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Transit-Supportive Corridors

CMAP recently completed the [Transit-Supportive Corridors: Existing Conditions and Implementation Tools](#) report. The report includes a detailed analysis of current conditions along many roadways within Kane County that may help guide municipalities, Kane County, and regional transportation agencies plan for, create, and supporting viable transit corridors. The report also provides strategies for municipalities, Kane County and the regional transportation agencies to use in order to help create successful transit-supportive corridors in their communities.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 26** APWA Suburban Branch Educational Luncheon ADA Transition Plans
Contact: rkearney@mountprospect.org for more information
- March 26-27** APA Illinois Spring Conference Peoria
- April 2** **KKCOM Full Council Meeting 9:30 am**
Batavia City Hall, 100 Island Avenue
- April 17** **KKCOM Transportation Policy Committee 1:00 pm**
Kane County Government Center Auditorium



For a complete CMAP meeting schedule visit, <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/events>

I-90 Corridor Update

In 2014, the Illinois Tollway started construction on the second phase of the \$2.5 billion Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Rebuilding and Widening Project with work throughout the eastern segment between the Elgin Toll Plaza and the Kennedy Expressway. Construction on the 25-mile segment of I-90 from Elgin to Chicago is scheduled for 2014-2016.

Construction along the eastern segment includes beginning the reconstruction of the bridges carrying I-90 over the Fox River in Elgin, rebuilding local crossroad bridges in Cook and Kane counties to accommodate the new, wider roadway and work to improve interchanges at Illinois Route 25, Barrington Road, Roselle Road, Meacham Road and Lee Street. The \$95 million Fox River Bridge Project began in 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in 2016, including construction of two new, wider bridge structures, drainage improvements and replacement of the existing bicycle and pedestrian path under the bridge. Currently, up to 101,300 vehicles travel on the I-90 Fox River Bridge daily.

In addition, the inside lane and shoulder in both directions will be widened to accommodate future transit opportunities and future Park & Ride facilities constructed by Pace at Randall Road (estimated opening 2016) , Illinois Route 25 and Barrington Road.

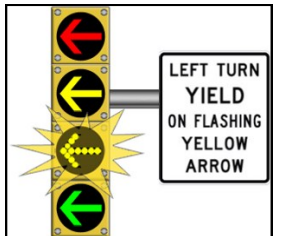
Visit www.illinoistollway.com/ for more information on this project

Safety Improvements Coming to Randall Road

Randall Road, between Fabyan Parkway and Silver Glen Road, has recently been awarded Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal funds set aside for the purposes of increasing the safety of the roadway and its roadway users. This project is expected to begin in early summer 2015.

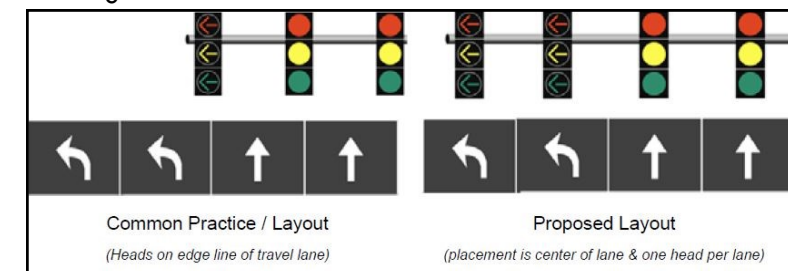
Flashing Yellow Arrow – Traffic Signal Operation

Flashing Yellow Arrows have been tried and proven to reduce collisions and increase safety at all locations where they have been implemented. A Flashing Yellow Arrow operates the same as a solid green ball for left turns. The difference is that the flashing yellow arrow better conveys to drivers the need to yield to both oncoming traffic and pedestrians that may be crossing.



Better Traffic Signal Head Placement and Visibility

Improved safety is associated with placing one traffic signal head per travel lane in the center of each travel lane / turn lane. These improvements will involve the replacement of existing traffic signal mast arms to allow for the signal heads to be mounted in the safer location.



Driver Feedback Speed Limits Signs

A Driver Feedback sign will be supplemental to existing speed limit signage and will use radar to detect the speeds of approaching vehicles. This detected speed will be dynamically displayed to vehicles as they pass. For vehicles traveling above the speed limit, the display of vehicle speed will flash while vehicles traveling at or below the speed limit, the sign will remain steady.

Be on the look out for these safety improvements. Visit the [KDOT website](http://www.kdot.com) for more information on this project.

Bike/Ped News

Fox River Trail Signage Plan Update

The Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Kane County Division of Transportation, and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County are initiating the process of reviewing the Fox River Trail Signage Program. The Fox River Trail Signage Program was originally adopted in July 2003 and included wayfinding, regulatory, and cautionary signage recommendations along the Fox River Trail Corridor. The update will aim to review the implementation of the original plan and see whether the plan should be updated and expanded to include additional signage recommendations. Agencies that are directly impacted by the Fox River Trail have already been contacted, but if you would like additional information on the original plan or the update, please feel free to contact Patrick Knapp, Kane County Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator, at 630-584-1170.



CMAP News

FUND 2040

CMAP has launched a regional effort to support prioritized infrastructure investments that help the region meet its goal for quality of life and economic prosperity. This fund is proposed for capital improvements for transportation, water and open space projects, and will work toward implementation of the GO TO 2040 regional plan. Visit <http://fund2040.org/> to view more information.

Mobility Mapping

CMAP recently released a new website to invite people to explore the mobility challenges the region faces on both small and large scales. The website allows users to interactively explore our regions ageing roads, transit and freight infrastructure. Congestion, bridge condition, access to transit, maintenance needs, and freight delays are all displayed in graphics that everyone can understand. Visit <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/mobility/explore#/> to use the site.

CMAQ/TAP Call for Projects

CMAP’s Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) call for projects recently closed for this funding cycle. Council communities submitted applications for funding for projects including:

Aurora—Aurora Transportation Center, Indian Trail Signal Interconnect and two Bike Path connections

Kane County Forest Preserve District—Raymond Street Tunnel connection for Fox River Path.

Geneva—Intersections and Bike/Ped path along East State Street

Selections will be made in the fall by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee.

Local Technical Assistance Program

CMAP is planning for the release of the 2016 LTA call for projects. The process will be similar to past years, the call will open in early May with applications due in late June. Projects will be selected and approved in October. The application schedule will be coordinated with the RTA’s Community Planning Program. CMAP is currently in the process of discussing some changes to the program, including requiring a local funding match to participate in the program. Visit the CMAP LTA webpage to keep up to date with call information:

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/call-for-projects>

Ride in Kane Paratransit Service Study Update

Work continues on a program study for the county-wide Ride in Kane paratransit program. This study is funded via the RTA Community Planning Grant program (see above), to develop strategies for the long term sustainability of this popular program. Currently, approximately 10,000 trips per months are taken by senior and disabled residents of Kane County. Sponsors (municipalities, townships, social service agencies and Kane County) provide local match dollars to provide 24 hour and day, 365 day a year curb-to-curb bus and taxi transportation for their residents to access jobs, medical appointment, dialysis and other needs. This study will help RIK plan for the future and the very real possibility that Federal funds may dry up.

The RTA is also conducting a regional study for all paratransit services in the Chicago metro region. The study model is based upon the Ride in Kane study and the goal is to try to plan for the long term sustainability of this very necessary service which provides transportation to vulnerable residents of our region.

For more information on the Ride in Kane program contact Jennifer Becker at beckerjennifer@co.kane.il.us or via phone at (630) 444-2957.

If you want to know more about what’s going on at CMAP and the region, subscribe to weekly updates [here](#).

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