



Memorandum

To: Mayor Biss and Members of the City Council
From: Erika Storlie, City Manager
Subject: Weekly City Manager's Update
Date: September 17, 2021

STAFF REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT



Weekly Report for September 11, 2021 – September 17, 2021
**There will be no 311 report this week*

City Manager's Office
City Council Agenda Schedule

Community Development
Weekly Zoning

Health Department
Weekly Food Establishment Application Report

Law Department
Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Legislative Reading
NWMC Weekly Briefing

PUBLIC NOTICES, AGENDAS & MINUTES

Monday, September 20, 2021

Special City Council

www.cityofevanston.org/citycouncil

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals

www.cityofevanston.org/zoningboard

Housing & Community Development Act Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/housingcommunitydev

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Design and Project Review Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/dapr

Plan Commission - CANCELED

www.cityofevanston.org/plancommission

Economic Development Committee

www.cityofevanston.org/economicdev

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Emergency Telephone System Board

www.cityofevanston.org/911board

2021 City Council Agenda Items

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Special CC - September 20, 2021

Nicholas Cummings: Resolution 89-R-21 - Appointment of Kelley Gandurski as Interim City Manager

Department: Law
Council Action: Res
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Approved
Council or Committee: APW
Notes: Special Order of Business
CMO Review/Final Agenda: Yes

Johanna Nyden: Housing Update

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Pres
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Entered

Johanna Nyden: McGaw YMCA Men's Residence Renovation Plan Presentation

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Pres
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Entered

Johanna Nyden: Approval of 2021 ESG Funding Allocations to Agencies and Activities

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Bus
Action: For Action
Council or Committee: CC
iCompass Status: Entered

Johanna Nyden: Burns Ref re: MTO/LCBH Landlord Tenant Services

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Entered

Kelley Gandurski: ARPA Discussion

Department: CMO
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

September 27, 2021

Lawrence C. Hemingway: Approval of Annual Allocation for Cradle to Career

due Sep 20, 2021

Department: Parks & Rec
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW

iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
Action: For Action

Hitesh Desai: Bills List and Payroll

Department: CMO
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action

David Stoneback: landscape improvements at RCCC

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
MWEBE Memo: No
CMO Review/Final Agenda: No

Luke Stowe: Tyler Technologies New World ERP sole source renewal

Department: Admin Serv
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System
MWEBE Memo: No

David Stoneback: Award of HVAC installation at WTP

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Kelley Gandurski: RFQ award for Administrative Hearing Officers

Department: CMO
Council Action: Res
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: Water Fund Status

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Luke Stowe: Purchase of two buses (PRCS), two trucks (PWA-Streets), forklift (PWA-Water) and an ambulance (Fire)

Department: Admin Serv
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
MWEBE Memo: No

Nicholas Cummings: Discussion of Code Amendment to specify allowed uses of community member email addresses

Department: Admin Serv

Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Discussion

Approval of August 9th APW minutes

Council or Committee: APW

Luke Stowe: Approval of Sole Source Contract Renewal with CDW for Cisco SmartNet Support Services

Department: Admin Serv
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
MWEBE Memo: No

Luke Stowe: Lakefront Parking Pilot - Recap-Seek Direction for Year Round Fees

Department: Admin Serv
Council Action: Bus
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Pending Approval
MWEBE Memo: No

Need to submit overview of how first month went and seek direction on continuing fees year round/expanding areas that charge

David Stoneback: resolution for IGA with Chicago for Howard St traffic signals & bus shelter

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Res
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: Ordinance for sale of undeveloped alley east of Central Park, north of Payne

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Ord
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Introduction
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: Private sewer repair financial assistance

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action: Accept and Place on File
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: 2022 sidewalk program

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action: Accept and Place on File
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: Ordinance to modify FIRM map dates

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Ord
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Lawrence C. Hemingway: Cradle to Career Presentation

Department: Parks & Rec
Council Action: Pres
Council or Committee: APW
Action: For Discussion

Johanna Nyden: Ordinance #-O-21 - 1012 Chicago Avenue PD

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Ord
Council or Committee: PD
Action: For Introduction
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Johanna Nyden: Communication to P&D re: Scooters in Evanston

