



# MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

## AGENDA

Friday, May 12, 2023

Crystal Lake City Hall

100 W. Woodstock, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

9:00 AM

16111 Nelson Road  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
T: 815.334.4642

### ALGONQUIN

### BARRINGTON HILLS

### BULL VALLEY

### CARY

### CRYSTAL LAKE

### FOX RIVER GROVE

### GREENWOOD

### HARVARD

### HEBRON

### HOLIDAY HILLS

### HUNTLEY

### JOHNSBURG

### LAKE IN THE HILLS

### LAKEMOOR

### LAKEWOOD

### MARENGO

### McCULLOM LAKE

### McHENRY

### OAKWOOD HILLS

### PORT BARRINGTON

### PRAIRIE GROVE

### RICHMOND

### RINGWOOD

### SPRING GROVE

### TROUT VALLEY

### UNION

### WONDER LAKE

### WOODSTOCK

### McHENRY COUNTY

1.

#### CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)

B. Agenda Changes/ Announcements

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2023

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT

4.

#### AGENCY REPORTS

A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher

C. Metra Update – Katie Dote

D. RTA Update – Anthony Cefali

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation – Scott Hennings

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro

H. CMAP Report – Mary Weber

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#### APPROVAL ITEMS

A. Action Requested: Approval -STP Program

6.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Transit Investments as Climate Action – Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)

B. [IDOT Vulnerable Road Users Safety Assessment Tool](#)

C. [IDOT Bicycle Facility Inventory System](#)

D. MCRide Update

7.

#### PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

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#### FUTURE TOPICS

9.

#### OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Current: Friday, July 14, 2023 - 9:00 am

Location: TBD

Proposed: Friday, July 21, 2023 – 9:00 am

McHenry County Division of Transportation

16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL

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#### ADJOURNMENT

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Friday, March 10, 2023  
Cary Village Hall  
755 Georgetown Dr, Cary, IL 60013  
9:00AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM

A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-in Sheet)

The meeting met a quorum (minimum of 7 members).

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin – Cliff Ganek
2. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abby Wilgreen
4. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
5. Village of Lake in the Hills – Ryan McDillon
6. City of Marengo – Rob Lamz
7. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
8. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, Chair
9. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
10. City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt
11. McHenry County – Scott Hennings

Others Present:

1. Ed Gallagher – Pace
2. Dan Schug – Baxter & Woodman
3. Steve Cieslica – Trotter & Associates
4. Gerardo Fierro – IDOT
5. Jeff Strzalka – HR Green
6. Yemi Oyewole – WBK Engineering
7. Chalen Daigle – McHenry County Council of Governments
8. Anthony Cefali – Regional Transportation Authority

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2023**

Approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2023 McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morimoto (Cary) and seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin) to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

#### **4. AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus  
Ms. Herdus was not present. A report has been provided in the packet.
  
- B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher  
Mr. Gallagher provided an update to the Council. Pace reports a 26.6% higher ridership than 2022; 1.1 million rides in January alone. Route 550 was rerouted through Crystal Lake, utilizing Virginia Rd between US14 and Main Street.
  
- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack  
Mr. Mack provided an update. Metra is at 44% of pre-pandemic ridership levels currently. By 2026 Metra hopes to be at 75% of pre-pandemic ridership.
  
- D. RTA Update – Anthony Cefali  
The RTA report was provided in the packet. Mr. Cefali waited to give his presentation during the later agenda item.
  
- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Scott Hennings  
Mr. Hennings provided an update on County projects.
  
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi  
Ms. Passi was not in attendance, however a report was provided in the packet.
  
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro  
Mr. Fierro provided an update to the Council. The IDOT local program report was provided in the packet.
  
- H. CMAP Report – Mary Weber  
Ms. Weber was not present, however a report has been provided in the packet.

#### **5. APPROVAL – STP-L PROJECT CHANGES**

Mr. Hennings provided an update on the Council’s STP-L Program. On a motion by Mr. Lee (Spring Grove) seconded by Mr. Hennings (County), the Council approved the STP-L program unanimously by voice vote.

