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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Summary

2020 State Legislative Agenda Approved

The CMAP Board recently approved their 2020 Legislative Agenda for the 101st Illinois General Assembly, the ON TO 2050 Legislative Framework, and the Principles for Illinois Transportation Funding. Regular alterations to these documents reflect policies enacted in the previous legislative session and ongoing policy conversations statewide, as well as at the federal level.

The 2020 state agenda identifies five priorities and reflects key recommendations from ON TO 2050:

- Provide dedicated funds for comprehensive regional planning, including funding for natural resources work
- Support transparent, performance-based capital programming
- Collect and provide the data needed to support decision making and accountability
- Reform tax policy to strengthen communities
- Implement user fees and regional revenues to sustainably fund the region's multimodal transportation system

Regional Flood Susceptibility Index

CMAP has developed urban and riverine flood susceptibility indexes (FSI) to identify priority areas across the region for flood mitigation activities. Locations highlighted in the FSI may be more susceptible to riverine or urban flooding than other parts of the region. Streets and buildings within these areas could be more susceptible to overbank flooding, surface ponding, overland flow, water seepage, and basement backups due to the presence of flood-related physical conditions that are correlated with reported flood damages. See the [CMAP Data Hub](#) for access to the indexes.

Reporting Blocked Rail Crossings

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced it has established a new, dedicated webpage for the public and law enforcement to report blocked highway-rail grade crossings: www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings. The site requests specific information from users - including date, time, location and duration, and expects it will take an average of three minutes for users to complete the report. FRA will use the information collected to gain a more complete picture

of where, when, and for how long such obstructions occur at the nation's approximately 130,000 public grade crossings, and what impacts result. FRA will share the information with stakeholders, using it to help facilitate local solutions to blocked crossing issues.

All information referenced above is available on the CMAP website: cmap.illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Summary

Funding Opportunity

Surface Transportation Program Local (STP-L) funding is now available through a call for projects sponsored by the [Kane Kendall Council of Mayors](#), [DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference](#) (through the DuPage Council of Mayors), [Will County Governmental League](#) (through the Will Council of Mayors), and [McHenry County Council of Mayors](#). In a change from years past, all Councils in the Chicago region are holding a call for projects at the same time. Each Council represents communities in their respective counties and municipalities are eligible to apply for the funding. Each Council is accepting applications now through early March. See each Council's website for more information on how to apply.

IDOT Bridge Preservation Guide

The Bureau of Bridges and Structures is pleased to announce the release of the first Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Bridge Preservation Guide. This guide provides goals, measures, and strategies for the preservation of bridges within the State of Illinois, and contains criteria used to identify condition based and non-condition based cyclical preservation, maintenance, and improvement work actions for bridges. These actions maximize system-wide life expectancy and performance of bridges

IDOT information is available on the IDOT website: idot.illinois.gov

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