular topics for site visitors included the RTA's reduced fare/ride free programs and ADA Paratransit certification, demonstrating that there is a specific need for content as it relates to accessibility and using the transit system.

The new website is the next step in an ongoing effort to refresh the agency's online presence. In early 2021, the data and mapping website for the agency, [RTAMS](#), was relaunched with new interactive capabilities, a mapping and GIS portal, several data dashboards, and a digital document library with more than 600 current and historic transit documents. In January 2022, the agency launched a new [online fare portal](#) that allows riders with disabilities and seniors to apply for, renew or replace their ride free or discounted fare cards online rather than in person or by phone. The portal has been used more than 25,000 times since it launched.

2023 RTA Regional Operating Budget and Capital Program available for comment

The 2023 RTA Regional Operating Budget and Capital Program is now [available](#) for download and public comment. The document describes a 2023 budget that includes \$3.583 billion in operating expenses for Illinois' transit system and a 2023-2027 Regional Capital Program of \$5.724 billion. The RTA continues to hold public hearings for the budget, including a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, December 7, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The hearing will also include discussion and public comment opportunity for the draft strategic plan. The public hearing will be held via [Zoom](#), and all budget comments can be sent to communications@rtachicago.org no later than December 15.

Provide feedback on the draft strategic plan

The 2023 draft strategic plan will be released for on Monday, December 5 and will be available for public comment through February on the Strategic Planning section of the RTA [website](#). The plan will [include](#) the 2023 Agenda for Action and Advocacy developed by stakeholder working groups over the summer. The RTA Board will consider the plan for adoption in February 2023.

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TO: NWMC Transportation Committee

FROM: NWMC Transportation Staff

DATE: November 23, 2022

RE: CMAP Call for Projects (STP-Shared Fund/TAP-L/CMAQ) – Changes to Methodologies

At their meeting on November 3, the STP Project Selection Committee approved the draft application booklet for the call for projects cycle that will open in January. A tentative schedule for the call will be available within the next few weeks. Notable changes since the last cycle include:

- Preliminary (phase 1) engineering must be “underway” instead of “substantially complete” in order to be considered for funding. Phase eligibility and future cost increases will be limited by the degree of completion of engineering at the time of the application.
- Commuter rail yards and terminals are eligible for funding in the “transit stations, yards, and terminals” category.
- Consideration of “high risk” crash types has been added to the “safety improvements” category scoring.
- The Green Infrastructure planning factor has been replaced with a Resilience planning factor.
- Definitions and policies for assigning Subregional Priority points have been updated.
- Minimum thresholds for “need” and “improvement” must be met in order for projects to be considered for funding.

A strikethrough/underline version of the proposed methodology is available on [CMAP’s committee website](#), included with the November 3 agenda packet. Changes to the preliminary engineering requirements will be updated in the CMAQ and TAP-L application booklets as well.