#### **6. APPROVAL – CMAP SHARED FUND: SUBREGIONAL PRIORITY POINTS**

Mr. Hennings (County) provided an overview of the three projects submitted by the County for consideration in the CMAP STP-Shared Fund grant program – Randall Road North, Metra UP-NW Rail Yard, and Bull Valley Road Bicycle Path project. All three projects are high priorities for McHenry County however, each are in different stages of project readiness. Randall Road will be let for construction in early 2024, Bull Valley Road Bike Path is beginning Design Engineering in 2023, and the Metra Rail Yard project is just kicking off preliminary engineering/NEPA review. On a motion Mr. Hennings (County), seconded by Mr. Tiedt (Woodstock), the Council awarded 5 bonus points to the Metra Rail Yard Project, 4 points to the Randall Road North Project, and 3 points to the Bull Valley Road Bike Path Project. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

**7. INFORMATIONAL – RTA PRESENTATION**

Mr. Cefali (RTA) gave a very thorough presentation on the RTA’s Strategic Plan – Transit is the Answer. The annual \$730 million fiscal cliff that will take effect in 2026 is only to maintain the status quo and any future improvements to the system will need more revenue. The Council appreciated the information and expressed a desire to have the RTA attend their City Council meetings in the future to give a similar presentation.

**8. INFORMATIONAL – MCCG 2023 TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

Ms. Daigle (MCCG) gave an overview of the Council of Governments 2023 Transportation Priority List. This list is what is used to advocate for State and Federal support and is updated annually.

**9. INFORMATIONAL – MCHENRY COUNTY MOVES 2050 PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Hennings (County) gave a brief overview of the McHenry County Moves 2050 Plan and invited attendees to visit the website:

<https://www.mchenrycountymoves2050.com/>

**10. INFORMATIONAL – FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

No update provided

**11. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Friday, May 12, 2023 - 9:00 am;  
City of Crystal Lake  
100 W Woodstock St,  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:55 AM Mr. Morimoto (Cary) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lee (Spring Grove)



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## Memorandum

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## May 2023 Update

### **Strategic plan implementation kicks off with *Transit is the Answer* Coalition**

In April, the RTA hosted a [Transit is the Answer Coalition kickoff](#) open house to connect and celebrate our collective work on the development of *Transit is the Answer*. The real work of bringing our co-created regional transit strategic plan to life begins now.

The Coalition will advocate for sustainable transit funding and help shape the future of the system. The group of riders, advocates, agency staff, and community leaders will hold quarterly hourlong virtual meetings to develop and pursue strategies for strengthening the transit system and making it more useful for all residents. This initiative is a continuation of the robust engagement that informed the development of *Transit is the Answer*.

The Coalition held its first meeting on May 9 to receive an update on the RTA's planned 2023 activities and a discussion about a [potential program for expanded free or reduced transit fares](#) for people experiencing low incomes. To receive updates on the Coalition and future meeting information, please [sign up on the RTA's website](#).

### ***Transit is the Answer* in the Region**

RTA staff continues to communicate to local, state, and federal leaders about the strategic plan and the importance of transit to the region. Most recently, RTA Chairman Kirk Dillard and Executive Director Leanne Redden spoke about *Transit is the Answer* at the [Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting](#). Chairman Dillard was also [appointed to Mayor-Elect Brandon Johnson's Transition Team](#) as a co-chair of the Transportation Subcommittee. To better educate members of Congress about the RTA's operating funding crisis, staff has been meeting with legislative staff from across the delegation about the strategic plan and how the federal government can help, including the offices of Reps. Delia Ramirez, Bill Foster, Jonathan Jackson, Raja Krishnamoorthi, and Sean Casten. As the legislative session progresses in Springfield, RTA staff continues to monitor legislation that has the potential to impact transit and meet with members one-on-one to discuss *Transit is the Answer* and next steps for the legislative session.

Selections: RCO: 11	Engineer:
Fund:	Tip Fund:

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS STATUS SHEET FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS  
 LOCATED IN THE CMAP **MC HENRY 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	Environ- mental Approval	Public Hearing Status	Design Appv Requested CD DT	ROW Req CD 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 *	
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5 MCHENRY CO 190051100SP	FAU0085 - Walkup/C-Lk Rd Bull Valley Rd to Hillside Rd FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS	1,250,000	11-19-0032 E1: FFY20 / HSIP / 270,019 / 243,017 / E2: / / / / / RW: / / / / / C: FFY23 / HSIP / 1,250,000 / 497,143 / / LO / / /	CE 1	NR	No			4/28/2023	AH CR Hanson	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
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6 SPRING GROVE 210001800RS	FAU0157 - Winn Rd IL 173 to Main St RESURFACING	1,662,500	11-21-0012 E1: / / / / / E2: / / / / / RW: / / / / / C: FFY24 / STPL / 1,662,500 / 1,330,000 / / / / / /	CE 1	NR	No			1/19/2024	AH CR HR Green	NR	* NR * * * * * * * * * *
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## CMAP News