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Comm
Council or Committee: PD
Action: For Action: Accept and Place on File

Nicholas Cummings: Ord 20-O-21 Board of Ethics revisions (passed at Rules)

Department: Law
Council Action: Ord
Council or Committee: Rules
Action: For Introduction
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Paul Zalmezak: 88-R-21 Resolution Authorizing City of Evanston Commitment Concerning the Proposed Five-Fifths TIF District

Department: CMO
Council Action: Res
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Action
iCompass Status: Approved
CMO Review/Final Agenda: Yes

Lara Biggs: Dog Park Update

Department: Public Works
Council Action: Disc
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Action: Accept and Place on File
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

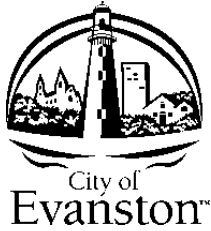
Johanna Nyden: Ordinance #-O-21 - Realignment of Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission

Department: Community Dev
Council Action: Ord
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Introduction
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

David Stoneback: Animal Shelter Concept and Budget Presentation

Department: Public Works
Council Action: SPB
Council or Committee: CC
Action: For Discussion
iCompass Status: Not Entered in System

Leaf Blower update report (accept and place on file)



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Johanna Nyden, Community Development Director
Subject: Weekly Zoning Report
Date: September 17, 2021

Enclosed is the weekly report of zoning applications received and pending. The report, organized by ward, includes the property address, zoning district, the type of application submitted, a description of the project, date received, and current status.

Please contact me at (847) 448-8014 or jnyden@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.

Cases Received and Pending, September 9, 2021 - September 15, 2021

Backlog (business days received until reviewed): 21

Volume (number of cases pending staff review): 9

Zoning Reviews

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1631 Chicago Avenue	D4	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 13-story building with 141 dwelling units, 37 parking spaces, and 6,759 square feet of ground floor retail	05/20/21	pending revisions from the applicant
1	2300 Noyes Street	R5	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 6-story 61-unit multi-family dwelling, all affordable dwelling units (Walchirk Apartments)	08/23/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
1	1726 Sherman Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior remodel for restaurant	09/01/21	pending Administrative Use Review/DAPR 09/29/21
1	1601 Sherman Avenue	D2	Building Permit	Interior tenant renovation for restaurant (Sweetgreen)	09/12/21	pending additional information from the applicant, Administrative Use Review
2	2322 Nathaniel Place	R2	Building Permit	Remove front walk and stoop, replace with pavers	04/09/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New 22x24 detached garage	05/11/21	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from applicant
2	1566 Dewey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Brick and pea gravel patio	06/01/21	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or minor variation application from the applicant
2	1027 Darrow Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Interior alteration, deck	07/17/21	pending additional information from the applicant
2	2030 Greenwood Street	MXE	Building Permit	New multi-family dwelling building with 24 dwelling units	08/16/21	pending staff review/DAPR
3	1207 Judson Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Resent paver driveway, remove deck and existing patio, new paver patio	09/08/21	pending staff review
3	920 Edgemere Court	R1	Building Permit	Replace porch, new masonry wall, brick address pier, masonry grill station and fire place, patio enlargement	09/09/21	pending additional information from the applicant
4	1408 Greenleaf Street	B1	Building Permit	Addition and 2nd-story addition to coach house	04/09/21	non-compliant, pending major variation application from the applicant
4	935 Wesley Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New garage, rear steps and entry, interior alteration	07/14/21	pending revisions from the applicant
4	1138 Elmwood Avenue	R3	Building Permit	New patio	08/15/21	pending additional information from the applicant
4	717 Main Street	B2/oDM	Zoning Analysis	Medical office for COVID-19 testing	09/07/21	pending staff review, Administrative Use Review/DAPR
4	943 Ashland Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Garage, 20'x20'	09/12/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2044 Wesley Avenue, 2019 Jackson Avenue, and 2024-26 Green Bay Road	R4 & R5/oWE	Zoning Analysis	Planned Development for new 21 townhomes in 6 buildings and a 12-unit multi-family dwelling, including new private street	01/13/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant and/or planned development application