The CMAP office is open daily and [staff](#) have established hybrid work schedules. Beginning 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 [Air Quality Analyst / Senior Analyst](#) in the Research, Analysis and Programming Department; an [Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist](#) in the Regional Policy and Implementation Department; a [Planner](#) in the Planning Department; an [Administrative Assistant](#) on the Executive Team; and a [Senior Procurement Analyst](#), [Procurement Analyst](#), [Senior Human Resources Generalist](#), and [Associate Human Resources Generalist](#) in the Finance and Administration Department. Visit CMAP's [Careers page](#) to discover more job opportunities.

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

## FLIP Summer Program

CMAP is now accepting applications for our [2023 Future Leaders in Planning \(FLIP\) program](#). FLIP is a free summer program for high school students to explore the field of urban planning and learn about the issues that shape our region and communities. Students learn about planning topics through engaging sessions, activities, and site visits. FLIP is open to high school students in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. [Applications](#) are due by **Tuesday, May 30**.

**When:** Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** CMAP's office in downtown Chicago (433 W. Van Buren St.), plus locations around the region

## 2023 Call for Projects Survey

Thank you to everyone that applied for CMAQ, CRP, STP Shared Fund, and/or TAP-Local funding from CMAP! In order to make improvements going forward, we'd like to get your feedback on the application process. This [short survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

## 2023 State of the Region

The [State of the Region program](#) celebrates the organizations and individuals successfully working to improve northeastern Illinois, its communities, and its people, while bringing attention to public sentiment on key quality-of-life issues. Through their accomplishments and careers, the 2023 award winners have helped our region become more accessible, equitable, and sustainable. Congratulations to the [winners](#)!

## Accessibility

To help communities improve accessibility, CMAP 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. The trainings are intended for municipal staff, ADA coordinators, community leaders, and anyone interested in learning how to make their communities more accessible. Training slides and recordings are available on the CMAP website [here](#).



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### **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, which will be a set of legislative recommendations to strengthen the regional transit system. 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 recommendations will discuss topics including: improving transit through enhanced bus service, enabling fare integration, and other measures; identifying sustainable revenues for the system through changes to the sales tax and other mechanisms; and exploring what governance reforms are needed to enact these desired changes.

The PART report will also leverage findings and input from the RTA and its [Transit is the Answer](#) strategic plan, as well as CMAP's [Mobility Recovery](#) project. 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 two meetings, and will next be convening on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in receiving a briefing on the PART report, please contact Jane Grover at [jgrover@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto: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 April 2023.

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

#### **Surface Transportation Program**

The [STP Project Selection Committee](#) met on April 13, 2023. At that meeting, the committee received a [summary of STP Shared Fund applications](#) received during the recent call for projects. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for **May 18, 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) and Transportation Alternatives (TAP-L)**

The most recent CMAQ Project Selection Committee (PSC) meeting was held on April 13, 2023., and the committee's next meeting is scheduled for **July 13, 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)

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### **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**

#### **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, 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](mailto:accessibility@cmapp.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.

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## From Our Partners

### 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.

### Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

On March 15, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-10](#). With the passage of IIJA, 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](#). To learn more about the assessment and how you can provide input, watch this [webinar](#).

## Funding Opportunities

### 2023 Special Programs Assistance Conference (EDP, ITEP, and SRTS)

On March 13, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-09](#) announcing that the Special Programs Unit will be holding informational conferences in each IDOT district this spring to present three grant programs that could help fund your next transportation project – Economic Development Program (EDP), Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). IDOT staff will be available for two days in each IDOT District area to offer general information about each program and answer your specific questions one-on-one to help you take advantage of funding available from these programs. Meetings in District 1 will be held **May 23 - 24** at the IDOT District 1 building in Schaumburg and **May 25 - 26** at the Orland Park Civic Center. Meetings in District 3 will be held **May 16 – 17** at the IDOT District 3 office in Ottawa. Links to register for the morning sessions and to reserve individual appointment slots are available on the [ITEP](#) and [SRTS](#) webpages.