5	1807 Grey Avenue	R3	Building Permit	Deck	04/10/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	2012 Maple Avenue	R4a	Building Permit	New single-family residence	04/13/21	pending revisions from the applicant per approved minor variation
5	1835 Ashland Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Addition and remodel	05/08/21	non-compliant, pending minor variation from the applicant
5	1844 Wesley Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	07/24/21	pending additional information from the applicant
5	1930 Ridge Avenue	R5	Zoning Analysis	Zoning verification letter	09/15/21	pending staff review
6	2650 Lincolnwood Drive	R1	Building Permit	Enlarge front porch	08/17/20	non-compliant, pending additional information and revisions from the applicant
6	2411 Crawford Avenue	R2	Building Permit	New patio	01/15/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2750 Lawndale Avenue	R1	Zoning Analysis	Remove patio, install paver patio	03/29/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3126 Isabella Street	R1	Zoning Analysis	Remove and repour driveway, reset new paver walk	04/09/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2507 Prospect Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Mudroom addition	05/15/21	non-compliant, pending revisions or minor variation application from applicant
6	2149 Bennett Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Paver patio	05/27/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2504 Central Park Avenue	R1	Building Permit	Addition and patio expansion	07/07/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2701 Noyes Street	R1	Building Permit	New single-family residence	07/16/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	3033 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	07/17/21	non-compliant, pending minor variation application from the applicant
6	3300 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage	07/17/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3039 Thayer Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace walk	07/19/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
6	2614 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition and exterior renovation	08/18/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	2414 Hartzell Street	R1	Building Permit	Dig-out basement, 1-story addition, and deck	08/27/21	pending staff review
6	2402 Pioneer Road	R1	Building Permit	Patio, pergola, and walks	08/31/21	pending revisions from the applicant
6	2828 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck and patio	09/02/21	pending additional information from the applicant
6	3300 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove asphalt driveway, install new permeable pavement driveway, walk, and patio	09/02/21	pending staff review
7	1927 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	Rebuild patio and walks, outdoor kitchen	03/11/21	pending additional information from the applicant
7	2020 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Replace deck	04/05/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant

7	2353 Colfax Terrace	R1	Building Permit	1-story screened porch	05/28/21	non-compliant, pending revisions and/or major variation application
7	1030 Central Street	OS	Zoning Analysis	Post 42 Patio determination of use for American Legion/Canal Shores Golf Course	06/29/21	on hold per Law
7	1925 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Garage, 22'x24'	07/01/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2027 Colfax Street	R1	Building Permit	Addition	07/15/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	1225 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Remove and replace deck	07/17/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2026 Lincoln Street	R1	Building Permit	New single-family residence	08/04/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	2764 Garrison Street	R1	Building Permit	Detached garage, 22'x20'	08/18/21	non-compliant, pending revisions from the applicant
7	1208 Grant Street	R1	Building Permit	Capping existing stoop, walks, seat wall, and patio	09/02/21	pending revisions from the applicant
7	2305 Payne Street	R1	Building Permit	Demolish existing attached garage, construct 2-story addition	09/12/21	pending additional information from the applicant
7	1221 Isabella Street	R1	Building Permit	Deck	09/15/21	pending staff review
8	1805 Howard Street	C1	Building Permit	Pergola	04/29/21	pending additional information from the applicant
8	2018 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	Detached garage	07/10/21	pending revisions from the applicant
8	1725 Brummel Street	R2	Zoning Analysis	Chicken coop	09/07/21	pending staff review
8	2130 Dobson Street	R2	Building Permit	Garage, 22'x22'	09/12/21	pending revisions from the applicant
8	1621 Brummel Street	R2	Building Permit	Paver patio	09/12/21	pending staff review
9	610 Barton Avenue	R2	Building Permit	Garage, 20'x20'	06/01/21	pending additional information from the applicant
9	2201 Oakton Street	I1/oRD	Zoning Analysis	Open display of rental vehicles (Home Depot)	08/13/21	pending revisions/additional information from the applicant

Pending building permit and zoning analysis reviews older than 6 months where there has not been activity are periodically removed from the zoning report.