### Transit Planning Funding

On April 10, 2023 IDOT released a [NOFO](#) for a competitive grant program that aims to expand safe, equitable access to public transportation throughout the state. Selected projects will feature transit opportunities while furthering the goals of IDOT's [Illinois Long-Range Transportation Plan](#). An informational webinar to explain the grant program and provide assistance to prospective applicants will be held on April 18 at 10 a.m. CST. Join the event [here](#). Applications are due by **May 24, 2023** and must be submitted through IDOT's transit grants management platform, [BlackCat](#).

### Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

On March 24, 2023, IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-11](#) announcing the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program. CFI offers up to \$700 million from Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and other alternative fueling infrastructure projects in urban and rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas and local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities. This program provides two funding categories of grants: Community Charging and Fueling Grants

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(Community Program); and Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program). Applications are due by **May 30, 2023**. A recording of the March 22, 2023 [webinar](#) is now available.

### **FY 2025 Local Highway Improvement Program (HSIP)**

On April 27, 2023 IDOT released [Circular Letter 2023-14](#) announcing the FY 2025 HSIP Call for Candidate Projects. Applications should articulate specific safety strategies that offer significant benefit to the reduction of fatal and serious injury crashes. IDOT will prioritize the selection of projects that address the [2022 Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) emphasis areas, such as roadway departures, hazardous intersections, and pedestrians' conflicts. IDOT intends to commit \$31.3 million for the FY 2025 cycle. Eligible project phases include preliminary engineering, design, construction, and construction engineering. The federal funding level per project is a maximum 90 percent of the total eligible improvement cost for the project. Applications are due by **June 30, 2023**, and the announcement of the selected projects for funding will be made in September of 2023. Visit the [HSIP website](#) for additional application information including details on the IDOT HSIP Policy and analysis tools.

### **FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**

On March 31, 2023 the US DOT released a [NOFO](#) for the [SS4A grant program](#). The NOFO is summarized in IDOT [Circular Letter](#) 2023-12. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users. SS4A is a direct recipient program, therefore funds will not pass-through IDOT. Applications must be submitted via Valid Eval by **July 10, 2023**. For questions, see these [additional resources](#), [webinar series recordings](#), or contact SS4A grant program staff at SS4A@dot.gov, or call Paul Teicher at 202-366-4114.

### **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](#).

## **Training Opportunities**

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

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### **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.

### **Introduction to NEPA and Transportation Decision-making**

This newly revised Introduction to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Transportation Decision Making course is an updated version of the existing web-based training (WBT). This WBT 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.

This Web-Based Training is ideal for staff from FHWA, State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), Federal and State Environmental Resource Agencies, Federal Land Management Agencies, Tribal Governments, Local Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and consultants working with various Federal-aid and Federal Lands Highway project sponsors. This self-paced training is a recommended prerequisite prior to enrolling in NEPA and the Transportation Decision Making Process FHWA-NHI 142005. If you have questions about this NHI training, please contact NHI, (877) 558.6873.

### **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](#).

May 1, 2023

## **Federally-Funded Project Implementation and Active Program Management Reminders – May 2023**

**5/23/2023**

TIP change deadline for projects targeting the **August** state letting

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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.***