Miscellaneous Zoning Cases

Ward	Property Address	Zoning	Type	Project Description	Received	Status
1	1946 Orrington Avenue	R4a	Special Use	Special use for a Rooming House	07/30/21	pending DAPR, ZBA
1	1732 Orrington Avenue	D2	Planned Development	New 10-story office tower with ground floor retail and enclosed parking	08/18/21	pending DAPR, PC 10/13/21
2	1806 Dempster Street	B1	Special Use	Special use for a Convenience Store	08/17/21	pending DAPR, ZBA
2	1553 Dewey Avenue	R3	Minor Variation	Street side setback to detached garage and patio, rear setback to patio	08/19/21	determination after 09/23/21
3	1012 Chicago Avenue	C1a	Planned Development	New 5-story mixed use building with ground floor retail, 116 dwelling units, underground parking garage with 59 parking spaces	05/07/21	pending P&D 09/27/21
4	1555 Oak Avenue	R6	Special Use	Special use for a Cultural Facility (Halim Time & Glass Museum at King Homes)	04/21/21	on hold per applicant

4	1408 Greenleaf Street	B1	Major Variation	Expansion of a legal nonconforming residential use in B1 district	08/24/21	pending ZBA 09/21/21
5	1835 Ashland Avenue	R2	Minor Variation	Interior side yard setback to deck	08/04/21	determination after 09/17/21
6	2754 Crawford Avenue	R2	Major Variation	Rear yard setback for addition to single-family residence	09/07/21	pending DAPR 09/22/21, ZBA 10/19/21
6	2705 Thayer Street	R1	Minor Variation	Interior side yard setback to 2nd story addition to single-family residence	09/08/21	determination after 09/27/21
6	2536 Bennett Avenue	R5/oCS	Minor Variation	Rear yard setback to detached garage and separation between detached garage and principal structure	09/09/21	determination after 09/28/21
6	3218 Thayer Street	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot coverage for detached garage	09/13/21	determination after 09/30/21
7	2644 Asbury Avenue	R1	Minor Variation	Building lot and impervious surface coverage for 70 sf addition to single-family residence	09/08/21	determination after 09/30/21
8	1207 Harvard Terrace	R2	Minor Variation	Interior side yard setback for 2nd story addition	08/27/21	determination after 09/22/21



Memorandum

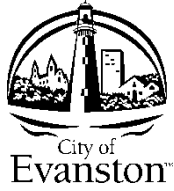
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Ike Ogbo, Director, Department of Health & Human Services

Subject: Food Establishment License Application Weekly Report

Date: September 17, 2021

Ward	Property Address	Business Name	Date Received	Current Status
4	809 Dempster St	Yasotorn Thai Cuisine	9/14/2021	Pending Inspections
4	1619 Chicago Ave	Picnic	9/14/2021	Pending Building Permit Application
3	528 Dempster St	Evanston Pour	9/14/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
1	1601 Sherman Ave	Sweetgreen	9/13/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
4	812 Dempster St	Inspired Indian Cooking	8/26/2021	Pending Building Permit Application
5	1903 Church St	Chicago Wingz Around the World	8/13/2021	Pending Inspections
5	1942 Maple Ave	Shop Now (change of ownership)	8/9/2021	Pending Building Permit Application
1	1726 Sherman Ave	Tomo Japanese Street Food	7/13/2021	Pending Building Permit Issuance
4	630 Davis St	Deep Purpl Acai Bowl	4/15/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
3	525 Main St	Wild Fork Foods	4/6/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
7	1945 Central St	DeSalvo's Pizza (aka RD Pizza)	4/5/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
4	1508 Sherman Ave	Dollop Coffee	2/11/2021	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1813 Dempster St	Zentli	8/27/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
2	1815 Ridge Ave	Trulee Evanston (Solero Senior Living)	03/03/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
8	633 Howard St	Estacion	2/4/2020	Building Permit Issued – Pending Inspections
5	2121 Ashland Av	Double Clutch	2/13/2019	Building Permit Issued - Pending Inspections
5	1905 Church St	Spice	12/13/2018	Building Permit Issued - Pending Inspections



Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brian George, Assistant City Attorney

Subject: Weekly Liquor License Application Report

Date: September 17, 2021

There are no pending liquor license applications to report for this week.

Please contact me at (847) 448-8097 or bgeorge@cityofevanston.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY BRIEFING

By NWMC Executive Director Mark L. Fowler



WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Welcome Eric!

On Monday, Eric Czarnota began his career with the Northwest Municipal Conference as our new Program Associate for Transportation. Eric is a *Mount Prospect* resident, an Eagle Scout and graduated from the University of Illinois in 2020 with bachelor's degrees in political science and geography/geographic information sciences. He previously served as a GIS Intern for the Village of Burr Ridge and Real Estate Clerk for an *Arlington Heights* Law firm. Eric's duties include staffing the North Shore Council of Mayors as well as the NWMC Transportation and Bicycle/Pedestrian Committees. Please join us in welcoming Eric to the Conference family! *Staff contacts: Mark Fowler, Larry Bury*

Join Evanston, Glenview, Lincolnshire and Wilmette at the NWMC Fall Auction!

The NWMC fall auction will be held on Tuesday, October 19 at noon at America's Auto Auction, 14001 S. Karlov Avenue in Crestwood. Thank you to *Evanston, Glenview, Homewood, Lincolnshire and Wilmette* for sending vehicles to the last live auction of the year as we encourage members to turn old inventory into revenue! America's AA offers a wide variety of convenient services to prep your vehicles and garner the highest possible price.

Please note that vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day. Sell them now to get a fresh start and please keep in mind that a portion of the proceeds help support the operations of the organization. If you can't make the October auction, America's Auto Auction hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. For questions or additional information, please contact staff or Berry Ellis, berry.ellis@americasautoauction.com or 312-371-5993. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

SPC 2022 Vehicle Forecast is Challenging

While we don't have a crystal ball, the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) has been advised by our vehicle program vendors that production of new vehicles is a major challenge for auto makers and may result in inventory shortages and higher prices. The widely reported chip shortage is just one of several supply-chain issues. Hurricane Ida, which destroyed hundreds of thousands of vehicles, rising steel prices (up 30.1% in the last 12 months) and other market pressures are likely to negatively affect vehicle production, availability and costs.

Automakers worldwide have been forced to curtail production due to the chip shortfall, with General Motors saying that it expects the situation to worsen this year before improving in 2022. In addition, Ford and GM plant closures will directly impact SPC vehicle offerings. As previously reported, General Motors has cancelled 2022 production of the Chevy Tahoe (SPC Contract #185) and Chevy Silverado (Contract #186). Ford will not produce the Transit Full Size Van (Contract #150) until at least summer, 2022. Stellantis, formerly Fiat Chrysler, shut down its Ram truck assembly plant and their small-SUV and minivan plants are also temporarily closed, affecting production of the Dodge Durango (Contract #201) and Dodge Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab (Contract #202). It is likely that many vehicle contracts that normally would have been approved for routine contract extensions will need to be rebid.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. For questions or additional information, please contact NWMC Purchasing Director Ellen Dayan, edayan@nwmc-cog.org or 847-296-9200, ext. 132. *Staff contact: Ellen Dayan*

Apply Today for Safe Routes to School Funding

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has opened the call for projects for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which runs until Thursday, September 30. This year's cycle will award funding to infrastructure projects only, and the maximum award per project has been raised to \$250,000 with a 20 percent required local match. To help local agencies prepare for SRTS applications, the Active Transportation Alliance and Illinois Public Health Institute hosted two webinars for interested applicants. Please see below for access to the recordings:

Webinar #1: SRTS Grant Guidelines – [Webinar Recording](#) – [Slides](#)

Webinar #2: SRTS Grant Q&A – [Webinar Recording](#)

More information is available in [Circular Letter 2021-20](#), on [IDOT's website](#) or by contacting DOT.SafeRoutes@illinois.gov. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

Register Today for Upcoming Virtual Deicing Workshops

The Salt Smart Collaborative will host three virtual workshops to help personnel from municipalities and public works facilities to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce the amount of salt used in snow fighting operations and to address NPDES Permit Requirements. Each workshop will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon and will cover the same information. Certificates of Attendance will be provided upon request. See below for registration information for each workshop:

- Thursday, September 30, 8:00 a.m. to noon – [Register Here](#)
- Tuesday, October 5, 8:00 a.m. to noon – [Register Here](#)
- Tuesday, October 12, 8:00 a.m. to noon – [Register Here](#)