**McHenry County Council of Mayors STP Schedule (FFY2023-FFY2027)**

FFY 2023 - October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023										
TIP #	Project Name	Agency	Project Phase	Match Amount	Programmed STP	Phase Total	STP Funding Increase Request	Auth Deadline	Target Letting/ Auth Date	Project Type
11-21-0004	Four Seasons Blvd/Sullivan Lake	Lakemoor	E1	\$55,800	\$43,000	\$98,800	none	3/31/2023	8/2022	Roadway & Intersection
11-20-0014	Diggins Street	Harvard	E2	\$4,284	\$38,556	\$42,840	none	3/31/2023	4/2024	Resurfacing
11-21-0005	Pingree Road	Lake in the Hills	CON/CE	\$53,162	\$212,649	\$265,811	none	3/17/2023	3/17/2023	Resurfacing
11-21-0006	Riverside Drive	Johnsburg	CON/CE	\$903,700	\$1,500,000	\$2,403,700	N/A - maxed out	9/22/2023	8/2023	Resurfacing
11-20-0014	Diggins Street	Harvard	CON/CE	\$59,976	\$471,240	\$531,216	none	9/22/2023	6/16/2023	Resurfacing
11-21-0004	Four Season Blvd/Sullivan Lake	Lakemoor	E2	\$55,800	\$43,000	\$98,800	none	9/30/2023	8/2022	Roadway & Intersection
11-22-0003	Three Oaks/Sands	Crystal Lake	CON/CE	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,750,000	N/A - maxed out	9/22/2023	9/22/2023	Roadway & Intersection
11-20-0015	Howe/Wonder Lake Road	Greenwood	E2	\$2,350	\$21,115	\$23,465	none	9/30/2023	3/2023	Resurfacing
11-22-0026	Marengo Road	Harvard	E1	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$135,000	none	9/30/2023	3/2023	Resurfacing
11-21-0007	Green Street	McHenry	CON/CE	\$48,419	\$91,919	\$140,338	\$91,919	N/A	N/A	Resurfacing
11-22-0037	Raffel Road	Woodstock	CON/CE	\$325,923	\$1,303,690	\$1,629,613	\$827,317	9/22/2023	9/22/2023	Resurfacing
CONTINGENCY	Bunker Hill Road	Algonquin	CON/CE	\$294,140	\$0	\$1,470,700	\$1,176,560			
CONTINGENCY	South Street	Woodstock	CON/CE	\$285,788	\$0	\$1,917,762	\$1,631,974			
<b>TOTALS</b>										
<b>FFY23 Allotment:</b>	<b>\$5,005,964</b>	<b>Carryover from FY22:</b>	<b>\$251,205</b>	<b>FFY23 Mark:</b>	<b>\$5,257,169</b>	<b>Left Over \$:</b>	<b>\$0</b>			

FFY 2024 - October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2024										
TIP #	Project Name	Agency	Project Phase	Match Amount	Programmed STP	Phase Total	STP Funding Increase Request	Authorization Deadline	Target Letting/ Auth Date	Project Type
11-21-0004	Four Seasons Blvd/Sullivan Lake	Lakemoor	CON/CE	\$795,632	\$448,568	\$1,244,200	none	9/30/2024	3/2024	Roadway & Intersection
11-20-0015	Howe/Wonder Lake Road	Greenwood	CON/CE	\$23,445	\$363,565	\$387,010	none	9/30/2024	3/2024	Roadway & Intersection
11-21-0003	Prospect Street	Marengo	CON/CE	\$760,000	\$1,440,000	\$2,200,000	Request for \$60k	9/30/2024	3/2024	Resurfacing
11-21-0012	Winn Road	Spring Grove	CON/CE	\$332,500	\$1,330,000	\$1,662,500	none	9/30/2024	1/2024	Resurfacing
11-21-0009	Bull Valley Road	McHenry	CON/CE	\$65,535	\$262,139	\$327,674	none	9/30/2024	9/2022	Resurfacing
11-18-0005	Randall Road North	County of McHenry	CON/CE	\$50,000,000	\$1,253,491	\$51,253,491	none	9/30/2024	3/2024	Roadway & Intersection
CONTINGENCY	Miller Road	Lake in the Hills	CON/CE	\$895,840	\$0	\$1,119,840	\$ 895,840			
CONTINGENCY	Riverside Drive	McHenry	E1	\$12,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$ 12,000			
CONTINGENCY	Crystal Lake Road	Lake in the Hills	CON/CE	\$135,375	\$0	\$676,875	\$ 541,500			
<b>TOTALS</b>										
<b>FFY24 Allotment:</b>	<b>\$5,097,763</b>	<b>Carryover from FY23:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>FFY24 Mark:</b>	<b>\$5,097,763</b>	<b>Left Over \$:</b>	<b>\$0</b>			