For more information, please visit the [Salt Smart Collaborative website](#) or contact Nancy Cinatl, ncinatl@theconservationfoundation.org. *Staff contact: Kendra Johnson*

CMAP to Host State of the Region Event

From the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning:

Join the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on Thursday, October 7, for our first [State of the Region](#) event. This year's theme, Prosperity with a Purpose, looks at progress toward building an inclusive and thriving northeastern Illinois. The program agenda will include a state of the region address by executive director Erin Aleman; a keynote address by public health expert and medical executive Dr. Suzet McKinney; and a ceremony for the winners of CMAP's [2021 Regional Excellence Awards](#). Please visit the [event page](#) to register and for additional information. *Staff contact: Mark Fowler*

Reminder: IDOT Accepting Applications for Illinois Special Bridge Program

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP). Candidate projects should be existing deficient bridges that carry a highway and are eligible for Surface Transportation Program-Bridge funding. Only construction and construction engineering phases will be eligible for funding, with a minimum total project cost of \$1 million inclusive of all phases. Local agencies who are awarded funding are responsible for a 20 percent local match toward eligible costs. If a bridge is not under the jurisdictional responsibility of the local agency, they can still apply for funding so long as the agency comes to an agreement with the railroad or other entity for a jurisdictional transfer. Applications are due by Tuesday, October 5 via email to the appropriate IDOT District Local Roads office. For more information and to submit an application, please refer to the instructions included in [Circular Letter 2021-19](#) or contact Melinda Kos, Melinda.Kos@illinois.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Kendra Johnson*

DCEO Announces \$50 Million Rebuild Illinois Main Street and Downtown Capital Program

Last week, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced a \$50 million capital program to revitalize main street and downtown areas that have been impacted by COVID-19. Eligible projects must be located in a commercial center or downtown area and may include a broad range of project types. Community organizations, local governments and private developers are encouraged to apply. Project awards will range from \$250,000 to \$3 million and will be prioritized based on: location in disproportionately impacted area (DIA) or rural area; alignment with local or regional economic development plans; and, demonstrated community support. Private businesses and organizations are required to provide a minimum of 50 percent local match. Public projects are not required to have a local match but will receive higher priority if one is included. The deadline to apply is January 10, 2022. A webinar was held to provide additional details for the program, and the recording is [available online](#). For updates on the program or other upcoming economic recovery grant opportunities, please check DCEO's [website](#) or contact DCEO staff, CEO.RDMS@Illinois.gov. *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Kendra Johnson*

IDOT Seeks Public Input for New Data-Driven Decision Tool

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is seeking feedback from the public and stakeholders as the department develops an enhanced data-driven approach to project prioritization. This new data-driven decision tool will use information from IDOT's nine districts and various data tools the department already uses to prioritize projects that would change capacity on the system and enhance transparency in the project selection process. Areas of focus include: the potential to impact traffic operations and congestion; economic development; safety and environmental impacts; and, livability. For more information please refer to IDOT's new webpage, [IDOT Data-Driven Decisions](#). IDOT will host a webinar at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 29, to review the proposed criteria. To attend, please register [here](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Kendra Johnson*

New Tax Incentive Resources Available from CMAP

In September 2020, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) published [Improving Local Development Incentives](#), a guide for local governments in northeastern Illinois. This technical guide provides background information about incentive use in the region and identifies principles, strategies, and practices to implement incentive reform in alignment with the agency's long-range plan, ON TO 2050.

In August 2021, CMAP published a companion piece to the guide, [Are tax incentives the right tool for this development?](#) This pamphlet helps local governments assess whether tax incentives are the most effective way to achieve community goals and poses a series of questions to consider before approving any new tax incentive. The piece covers three common types: TIF districts; sales tax rebates; and, property tax abatements. For more information on local development incentives and resources available, please visit [CMAP's website](#). *Staff contacts: Eric Czarnota, Kendra Johnson*

Meetings and Events

NWMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee will meet Tuesday, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via Zoom Video Conference.

NWMC Executive Board will meet Wednesday, October 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the NWMC offices and via Zoom Video Conference.

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