FFY 2025 - October 1, 2024 thru September 30, 2025										
TIP #	Project Name	Agency	Project Phase	Match Amount	Programmed STP	Phase Total	STP Funding Increase Request	Authorization Deadline	Target Letting/ Auth Date	Project Type
11-21-0010	Kreutzer Road	Huntley	CON/CE	\$4,770,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,270,000	N/A - maxed out	9/30/2025	5/2023	Roadway & Intersection
11-21-0011	Johnsburg Road	Johnsburg	CON/CE	\$375,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,875,000	N/A - maxed out	9/30/2025	1/2025	Resurfacing
11-22-0026	Marengo Road	Harvard	E2	\$72,000	\$90,000	\$162,000	none	9/30/2025	Q1, 2025	Resurfacing
11-22-0029	First Street	Cary	CON/CE	\$263,500	\$1,054,000	\$1,317,500	none	9/30/2025	Q1, 2025	Resurfacing
11-22-0030	Barreville Road	McHenry	E1	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	none	9/30/2025	Q1, 2025	Resurfacing
11-22-0034	West Wonder Lake Road	Wonder Lake	CON/CE	\$180,583	\$722,328	\$902,911	none	9/30/2025	Q1, 2025	Resurfacing
CONTINGENCY	Lakewood Road	McHenry County	CON/CE	\$0	\$0	\$16,298,700	\$ 1,500,000			
CONTINGENCY	Riverside Drive	McHenry	E2	\$25,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$ 25,000			
<b>TOTALS</b>										
<b>FFY25 Allotment:</b>	<b>\$5,186,730</b>	<b>Carryover from FY24:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>FFY25 Mark:</b>	<b>\$5,186,730</b>	<b>Left Over \$:</b>	<b>\$308,402</b>			

FFY 2026 - October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2026										
TIP #	Project Name	Agency	Project Phase	Match Amount	Programmed STP	Phase Total	STP Funding Increase Request	Authorization Deadline	Target Letting/ Auth Date	Project Type
11-22-0026	Marengo Road	Harvard	CON/CE	\$165,000	\$1,320,000	\$1,485,000	none	9/30/2026	3/2025	Resurfacing
11-22-0027	Ballard Road	Lakewood	CON/CE	\$267,468	\$1,069,873	\$1,337,341	none	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Resurfacing
11-22-0028	Queen Ann Road	Bull Valley	CON/CE	\$178,542	\$714,170	\$892,712	none	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Resurfacing
11-22-0030	Barreville Road	McHenry	E2	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	none	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Resurfacing
11-22-0031	Boyer Road	Algonquin	CON/CE	\$1,018,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,518,000	N/A - maxed out	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Roadway & Intersection
11-22-0032	Maple Street	Marengo	E2	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000	none	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Roadway & Intersection
11-22-0038	Winn Road/East Solon Road	Spring Grove	CON/CE	\$160,140	\$607,936	\$768,076	none	9/30/2026	Q1, 2026	Resurfacing
CONTINGENCY	County Line Road	Algonquin	CON/CE	\$1,360,800	\$0	\$1,701,000	\$ 136,800			
CONTINGENCY	Riverside Drive	McHenry	CON/CE	\$132,840	\$0	\$132,840	\$ 531,361			
<b>TOTALS</b>										
<b>FFY26 Allotment:</b>	<b>\$5,276,979</b>	<b>Carryover from FY25:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>FFY26 Mark:</b>	<b>\$5,276,979</b>	<b>Left Over \$:</b>	<b>\$0</b>			

FFY 2027 - October 1, 2026 thru September 30, 2027										
TIP #	Project Name	Agency	Project Phase	Match Amount	Programmed STP	Phase Total	STP Funding Increase Request	Authorization Deadline	Target Letting/ Auth Date	Project Type
11-22-0030	Barreville Road	McHenry	CON/CE	\$177,477	\$709,906	\$887,383	none	9/30/2027	Q1, 2027	Resurfacing
11-22-0032	Maple Street	Marengo	CON/CE	\$224,000	\$896,000	\$1,120,000	none	9/30/2027	Q1, 2027	Roadway & Intersection
11-22-0033	Ringwood Road/Fox Lake Road	Johnsburg	CON/CE	\$860,245	\$1,500,000	\$2,360,245	N/A - maxed out	9/30/2027	Q1, 2027	Resurfacing
11-22-0035	Frank Road	Lake in the Hills	CON/CE	\$667,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,167,000	N/A - maxed out	9/30/2027	Q1, 2027	Roadway & Intersection
11-22-0036	Barreville Road	Prairie Grove	CON/CE	\$173,393	\$693,572	\$866,965	none	9/30/2027	Q1, 2027	Resurfacing
<b>TOTALS</b>										
<b>FFY27 Allotment:</b>	<b>\$5,368,798</b>	<b>Carryover from FY26:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>FFY27 Mark:</b>	<b>\$5,368,798</b>	<b>Left Over \$:</b>	<b>\$69,320</b>			

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